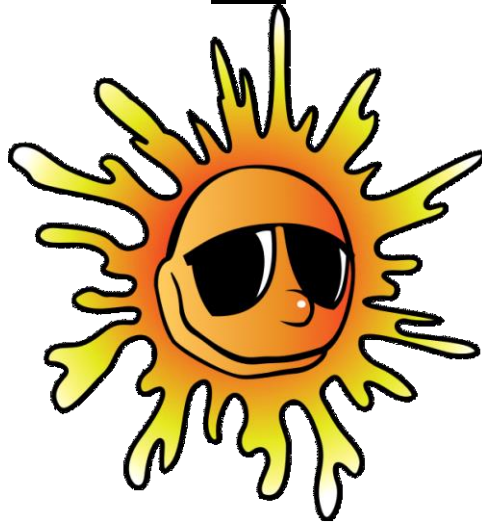


**ST. PATRICK SCHOOL**  
**SUMMER READING LIST FOR ENTERING SECOND GRADERS**

**2019**



*Congratulations on entering Grade 2 in the fall! We wish you a wonderful, fun-filled, relaxing, memorable vacation. While you are enjoying the summer days, please make time for regular reading. Get involved in your local library's reading activities, take books with you wherever you go, and share books as a family. Feel free to read books from this list or any other books that interest you. Happy reading!*

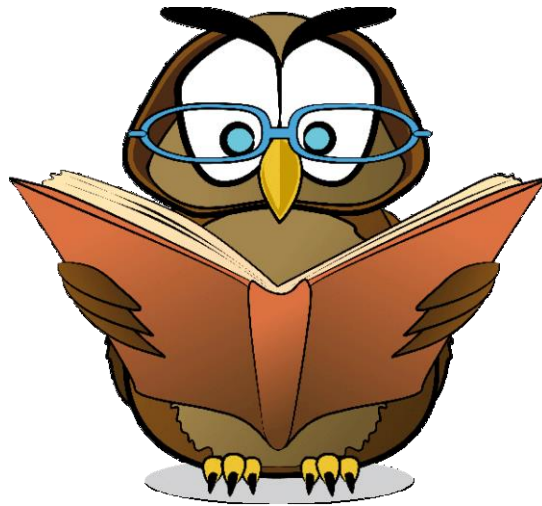
**BOOKS ABOUT SECOND GRADE**

Alberts, Nancy. **Second Grade Star**. Dreaming about being a star in the spring play, Kelly must overcome her disappointment and learn how to shine in other ways.

Cohen, Miriam. **See You in Second Grade**. At the end-of-year beach picnic, the children realize that they will miss first grade and their teacher, but decide that they are ready for second grade after all.

Danziger, Paula. **Get Ready for Second Grade, Amber Brown**. Amber Brown has first day worries about being in second grade.

Greene, Stephanie. **Owen Foote, Second Grade Strongman**. Owen is the smallest in his class, yet he does something that makes him an instant hero with his classmates.



## **PICTURE BOOKS TO SHARE TOGETHER**

Beaty, Andrea. **Ada Twist, Scientist.** Harry N. Abrams, 2016.

Ada Marie Twist is an inquisitive second grader and a born scientist. She possesses a keen yet peculiar need to question everything she encounters, whether it be a tick-tocking clock, a pointy-stemmed rose, or the hairs in her dad's nose.

*2016 Notable Children's Book*

Burns, Loree Griffin. **Handle with Care: An Unusual Butterfly Journey.** Millbrook/Lerner, 2014.

In this handsome book with glorious photographs, children can follow the life cycle of a butterfly from a farm in Costa Rica to a live museum exhibit at the Museum of Science in Boston.

*2015 Notable Children's Book*

Castillo, Lauren. **Nana in the City.** Clarion, 2014.

The story of a young boy's visit to his grandmother, and the reassuring way she helps him to lose his fear and experience the loud, busy city in a new way.

*2015 Caldecott Honor Book*

Dempsey, Kristy. **A Dance Like Starlight: One Ballerina's Dream.** Penguin/Philomel, 2014.

An African-American girl from Harlem dreams of becoming a prima ballerina in this beautifully written narrative, told in a lyrical narrative with soft, colorful images.

*2015 Notable Children's Book*

Fleming, Candace. **Clever Jack Takes the Cake.** Schwartz & Wade, 2010.  
In this deliciously funny original fairy tale, a poor boy named Jack struggles to deliver a birthday present worthy of the princess.

French, Vivian. **Yucky Worms.** Candlewick, 2010  
While helping Grandma in the garden, a child learns about the important role of the earthworm in helping plants grow.

Khan, Rukhsana. **Big Red Lollipop.** Viking, 2010.  
Having to take her younger sister along the first time she is invited to a birthday party spoils Rubina's fun, and later when that younger sister is asked to a party and baby sister wants to come, Rubina must decide whether to help.  
*2011 Notable Children's Book*

Knapp, Ruthie. **Who Stole Mona Lisa?** Bloomsbury, 2010.  
Mona Lisa discusses her life in the homes and palaces of artists and kings, and as an object of admiration at the Louvre in Paris, tells of her time in the hands of a thief, and shares the secret of why she smiles.

