

Summer Reading Suggestions for Rising 2nd grade students

Dear Parents,

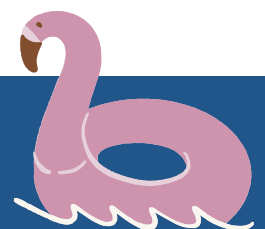
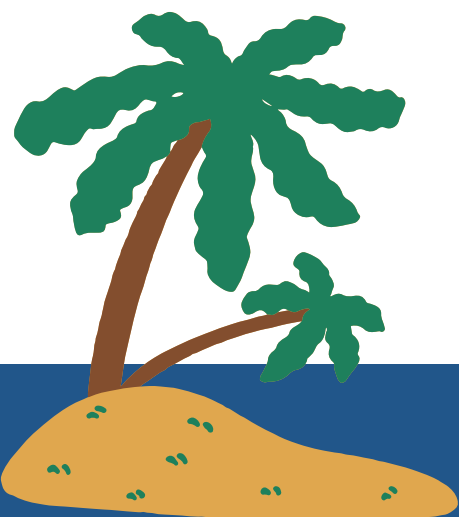
Summer is a great time for your children to recharge. They have worked hard during the school year and need this time to just be kids. Aside from taking the time to enjoy their summer, it is important to keep the “summer slide” from creeping in. Please help prevent that slide by creating a nice balance of active fun and reading time. Reading can open up a whole new world for them. Reading is the foundation for all learning, and it can lead to opening their creativity, imagination, and help build their oral language and writing skills.

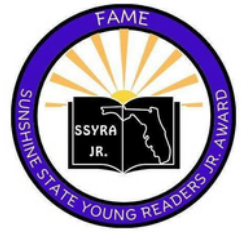
Please see the recommendations shown on the next page for book suggestions. These book are recommended by the Florida Sunshine State Young Reader Association. I have included the titles recommended for grades K-2 and grades 3-5. Please use your best judgement in determining where your child’s reading level is.

There is a title included in the K-2 list that I would like for each child to read over the summer, **Orris and Timble (please see page 2)**. Once school begins, I plan on completing a few activities related to that selection. The remaining titles are suggestions. It may be fun to plan an outing to a bookstore or the public library and browse through some of the selections prior to deciding which books to read.

Blessings,

Mrs. Brant
2nd grade





The Sunshine State Young Readers Award Junior Books

2025-2026

Grade K-2

Picture Books:

The Fastest Tortoise in Town by Howard Calvert

The Quacken by Justin Colon

Squirrel-ish by Bambi Edlund

We are Definitely Human by X Fang

Mavis the Bravest by Lu Fraser

Penny Lu Porcupine by Katie Gilstrap

How This Book Got Red by Margaret Greanias

Lugi, the Spider Who Wanted to be a Kitten by Michelle Knudsen

The Spotless Giraffe by Peter Millett

The Man Who Didn't Like Animals by Deborah Underwood

Independent Readers:

Orris and Timble by Kate DiCamillo



Please read this one.

Scare School Diaries: Welcome to Scare School by Jarrett Lerner

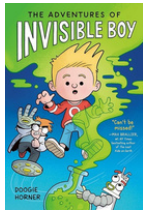
Kwame's Magic Quest: Rise of the Green Flame by Bernard Mensah

Disaster Squad: Wildfire Rescue by Rekha Rajan

George the Flybot and the Lost Camera on Mount Everest by Nessa Bellido Schwarz



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The Adventures of Invisible Boy by Doogie Horner

On his first day at a new school, Stanley wishes he could disappear. Then, after a big spill at the science fair, POOF! Stanley is invisible! It's awesome! He can do anything he wants, and no one will know! Except for one person—the inventor of the ruined project. And he plans to take his anger out on kids all over town, including Stanley. Get ready for a battle of the ages!



Always, Clementine by Carlie Sorosiak

Clementine is brilliant lab mouse who impresses all the scientists. When she finds herself suddenly freed, she discovers the joys of freedom. She finds a new home with a boy named Gus and his Pop who teaches her chess and encourages her to use her greatness for good. This story is told in narrated letters from Clementine to her friend, Rosie, still in captivity. It is about the journey of friendship, advocating for what you believe in, and using your talents for good.



The Wildes by Roland Smith

Asia and Ring Wilde are on a trip with their conservation biologist mother in the Amazon rainforest. Dr. Wilde is on a mission to reintroduce the golden lion tamarin monkey when she disappears. The children set off to find their mother. Will they have the skills to track her down and solve the mystery of what happened to her?



