

KINDERGARTEN-SECOND GRADE READING LIST

Basho and the River Stones -- Tom Myers

Tricked by a fox into giving up his share of cherries, a famous Japanese poet is inspired to write a haiku and the fox, ashamed of his actions, must devise another trick to set things right.

Dad, Jackie and Me -- Myron Uhlberg

In Brooklyn, New York, in 1947, a boy learns about discrimination and tolerance as he and his deaf father share their enthusiasm over baseball and the Dodgers' first baseman, Jackie Robinson.

Beautiful Blackbird -- Ashley Bryan

In a story of the Ila people, the colorful birds of Africa ask Blackbird, whom they think is the most beautiful of birds, to decorate them with some of his "blackening brew."

Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa -- Erica Silverman

Cowgirl Kate and her cowhorse Cocoa, who is always hungry, count cows, share a story, and help each other fall asleep.

Dogs and Cats -- Steve Jenkins

When you've finished reading about dogs, turn the oversize book around, and there--presto--is a similar format about cats.

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus -- Mo Willems

A pigeon that longs to drive a bus sees a chance to make its dream come true when the bus driver takes a short break. Be prepared to laugh out loud!

Epossumonda -- Coleen Salley

A retelling of a classic tale in which a well-intentioned young possum continually takes his mother's instructions much too literally.

Flotsam -- David Wiesner

The story of what happens when a camera becomes a piece of flotsam told entirely in pictures. 2006 Caldecott Winner.

Henry and Mudge and the Great Grandpas -- Cynthia Rylant

When Henry and his dog Mudge go with Henry's parents to visit Great-Grandpa Bill in the home with lots of other grandpas, they lead them all on a wonderful adventure

Hi! Fly Guy -- Tedd Arnold

When Buzz captures a fly to enter in The Amazing Pet Show, his parents and the judges tell him that a fly cannot be a pet, but Fly Guy proves them wrong.

Hey Batta Batta Swing -- Sally Cook

The history of the sport with oodles of fun facts and colorful vocabulary to share with baseball lovers, young and old.

Hot Air -- Marjorie Priceman

Presents a colorful story about the first passengers on the very first hot air balloon ride.

In the Garden: Who's Been Here -- Lindsay B. George

As Jeremy and Christina pick vegetables for their mother, they see evidence of animals and insects that have been in the garden before them.

Max's Words -- Kate Banks

When Max cuts out words from magazines and newspapers, collecting them the way his brothers collect stamps and coins, they all learn about words, sentences, and storytelling.

Minnie and Moo Wanted Dead or Alive -- Denys Cazet

Trying to help Mr. Farmer with his finances, Minnie and Moo go to the bank to ask for money and are mistaken for the Bazooka sisters, dangerous outlaws.

Miss Smith Reads Again -- Michael Garland

In her out-of-the-ordinary reading class, Miss Smith uses her incredible storybook to transport her students to Arthur Conan Doyle's "The Lost World," where they have an adventure with dinosaurs.

Mr. Maxwell's Mouse -- Frank Asch

Mr. Maxwell celebrates his promotion by treating himself to a live mouse at the Paw and Claw restaurant; however, his decision leads to disastrous results for himself.

Rosa -- Nikki Giovanni

A brief illustrated account of Rosa Parks' refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama in 1955, and the subsequent bus boycott by the black community.

The Runaway Dinner -- Allan Ahlberg

What happens if someone's dinner decides that, well, it doesn't want to be eaten? For a hungry little boy named Banjo and a savory sausage named Melvin, it's a plight that can only result in a breathless escape — and what a chase it is!

Show Way -- Jacqueline Woodson

The making of "Show ways," or quilts which once served as secret maps showing the way to freedom-seeking slaves, is a tradition passed from mother to daughter.

Song of the Water Boatman -- Joyce Sidman

A collection of poems that provide a look at some of the animals, insects, and plants that are found in ponds, with accompanying information about each.

A Splendid Friend, Indeed -- Susan Bloom

When a studious polar bear meets an inquisitive goose, they learn to be friends.

Wolves -- Emily Gravett

A young rabbit checks out a library book about wolves and learns much more about their behavior than he wanted to know.

Yuck! -- Robert Snedden

Budding scientists will enjoy seeing micromarvels in, on, and around that have been enlarged 10, 100, 1000, and even 10,000 times actual size.

Zen Shorts - Jon Muth

When Stillwater the bear moves into the neighborhood, the stories he tells to three siblings teach them to look at the world in new ways.

365 Penguins -- Jean Luc Fromental

When a box containing a penguin arrives anonymously on New Year's Day, a family of four is puzzled, but as they continue to receive one penguin each day their problems--and food budget, and storage issues--are multiplied.