

# LRSD Recommended Family Reading List: Second Grade



Second Grade is an exciting year when reading becomes easier, and there are so many books to choose from! Variety is the key! Here are a few books that you might enjoy – both together and for independent reading. These are not required books, but reading them will give you and your second grader an idea of the many books available – chapter books, funny books, biographies, series books, and a lot of great picture books!

**Skippyjon Jones** by Judy Schachner

*Skippyjon is a cat who gets into all kinds of mischief – he even thinks he is a Chihuahua! He will make you laugh out loud! There are quite a few Skippyjon Jones books; you can enjoy them all!*

**Diary of a Fly** by Doreen Cronin; Illustrated by Harry Blixx

*A young fly discovers that there is a lot to learn about being an insect, including the dangers of flyswatters! If you like this Diary book, there are others, too! (Great Author)*

**Get Ready for Second Grade, Amber Brown (A is for Amber Series)** by Paula Danziger; Illustrated by Tony Ross

*The A is for Amber series is a set of six, early reading books with stories that lead into the Amber Brown chapter books for older readers. In this book, Amber is excited and anxious to start second grade. (Series)*

**The Watcher: Jane Goodall's Life with the Chimps** by Jeanette Winter

*Follow Jane's life as she becomes a researcher of chimpanzees in Gombe, Tanzania.*



**26 Fairmount Avenue** by Tomie dePaola

*Author and illustrator, Tomie dePaola, describes his experiences at home and school when he was young. (Series; Great Author & Illustrator)*

**Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs**

Retold by Mo Willems

*This is NOT the regular Goldilocks story! When the Dinosaurs set a trap for Goldilocks, will she figure it out and get out? Or will the dinosaurs catch her? (Great Author)*

**Freckle Juice** by Judy Blume

*This is a classic book. Andrew wants freckles so bad that he pays a girl in class for a "secret family recipe." But, when Andrew makes and drinks the secret recipe, will he get the freckles he wants?*

**Bad Dog, Marley!** by John Grogan; Illustrated by Richard Cowdrey

*Marley is a rambunctious puppy that causes lots of trouble in his new home. But he eventually proves he is a valuable member of the family.*

**Willow** by Denise Brennan-Nelson & Rosemarie Brennan; Illustrated by Cyd Moore

*Willow is a creative student who does not fit in with her art teacher's perfectly neat class. But, wait until Willow helps her teacher see the wonderful world of imagination.*

**Today I'm Going Fishing With My Dad** by N. L. Sharp; Illustrated by Chris L. Demarest

*This book has amazing watercolor illustrations that accompany the story of a son and father preparing for a fishing trip. The best part for the son is spending time with his father.*

**Young Cam Jansen and the Speedy Car Mystery!** by David A. Adler; Illustrated by Susanna Natti

*The Young Cam Jansen series is a set of early chapter books that lead up to the Cam Jansen series. In this book, Cam and her friends learn about keeping the earth healthy at the school's Green Fair when a remote control car goes missing. Cam uses her photographic memory to solve the mystery! (Series)*

**The Dark** by Lemony Snicket; Illustrated by Jon Klassen

*Laszlo is afraid of the dark. But, in this story, Laszlo finds out he does not need to be afraid of the dark anymore. This is a fun book by the wonderful author Lemony Snicket.*

**Dear Max** by D. J. Lucas (a.k.a. Sally Grindley)

*This British book is a set of letters written between Max and his favorite author, D. J. Lucas. The letters tell about each character and it is fun to read.*

**The Year of Billy Miller** by Kevin Henkes

*Second grader, Billy Miller, tells about life with his family, his friends, and his teacher who wears chopsticks in her hair. This is another great book by Kevin Henkes that will make you smile as you read.*

**Owl Moon** by Jane Yolen; Illustrated by John Schoenherr

*Go for a quiet owl walk late at night with a girl and her father. The illustrations and classic story will be enjoyed over and over.*

**The Relatives Came** by Cynthia Rylant; Illustrated by Stephen Gammell

*One summer, all the relatives came for a visit. They slept everywhere and ate everything. What fun they had! It was sad when they had to leave, but they can always visit again. What is it like when your relatives visit? (Great Author)*

**Second graders are able to read many books independently. This is an important time to keep them interested in a variety of books by reading to and with them every day.**

- ✓ Encourage your child to read books in a series. Once they get started, they will be hooked!
- ✓ Look for interesting books together and try out new types and topics of books.
- ✓ Take turns reading. They still enjoy hearing you read to them.
- ✓ Read a chapter book by reading a chapter each night and talking about what might happen next.



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