

Dartmouth Public Schools Summer Reading List Students Entering Grade 2



Dear Parents,

Summer is a wonderful time to engage in many family activities. Please continue to include reading as a part of your family time together. In response to the numerous requests we have received regarding “just right” books, we have put together a list of book choices that you might find helpful. You will find this list includes titles that are high-interest, award winning, and recommended by Dartmouth teachers. Additionally, we have included Dartmouth students’ favorites.

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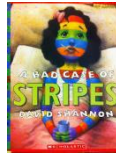
- Pack a book wherever you go this summer
- Participate in activities at your local library
- Start a kids book club
- Recognize that your child may have additional book choices
- Read to your kids, even the older ones.



Favorite Books for Grade 2

Bad Case of Stripes

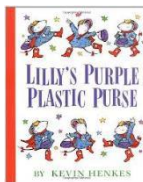
by David Shannon



To ensure her popularity, Camilla Cream always does what is expected, until the day arrives when she no longer recognizes herself.

Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse

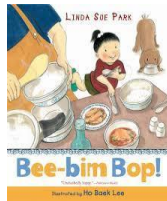
by Kevin Henkes



Lilly loves everything about school, especially her cool teacher, Mr. Slinger. But when Lilly brings her purple plastic purse and its treasures to school and can't wait until sharing time, Mr. Slinger confiscates her prized possessions. Lilly's fury leads to revenge and then to remorse and she sets out to make amends.

Bee Bim Bop

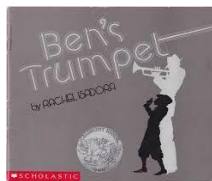
by Linda Sue Park



A Korean girl helps her mom shop for and prepare dinner in an upbeat rhyme.

Ben's Trumpet

by Rachel Isadora



Ben wants to be a trumpeter, but plays only an imaginary instrument until a musician discovers his ambition.

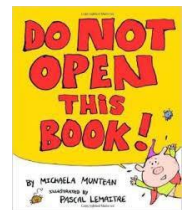
Cinders: A Chicken Cinderella Story

by Jan Brett

Jan Brett sets her Cinderella story in a snowy Russian winter where one magical night, Cinders, the most picked upon the hen in the flock, becomes the most loved by prince Cockerel when she arrives at his ball looking so beautiful that even her bossy sisters don't recognize her.

Do Not Open This Book

by Michaela Muntean

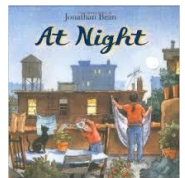


As Pig tries to write a book, he chastises the reader who keeps interrupting him by turning the pages.

At Night

by Jonathan Bean

On some nights, a snug bedroom is a hard place to fall asleep. On some nights, it's better to get away from slumbering, snoring family members and curl up alone with one's thoughts in the cool night air, under wide-open skies. In this charming bedtime fantasy, a sleepless city girl does just that, finding her surprising way to a serene rooftop version of a backyard campout.



Hi Fly Guy

by Tedd Arnold

Boy and fly meet and so begins a beautiful and funny friendship. Using hyperbole, puns, slapstick, and silly drawings, bestselling author/illustrator Tedd Arnold creates an easy reader that is full of fun.

Horrible Harry and Song Lee

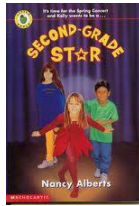
by Suzy Kline

Harry isn't always horrible, especially when it comes to Song Lee. His growing devotion to her gets him into some awkward situations.

Second Grade Star

by Nancy Alberts

Dreaming about being a star in the spring play, Kelly must overcome her disappointment and learn how to shine in other ways.



See You in Second Grade

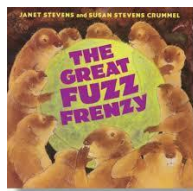
by Miriam Cohen

At the end-of-the-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.

The Great Fuzz Frenzy

by Janet Stevens

When a tennis ball lands in a prairie dog town, the residents find that their newfound frenzy for fuzz creates a fiasco.