Battle for the Park by H.D. Hunter

In the year 2048, Cameron lives with his parents in Futureland, a traveling theme park that hovers above the cities it visits. Now in Atlanta, the family intends on staying, giving Cameron the chance to attend Middle School and make friends. The AI robots called 'revs' that run the park are starting to act strangely and Cameron even starts suspecting that something is wrong with his parents. Will Cameron and his new friends be able solve the mystery in time to save Futureland?



Benny Ramirez and the Nearly Departed by Jose Pablo Iriarte

When the great Ignacio Ramirez is banned from the afterlife, he discovers one person on Earth can still see him – his grandson Benny. Benny feels like he has enough problems without having to deal with the ghost of his Abuelo. However, with the clock ticking down for the late celebrity to earn his place in the afterlife party, the two must work together whether they like it or not.



The Callers by Kiah Thomas

In the world of Elipsom, callers have the ability to summon objects. Unfortunately, Quin doesn't have the gift like the rest of his family. Quin discovers that called items are not created, but actually stolen from another world, and his mother knows about it. Now he has to decide whether he will side with his family or betray them and save the other world.



Clementine Fox and the Great Island Adventure by Leigh Luna

Clementine is on her way to school but decides she is not in the mood for math tests and tutors so she convinces her friends Nubbins Squirrel and Penelope Rabbit to skip school with her. The friends meet up with Jesse Otter who is preparing to go to a mysterious island on his giant turtle, Annabelle. Ready for adventure Clementine and her friends stowaway.



Dogtown by Katherine Applegate and Gennifer Choldenko

Dogtown is a shelter for all types of dogs. When Metal Head, a robot dog, decides to escape and try and go back home, Chance decides to go along for support. The two dogs embark on an adventure to find their forever homes. Along the way, there is danger, cheese sandwiches, a charging station, and some unexpected kindnesses.



The Guardian Test by Christina Soontornvat

Plum leaves home to enroll at the prestigious Guardian Academy on Lotus Island where students are trained by Guardian Masters to harness their inner power and defend the defenseless. Plum struggles to keep up with her classmates and is unable to discover her inner animal form. Will Plum find the strength, determination, and self-discovery needed to unlock her true potential?



Lightningborn by Julie Kagawa

In a world of floating islands, pirates, and danger, Remi discovers a baby dragon and forms an unbreakable bond. Meanwhile a princess learns that the islands are sinking, and only a "True Dragon" has the power to save them all. The boy and princess must put aside their differences and join forces to save their homes and protect the future of their world.



The Lost Library by Rebecca Stead and Wendy Mass

The Lost Library is a captivating mystery that follows two boys who stumble upon a secret involving a mysterious free little library and a library that was tragically destroyed by fire years earlier. As the boys dig deeper into the mystery, they unravel clues that lead them toward uncovering the library's hidden past.



The Mystery of Locked Rooms by Lindsay Currie

This is a fast-paced mystery in which best friends tackle the most epic funhouse in history. The Deltas, as they call themselves, enter an abandoned 1950's funhouse to seek the treasure of town legend, supposedly left behind by three triplets. Mystery, adventure, and more than a few puzzles follow as the trio tackle hidden passages and elaborate challenges in order to win the ultimate prize.



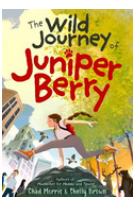
Peril at Price Manor by Laura Parulum

Halle dreams of becoming a scream queen. She practices her loudest scream every day and has learned a lot from studying the horror movies of her favorite director, Maximus Price who lives just outside town. When the chance to go to his home arises, Halle grabs it with both hands. She doesn't realize that real life horrors await her at Price Manor.



Trex by Christyne Morrell

Trex has a brain implant that saved his life but it has a side effect. Now he shocks everything he touches. In a new town, his overprotected mom finally agrees to let him go to a real school and Trex can't wait, but he doesn't count on Mellie, the town spy. She is convinced she saw lightning coming from Trex's fingers, and she's not going to stop spying until she gets the truth.



The Wild Journey of Juniper Berry by Chad Morris and Shelly Brown

Eleven-year-old Juniper Berry lives with her family deep in the wild woods. Living off the grid is pretty exciting, but her happy life in the wild ends abruptly when her younger brother gets sick, and they move to the city to be closer to the hospital. Juniper Berry knows how to handle bobcats, bears, and mountain lions, but can she survive the toughest predator of all—middle school?