Santat, Dan. **The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend.** Little Brown, 2014.  
How long would you wait and how far a journey would you make to find your truest friend? Born on an island for imaginary friends, Beekle waits to be 'imagined by a real child.' Vibrant illustrations add to the fun.  
*2015 Caldecott Medal Book*

Stead, Philip Christian. **A Sick Day for Amos McGee.** Roaring Brook, 2010.  
Zookeeper Amos McGee, who is adored by all the animals, gets some unexpected guests while home sick one day.  
*2011 Caldecott Winner*

Stein, David Ezra. **Interrupting Chicken.** Candlewick, 2010.  
Little red chicken wants Papa to read her a bedtime story, but interrupts him almost as soon as he begins each tale.  
*2011 Caldecott Honor Book*

Thomson, Bill. **Chalk**. Marshall Cavendish, 2010.

A wordless picture book about three children who go to a park on a rainy day, find some chalk, and draw pictures that come to life.

*2011 Notable Children's Book*

Willems, Mo. **Knuffle Bunny Free: An Unexpected Diversion**. Balzer & Bray, 2010.

While traveling with her family to Holland to visit her grandparents, Trixie once again loses her beloved Knuffle Bunny.



### EASY READERS

Adler, David A. **Don't Throw it to Mo!** Penguin Young Readers, 2016.

Mo Jackson is a little boy with a big passion for sports. He may not be the biggest, the strongest, or the fastest player, but he won't let that stop him from playing!

Arnold, Tedd. **Buzz Boy and Fly Guy**. Scholastic, 2010.

Buzz creates a comic book that features Buzz Boy and Fly Guy as the superheroes. (*series*)

Chaconas, Dori. **Cork & Fuzz: The Babysitters**. Viking, 2010.

When Cork and Fuzz agree to babysit a young porcupine, Cork ends up doing most of the work. When Fuzz gets into some trouble, it is up to both Cork and the baby to come to his assistance.

Lin, Grace. **Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same.** Little, Brown, 2010.

Ling and Ting are identical twins who people think are exactly the same, but time and again they prove to be different.

*2011 Theodor Geisel Honor Award*

McMullan, Kate. **Pearl and Wagner: Four Eyes.** Dial, 2009.

When Wagner's eye test shows that he needs glasses, it takes him a little while, and some help from his friends, to adjust to his new look. (*series*)

Rylant, Cynthia. **Mr. Putter and Tabby Turn the Page.** Houghton-Mifflin Harcourt, 2014.

Mr. Putter and his cat Tabby are excited to participate in a library read-aloud program, but they are nervous when Mrs. Teaberry and her unpredictable dog Zeke want to join in. (*series*)

*2015 Geisel Honor Book*

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. **Dog and Bear: Three to Get Ready.** Roaring Brook, 2009.

Friends Dog and Bear get themselves into silly situations involving a bucket stuck on a head, a messy room, and a bouncy bed. (*series*)

Willems, Mo. **A Big Guy Took My Ball!** Hyperion, 2013.

Gerald the elephant comes to Piggie's aid when a big guy takes away the ball she found. A classic schoolyard encounter with a wry twist. (*series*)

*2014 Geisel Honor Book*

## **MOVING INTO CHAPTERS**

Cronin, Doreen. **The Chicken Squad: The First Misadventure.** Simon & Schuster/Atheneum, 2014.

Tail, a scaredy-squirrel, seeks refuge and help from the Chicken Squad, four problem-solving chicks. This illustrated chapter book brings each chicken's zany personality to life.

*2015 Notable Children's Book*

Durand, Hallie. **Just Desserts.** Atheneum, 2010.

Third-grader Dessert, inspired by Mrs. Howdy Doody's lessons about the American Revolution, decides she and her friends should fight back against annoying siblings, but the club she starts only makes matters worse.

English, Karen. **Nikki & Deja: The Newsey News Newsletter**. Clarion, 2010.

When Nikki and her best friend, Deja, start a newsletter about what is happening on their street and in their school, they focus more on writing exciting stories than on finding the truth. (*series*)

Greene, Stephanie. **Princess Posey and the First Grade Parade**. Putnam's, 2010. Posey's fear of starting first grade is alleviated when her teacher invites the students to wear their most comfortable clothes to school on the first day.

Grimes, Nikki. **Almost Zero**. Putnam's, 2010.

Dyamonde, longing for a pair of red high-top sneakers, is persuaded by a classmate that it is her mother's job to give her what she needs. She learns an important lesson when she tries that argument on her mom who responds by literally giving Dyamonde only what she needs. (*series*)

Hanlon, Abby. **Dory Fantasmagory**. Penguin/Dial, 2014.