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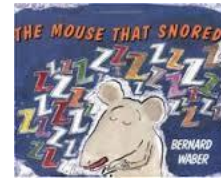
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Lilly loves everything about school, especially her teacher, but when he asks her to wait awhile before showing her new purse, she does something for which she is very sorry later.

The Mouse That Snored

by Bernard Waber

A loudly snoring mouse disturbs the residents of a quiet country house.



Ruby the Copycat

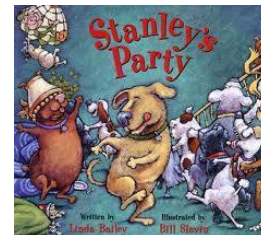
by Peggy Rathman

Ruby insists on copying Angela, until her teacher helps her discover her own creative resources.

Stanley's Party

by Linda Bailey

Stanley is a good dog, but one night when his humans are out, he can't help throwing a wild party.



Get Ready for Second Grade

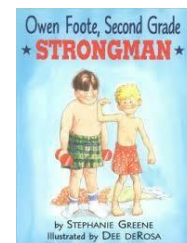
by Paula Danziger

Amber Brown has first day worries about being in second grade.

Owen Foote, Second Grade Strongman

by Stephanie Greene

Owen is the smallest in his class, yet he does something that makes him an instant hero with his classmates.



How the Second Grade Got \$8,205.50 to Visit the Statue of Liberty

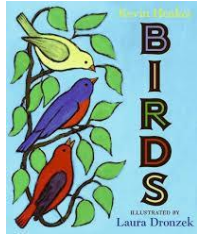
by Nathan Zimelman

Enjoy this story about how making money can be expensive.

Grade 2

Birds

by Kevin Henkes



Fascinated by the colors, shapes, sounds, and movements of the many different birds she sees through her window, a little girl is happy to discover that she and they have something in common.

Fred Stays With Me

by Nancy Coffelt

A child describes how she lives sometimes with her mother and sometimes with her father, but her dog is her constant companion.

Favorite Series

Henry and Mudge

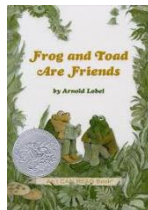
by Cynthia Rylant

Minnie & Moo

by Denys Cazet

Frog and Toad

by Arnold Lobel



Mr. Putter and Tabby

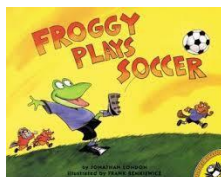
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Nate the Great

by Marjorie Sharmat

Froggy

by J. London

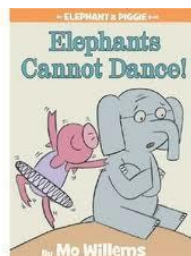


A to Z Mysteries

by Ron Roy

Elephant and Piggie

by Mo Willems



Fox and His Friends

by James Marshall

Iris and Walter

by Elissa Guest

Magic Treehouse

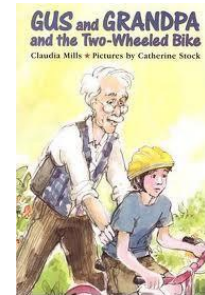
by Mary Pope Osbourne

Young Cam Jansen series

by David Adler

Gus and Grandpa

by Claudia Mills



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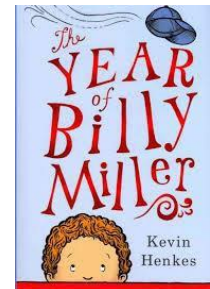
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Award Winning Books

The Year of Billy Miller

by Kevin Henkes

Award-winning, nationally bestselling author Kevin Henkes introduces second grader Billy Miller in this fast-paced and funny story about friendship, sibling rivalry, and elementary school.



Hello, Goodbye Window

by Norton Juster

A little girl tells about the special kitchen window at her beloved Nanny and Poppy's house from which a person can see anyone or anything coming and going.

Kitten's First Full Moon

by Kevin Henkes

When Kitten mistakes the full moon for a bowl of milk, she ends up tired, wet, and hungry trying to reach it.

Henry and Mudge and the Great Grandpas

by Cynthia Rylant

Henry and his lovable dog visit Great-Grandpa Bill in the house where he lives with lots of other grandpas.

