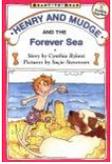


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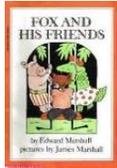
Second Grade

These books are all appropriately fun and appealing to the interests and understandings of this age. They are listed in approximate order of "readability" (vocabulary, concepts, complexity), from easier to more challenging. Any of these books should be read aloud by the parent to the child **first**, with shared discussion at the end of each page. Subsequent readings by the child will lead to development of confidence and independence. All of these good books will be reviewed, read, and responded to in Second Grade at the beginning of the school year. Please choose three or more books. A wonderful source for more books is the American Library Association's Annual List of Notable books: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb>.



Henry and Mudge and the Forever Sea, Cynthia Rylant

Henry and his 180-pound dog, Mudge, are best friends. In this sixth book of their adventures, they share a fun-filled day at the beach.



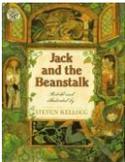
Fox and His Friends, Edward Marshall

Ever popular Fox is asked to look after his sister, Louise. He wants to have fun with his friends, not take care of his little sister. "Fetchingly ridiculous" and guaranteed to delight early readers of all ages.



Best Friends for Frances, Russell Hoban

Frances doesn't think her little sister, Gloria, can be her friend. But when Frances's friend Albert has a no-girls baseball game, Frances shows him a thing or two about friendship—and a thing or two about what girls can do. Along the way, Frances discovers that sisters can indeed be friends ... maybe even best friends.



Jack and the Beanstalk, Steven Kellogg

This is a marvelous version of the classic. Through amazingly detailed illustrations, Kellogg weaves a story within a story.



Horrible Harry and the June Box, Suzy Kline

Everyone in Room 3B knows that if Miss Mackle sees you playing with toys at your desk, she'll confiscate them for her June Box. So when a substitute teacher catches good girl Song Lee with a pink origami pig, into the June Box it goes. The problem is that this origami was to be a birthday present for Song Lee's grandmother. So Song Lee does the unthinkable: she breaks into the June Box to free her pig. Now Harry, Doug, and the rest of the kids have to work together--before they all wind up in horrible trouble!



Magic Tree House Series: Balto of the Blue Dawn, Mary Pope Osborne

The magic tree house has returned and it's taking Jack and Annie back in time to Alaska, 1925. There they meet Balto, a jet-black Siberian husky destined to save victims of the diphtheria epidemic. But the trail isn't easy, and Balto is going to need Jack and Annie's help!

Additional summer reading suggestions from your teacher:



Dogsledding and Extreme Sports: A Nonfiction Companion to Magic Tree House #54: Balto of the Blue Dawn, by Mary Pope Osborne

When Jack and Annie came back from their adventure in Magic Tree House #54, they had lots of questions. How do sled dogs race for so long? When was the first Iditarod? What are some other extreme sports? Find out the answers to these questions and more as Jack and Annie track the facts about the Iditarod, open water swimming, the Ironman triathlon, free climbing, the X Games, and other ways people test their limits.



The Year of the Dog, by Grace Lin

It's the Chinese Year of the Dog, and as Pacy celebrates with her family, she finds out that this is the year she is supposed to "find herself." Universal themes of friendship, family, and finding one's passion in life make this novel appealing to readers of all backgrounds. This funny and profound book is a wonderful debut novel by a prolific picture book author and illustrator and has all the makings of a classic.



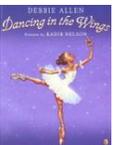
Celia Cruz, Queen of Salsa, by Veronica Chambers

Everyone knows the flamboyant, larger-than-life Celia Cruz, the extraordinary salsa singer who passed away in 2003, leaving millions of fans brokenhearted. Indeed, there was a magical vibrancy to the Cuban salsa singer. To hear her voice or to see her perform was to feel her life-affirming energy deep within you. Relish the sizzling sights and sounds of her legacy in this glimpse into Celia's childhood and her inspiring rise to worldwide fame and recognition as the Queen of salsa. Her inspirational life story is sure to sweeten your soul.



The Night Gardener, by Terry Fan

One day, William discovers that the tree outside his window has been sculpted into a wise owl. In the following days, more topiaries appear, and each one is more beautiful than the last. Soon, William's gray little town is full of color and life. And though the mysterious night gardener disappears as suddenly as he appeared, William—and his town—are changed forever.



Dancing in the Wings, by Debbie Allen

Sassy is a long-legged girl who always has something to say. She wants to be a ballerina more than anything, but she worries that her too-large feet, too-long legs, and even her big mouth will keep her from her dream. When a famous director comes to visit her class, Sassy does her best to get his attention with her high jumps and bright leotard. Her first attempts are definitely not appreciated, but with Sassy's persistence, she just might be able to win him over. *Dancing in the Wings* is loosely based on actress/choreographer Debbie Allen's own experiences as a young dancer.