

**Summer Reading Challenge Book List  
Rising Second Grade 2026**

BOOK TITLE	LEVEL	AUTHOR
<b>CLASSICS</b>		
A Sick Day for Amos McGee	Caldecott Medal	Philip Stead
Abraham Lincoln	Caldecott Medal	Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
Aesop's Fables		Aesop
Anatole	Caldecott Honor	Eve Titus
Bartholomew and the Oobleck		Dr. Seuss
Ben Franklin and His First Kite	Level 2	Stephen Krensky
Benjamin Franklin		Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
Black Beauty	My Readers, Level 3	Anna Sewell
Buffalo Bill and the Pony Express		Eleanor Coerr
Caleb & Kate		William Steig
Chanticleer and the Fox	Caldecott Medal	Barbara Cooney
Christopher Columbus		Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
Egyptians	Usborne Beginners	Stephanie Turnbull
Eleanor		Barbara Cooney
Emily		Michael Bedard
Emily Dickinson: Poetry for Young People		Emily Dickinson
Farmhouse		Sophie Blackall
Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear	Caldecott Medal	Lindsay Mattick
Freedom in Congo Square	Caldecott Honor	Carole Boston Weatherford
George Washington		Ingri & Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
George Washington's Breakfast		Jean Fritz
Gold Rush Winter	Stepping Stones	Claire Rudolf Murphy
Hattie and the Wild Waves		Barbara Cooney
Hear, Hear, Mr. Shakespeare		Bruce Koscielniak
Hello Lighthouse	Caldecott Medal	Sophie Blackall
Ice Wreck	Stepping Stones	Lucille Recht Penner
Last Stop on Market Street	Caldecott Medal	Matt De La Pena
Leonardo's Horse		Jean Fritz
Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile		Bernard Waber
Many Moons	Caldecott Medal	James Thurber
Miss Rumphius		Barabara Cooney
Mossy		Jan Brett
Nora's Ark		Natalie Kinsey-Warnock
Olga da Polga		Michael Bond
Ox-Cart Man	Caldecott Medal	Donald Hall
Peppe the Lamplighter	Caldecott Honor	Elisa Bartone
Peter and the Wolf		Sergio Prokofiev
Pocahontas		Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire

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Roberto Clemente: Pride of the Pittsburg Pirates		Jonah Winter
Sam the Minute Man		Nathan Benchley
Sarah Morton's Day		Kate Waters
Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch		Eileen Spinelli
The Bear that Heard Crying		Natalie Kinsey-Warnock
The Best Loved Doll		Rebecca Caudill
The Clown of God		Tomie de Paola
The Happy Prince		Oscar Wilde
The King's Cadets and Little Joe		Sutphin and Chandler
The King's Equal	Trophy Chapter Book	Katherine Paterson
The Reluctant Dragon		Kenneth Grahame
The Tale of the Three Trees		Angela Hunt
The Twelve Dancing Princesses		Marianna Mayer
The Ugly Duckling: A Tale from Hans Christian Andersen		Lorinda Cauley
The Velveteen Rabbit		Margery Williams
The Year at Maple Hill Farm		Alice and Martin Provensen
Wee Gillis		Munro Leaf
When the Sky is Like Lace		Elinor Lander Horwitz
Wild Horses	Stepping Stones	George Edward Stanley
<b>SERIES BOOKS (any title in series)</b>		
26 Fairmount Avenue	Newbery Medal	Tomie de Paola
A Little House Chapter Books		Laura Ingalls Wilder
A to Z Mysteries		Ron Roy
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day		Judith Viorst
Amelia Bedelia Chapter Books		Herman Parish
Bear and Mouse		Bonny Becker
Billy and Blaze		C.W. Anderson
Brambly Hedge		Jill Barklem
Cam Jansen		David A. Adler
Capital Mysteries		Ron Roy
Dick Whittington and His Cat		Margaret Hodges
Do Great Things for God		various
Dog Diaries		various
Dorling Kindersley Eyewitness Readers	Level 2, 3	various
Dover Children's Thrift Classics		various
Easy Reader Classics (Dr. Dolittle and others)		various
Flat Stanley		Jeff Brown
Green Light Readers – Dodsworth	Level 3	Tim Egan
Horse Diaries		various

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I Can Read	Level 2, 3	various
Nate the Great		Marjorie W. Sharmat
Paddington		Michael Bond
Ready to Read	Level 3, 4	various
Sarah Plain and Tall	Newbery Medal	Patricia MacLachlan
Step Into Reading	Level 3, 4	various
The Adventures of Sophie Mouse		Poppy Green
The Cobble Street Cousins		Cynthia Rylant
The Lighthouse Family		Cynthia Rylant
The Masterpiece Adventures		Elise Broach
The Time Warp Trip		John Scieszka
This is Paris		M. Sasek
Trophy Chapter Books		various
ART & MUSIC APPRECIATION		
Bach's Big Adventure		Sallie Ketcham
Famous Children	Michelangelo	Ann Rauchlin
Famous Children	Mozart	Ann Rauchlin
Getting to Know the World's Greatest Artists	DaVinci	Mike Venezia
Getting to Know the World's Greatest Artists	Mary Cassatt	Mike Venezia
Getting to Know the World's Greatest Artists	Michelangelo	Mike Venezia
Getting to Know the World's Greatest Composers	Chopin	Mike Venezia
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I, Vivaldi		Janice Shefelman
Katie and the Mona Lisa		James Mayhew
Katie Meets the Impressionists		James Mayhew
Mary Cassatt, Extraordinary Impressionist Painter		Barbara Herkert