Six-year-old Dory, known as Rascal to her family, wants more than anything to be included in her older siblings' fun, but her endless questions and makebelieve monsters drive them crazy, until she finally gets them to join in on the fun.  
*2015 Notable Children's Book*

Hicks, Betty. **Doubles Troubles**. Roaring Brook Press, 2010.

Henry tries to help his tennis partner Rocky train so they can win the doubles trophy, while also working on a history project with Jazz, and worries his efforts will not pay off. (*series*)

Kvasnosky, Laura McGee. **Zelda and Ivy: The Big Picture**. Candlewick, 2010.

After fox sisters Zelda and Ivy and their best friend Eugene watch the new Secret Agent Fox movie, they are inspired to do some detective work, then practice their new skills when rain threatens their campout plans. (*series*)

McDonald, Megan. **Stink: Solar System Superhero**. Candlewick, 2010.

When Stink discovers that Pluto has been downgraded from a planet to a dwarf planet, he launches a campaign in his classroom to restore its status to that of a full-fledged member of the solar system. (*series*)

McKay, Hilary. **Lulu and the Dog from the Sea**. Whitman, 2014.

While Lulu, her family, and Sam the dog are enjoying a vacation in a seaside cottage, Lulu befriends a stray dog living in the dunes. Simple text, charming illustrations, and fully-realized characters, including the dogs.

*2014 Notable Children's Book*

Medina, Juana. **Juana and Lucas**. Candlewick, 2016.

Juana lives in Bogotá, Colombia, with her dog Lucas. She loves brussels sprouts, drawing, and especially the comic book superhero Astroman. When her teacher says learning English is going to be a "ton of fun," Juana knows that it will really be "nada de fun."

Nilsson, Ulf. **A Complicated Case (Detective Gordon)**. Gecko Press, 2016.

Detective Gordon is a pudgy toad with a strong penchant for cakes and a predilection for naps. Luckily for all involved, his assistant Buffy, an energetic and kind-hearted mouse, is always by his side and ready to work.

Thomson, Melissa. **Keena Ford and the Secret Journal Mix-up**. Dial, 2010.

When she accidentally leaves her journal in Tiffany's apartment, Keena is afraid that Tiffany will reveal all of her secrets. (*series*)



## **SERIES KIDS ENJOY**

### ***Early Grades (1-3)***

Adler, David. **Bones**. Viking.

Adler, David. **Cam Jansen**. Puffin.

Cazet, Denys. **Minnie and Moo**. HarperTrophy.

Danziger, Paula. **Amber Brown**. Puffin.

DiCamillo, Kate. **Mercy Watson**.

Klein, Abby. **Ready Freddy**. Blue Sky Press.

Kline, Suzy. **Horrible Harry**. Puffin.

Lobel, Arnold. **Frog and Toad**. HarperCollins.  
Lumry, Amanda. **Adventures of Riley**. Scholastic.  
Mills, Claudia. **Gus & Grandpa**. Farrar, Straus & Giroux  
Park, Barbara. **Junie B. Jones**. Scholastic.  
Rylant, Cynthia. **Henry and Mudge**. Aladdin.  
Rylant, Cynthia. **Mr. Putter and Tabby**.  
Rylant, Cynthia. **Poppleton**. Blue Sky.  
Sharmat, Marjorie. **Nate the Great**. Yearling.  
Silverman, Erica. **Cowgirl Kate & Cocoa**. Harcourt.  
Willems, Mo. **Elephant and Piggie**. Hyperion.

*Middle Grades (2-4)*

Abbott, Tony. **Secrets of Droon**. Scholastic.  
Barrows, Annie. **Ivy and Bean**. Chronicle.  
Child, Lauren. **Clarice Bean**. Candlewick.  
Clements, Andrew. **Jake Drake**. Aladdin.  
Denton, Shannon. **Boxcar Children Graphic Novels**. Magic Wagon.  
Gutman, Dan. **My Weird School**. HarperCollins.  
Hayes, Geoffrey. **Benny and Penny**. Raw Jr.  
Jones, Marcia Thornton. **Ghostville Elementary**. Scholastic.  
Kerrin, Jessica. **Martin Bridge**. Kids Can.  
Lobel, Arnold. **Frog and Toad**.  
McDonald, Megan. **Stink**. Candlewick.  
Meadows, Daisy. **Rainbow Magic**. Scholastic.  
Miles, Ellen. **Puppy Place**. Scholastic.  
Osborne, Mary Pope. **Magic Treehouse**. Random House.  
Ransom, Candice. **Time Spies**. Mirrorstone.  
Roy, Ron. **Capital Mysteries**. Scholastic.  
Runton, Andy. **Owly**. Top Shelf Productions.  
Stilton, Geronimo. **Geronimo Stilton**. Scholastic.  
Various Authors. **DK Eyewitness Readers**. DK Press.  
Various Authors. **Let's Read and Find Out Science**.  
HarperCollins.  
Various Authors. **Math Matters**. Kane Press.  
Various Authors. **Matt Christopher Sports**. Little Brown.