

CCA-CFA Rising Second Grade Summer Reading Choices

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| Title | Author | Genre | Lexile level |
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| The Summer Nick Taught His Cats to Read | Curtis Manley | Fiction (humorous) | 560 |
| Any of the Bad Kitty series | Nick Bruel | Fiction (humorous) | 690-720 |
| Any book by | Robert Munsch | Fiction (humorous) | 480-500 |
| Any Scaredy Squirrel book | Melanie Watt | Fiction (humorous) | 530-660 |
| Any of the Mercy Watson series | Kate DiCamillo | Fiction (humorous) | 450-550 |
| Any of the Ivy and Bean series | Annie Barrows | Fiction (humorous) | 530-600 |
| Any of the Ready Freddy 2nd Grade series | Abby Klein | Fiction (adventure) | 450-620 |
| Any of the Magic Tree House series | Mary Pope Osborne | Fiction (adventure) | 410-560 |
| Any of Flat Stanley's Worldwide Adventures | Jeff Brown | Fiction (adventure) | 490-550 |
| Any of the series The Notebook of Doom | Troy Cummings | Fiction (adventure) | 440-550 |
| Any of the Swift Walker series | Verlyn Tarlton | Fiction (geography/ science adventures) | |
| Lend a Hand: Poems About Giving | John Frank | Poetry | |
| Any A to Z Mysteries | Ron Roy | Fiction (mystery) | 490-610 |
| Any Cam Jansen | David A. Adler | Fiction (mystery) | 470-600 |
| Any Nate the Great | Marjorie Sharmat | Fiction (mystery) | 340-500 |
| Any of the Grace books | Mary Hoffman | Fiction | 540-740 |
| Any of the Stink series | Megan McDonald | Fiction | 500-530 |
| My Hair is a Garden | Cozbi Cabrera | Fiction | 620 |
| Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match/Marisol McDonald no combina | Monica Brown | | 530-590 |
| Any of the Biscuit series | Alyssa Satin Capucilli | Fiction | 110-250 |
| Any of the Henry and Mudge series | Cynthia Rylant | Fiction | 440-500 |

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| Benji, the Bad Day, and Me | Sally Pla | Fiction | 500 |
| The Soccer Fence: A Story of Friendship, Hope, and Apartheid in South Africa | Phil Bildner | Realistic Fiction | |
| Any Pinky and Rex | James Howe | Fiction | 490-600 |
| Any Pete the Cat | James Dean | Fiction | 290-510 |
| Any Tall Tale or Fairy Tale Recommended: Once Upon a World fairy tales | | Fiction | |
| Any Greek Myth | | Fiction | |
| You Wouldn't Want to Be series | | Non-Fiction | 770-870 |
| Who was? series | | Non-Fiction | 570-1020 |
| Diwali | Kate Torpie | Non-Fiction | 750 |
| Every Month is a New Year | Marilyn Singer | Poetry (New Year's Celebrations) | |
| Sam and the Lucky Monkey | Karen Chinn | Fiction (Chinese New Year) | |
| Buffalo Bill and the Pony Express I Can Read | | Non-Fiction | 540 |
| Ancient Greece and the Olympics: A Nonfiction Companion to the Hour of the Olympics | Mary Pope Osborne | Non-Fiction | 590 |
| Dolley Madison | Jan Mader | Non-Fiction | 620 |
| The Reasons for Seasons | Gail Gibbons | Non-Fiction | 620 |
| From Caterpillar to Butterfly | Deborah Heiligman | Non-Fiction | 590 |
| From Seed to Plant | Deborah Heiligman | Non-Fiction | 560 |
| Any frog life cycle book | | Non-Fiction | |
| The Water Cycle | Helen Frost | Non-Fiction | 420 |
| The People Shall Continue | Written by Simon J. Ortiz | Non-Fiction | 660 |
| Wagon Wheels | Barbara Brenner | Realistic Fiction | 500 |

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| Your Life as a Pioneer | Jessica Gunderson | Non-Fiction | 660 |
| Whatever Happened to the Pony Express? | Verla Kay | Non-Fiction | 460 |
| Any book about insects | | Non-Fiction | |
| Abe Lincoln: The Boy Who Loved Books | Kay Winters | Non-Fiction | 700 |
| Follow the Drinking Gourd | Jeanette Winter | Non-Fiction | 630 |
| Henry's Freedom Box | Ellen Levine | Non-Fiction | 490 |
| The Copper Lady | Alice and Kent Ross | Non-Fiction | 630 |
| Freedom on the Menu | Carole Boston Weatherford | Non-Fiction | 660 |
| Ruth and the Green Book | Alexander Ramsey Calvin | Realistic Fiction | 700 |

Any biography about:

Susan B. Anthony, Mary Mcleod Bethune, Cesar Chavez, Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Jackie Robinson, Eleanor Roosevelt **Recommended:** Little People Big Dreams series

Other recommended biographies:

This Promise of Change: One Girl's Story in the Fight for School Equality by Debbie Levy and Jo Ann Allen Boyce

Hammering for Freedom: The William Lewis Story by Rita L. Hubbard

Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly and Winifred Conkling

My Name Is Truth: The Life of Sojourner Truth by Ann Turner

Schomburg: The Man who Built a Library by Carole Boston Weatherford

The story of Ruby Bridges Book by Robert Coles If a Bus Could Talk: The Story of Rosa Parks by Faith Ringgold