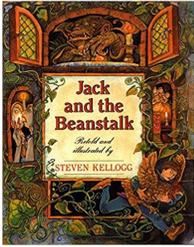


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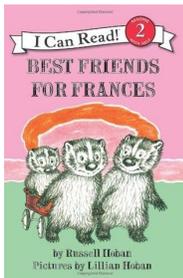
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These books are all appropriately fun and appealing to the interests and understandings of this age group. We suggest these books be read aloud by the parent to the child first with shared discussions along the way. Please encourage subsequent re-readings by your child in order to develop confidence and independence. These books will be reviewed and responded to in Second Grade at the beginning of the school year. We ask that ALL incoming second graders read *Jack and the Beanstalk* by Steven Kellogg. In addition, please choose two or more books from the list to read and enjoy. Plan to have your child bring in their summer reading books on Registration Day. If you loved these books and are looking for more, a wonderful source for books is the American Library Association's Annual List of Notable books: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb>.



***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.



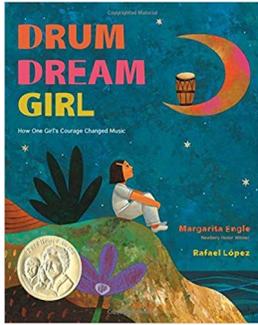
***Best Friends for Frances*, Russell Hoban**

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.



***Lizard from the Park*, Mark Pett**

When Leonard takes a shortcut through the park, he finds an egg and takes it home, where it hatches into a lizard (or so Leonard thinks). Leonard names his new pet Buster and takes him all around the city: on the subway, to the library, to a baseball game, and more. But Buster keeps growing and growing—and Leonard gets the sense that Buster is longing for something Leonard can't provide.



Drum Dream Girl, Margarita Engle

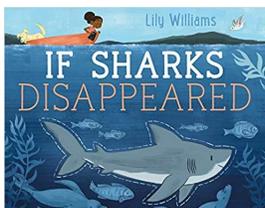
Inspired by the childhood of Millo Castro Zaldarriaga, a Chinese-African-Cuban girl who broke Cuba's traditional taboo against female drummers, *Drum Dream Girl* tells an inspiring true story for dreamers everywhere. In her city of drum beats, she dreamed of pounding tall congas and tapping small bongós. She had to keep quiet. She had to practice in secret. But when at last her dream-bright music was heard, everyone sang and danced and decided that *both* girls and boys should be free to drum and dream.



Magic Tree House Series: Hurricane Heroes in Texas, Mary Pope Osborne

Jack and Annie are on a mission! When the magic tree house whisks them back to Galveston, Texas, in 1900, they find out that a big storm is coming. But even though there is rain and wind, no one believes there is any danger. As the storm grows, seawater floods the city. Now everyone needs help! Jack and Annie have a little bit of magic and a lot of hope--but will it be enough?

***Note:** If your child loved this book and wants to learn more, the **Nonfiction Companion "Fact Tracker"** is filled with up-to-date information, photographs, illustrations, and fun tidbits about Texas and its history. It's the perfect way for kids to find out more about the topics they discover in their favorite Magic Tree House adventures.



If Sharks Disappeared, Lily Williams

Even though sharks can be scary, we need them to keep the oceans healthy. Unfortunately, due to overfishing, many shark species are in danger of extinction, and that can cause big problems in the oceans and even on land. What would happen if this continued and sharks disappeared completely?