Are You Ready to Play Outside?

by Mo Willems

Elephant, who is cautious and pessimistic, and Piggie, who is optimistic and sometimes reckless, go outside to play in the sun and hope that it does not rain.

Officer Buckle and Gloria

by Peggy Rathmann

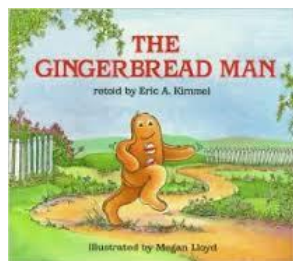
The children at Napville Elementary School always ignore Officer Buckle's safety tips, until a police dog named Gloria accompanies him when he gives his safety speeches.

Classics

Gingerbread Man

by Eric Kimmel

A freshly baked gingerbread man escapes when he is taken out of the oven and eludes a number of animals until he meets a clever fox.



Little Red Riding Hood

Retold by James Marshall

A little girl meets a hungry wolf in the forest on her way to visit her grandmother.

The Three Little Pigs

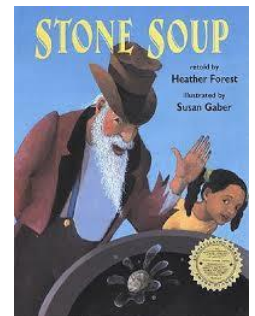
Retold by James Marshall

Marshall breathes fresh new life into this familiar favorite with funny new dialogue and exuberant cartoonlike illustrations. As *Publishers Weekly* raved, "There are fairy tales, and there are Marshall's tales. Readers can be forgiven for preferring his over all the rest."

Stone Soup

by Heather Forest

Two hungry travelers use a stone as a soup starter and demonstrate the benefits of sharing.



The Velveteen Rabbit

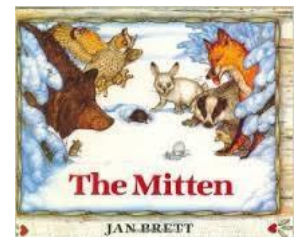
by Margery Williams

By the time the velveteen rabbit is dirty, worn out, and about to be burned, he has almost given up hope of ever finding the magic called Real.

The Mitten

by Jann Brett

Grandmother knits snow-white mittens that Nikki takes on an adventure. Readers will enjoy the charm and humor in the portrayal of the animals as they make room for each newcomer in the mitten and sprawl in the snow after the big sneeze.



Dartmouth Kid Picks Summer 2015

Grade 2 Kid Picks:

- Teach Us Amelia Bedelia by Peggy Parish and Lynn Sweat
- Young Cam Janson and the Missing Cookie by David A. Adler
- Helen Keller and the Big Storm by Patricia Lakin
- Nate the Great and the Missing Key by M. Sharmat & M. Simont
- How Much is that Guinea Pig in the Window? By Joanne Rocklin
- Leo the Snow Leopard by Craig Hatkoff
- Max and Maddy and the Bursting Balloons Mystery by A. McCall Smith
- First Dog by Randy Acker
- Fox All Week by Edward Marshall
- Who Was Thomas Jefferson by Dennis Brindell Fradin
- Falcons Nest on Skyscrapers by Priscilla Belz Jenkins
- Lulu Walks the Dog by Judith Viorst
- The Day Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
- A Woman for President by Kathleen Krull
- My Book of Space by Ian Graham
- Officer Buckle & Gloria by Peggy Rathmann
- Koala Lou by Mem Fox
- Big Mama's by Donald Crews
- The Three Pigs by David Wiesner
- Fire Flies by Julie Brinckloe
- When I Was Young In The Mountains by Cynthia Rylant
- Alexander and the Wind Up Mouse by Leo Lionni
- Rumpelstilskin by Paula O. Zelinsky
- The Red Book by Barbara Lehman
- Green by Laura Vaccaro Seeger
- Hush! A Thai Lullaby by Minfong Ho
- What Can You Do With A Tail Like This? By Steve Jenkins
- Santa Claus the World's Number One Toy Expert by Marla Frazee
- Spring Cleaning (Cork and Fuzz) by Dori Chaconas