



GRADE 2 SUMMER READING

Make the summer fun with books! This list is recommended for students entering Grade 2. Let these books serve as inspiration for you and your child. Spend some time together at your local bookstore and library and see what strikes your fancy. Encourage your child to choose his or her own books and watch how quickly they become engaged!

GET YOUR BOOKS

The library is the place to be this summer! Brooklyn Public Library locations can be found at www.bklynlibrary.org. If you choose to purchase books, Greenlight Bookstore in Fort Greene or Prospect Lefferts Gardens is a good local and independent source. Visit www.greenlightbookstore.com/northside to see all summer reading titles -- you can shop online and then pick up your purchase at the bookstore, or have it shipped to you. As our bookstore partner, Greenlight donates a percentage of all online sales of summer reading titles back to the school to help fill our library shelves! Make sure to mention "Northside" in the order comments when checking out online. You can visit the Fort Greene location at 686 Fulton Street or online at greenlightbookstore.com.



REQUIRED TEXT

The Secret Subway by Shana Corey

New York City in the 1860s was a mess: crowded, disgusting, filled with garbage. You see, way back in 1860, there were no subways, just cobblestone streets. That is, until Alfred Ely Beach had the idea for a fan-powered train that would travel underground.

SOPHISTICATED PICTURE BOOKS

Lucia the Luchadora by Cynthia Leonor Garza

Lucia zips through the playground in her cape just like the boys, but when they tell her 'girls can't be superheroes', suddenly she doesn't feel so mighty. That's when her beloved abuela reveals a dazzling secret: Lucia comes from a family of luchadoras, the bold and valiant women of the Mexican lucha libre tradition.

Beauty and the Beast by H. Chuku Lee

Through her great capacity to love, a kind and beautiful African maid releases a handsome prince from the spell which has made him an ugly beast.

The Book of Mistakes by Corinna Luyken

As an artist creatively incorporates her slipups into a drawing, readers see the ways in which 'mistakes' can provide inspiration and opportunity, and reveal that both the art and artist are works-in-progress.

EARLY CHAPTER BOOKS & GRAPHIC NOVELS

Lost in NYC by Nadja Spiegelman

After getting separated from his teacher, his classmates, and his trip partner during an outing to the Empire State Building, Pablo, the new kid in school, learns to navigate the New York City subway system as well as his own feelings towards making new friends and living in a big city.

Dark Shadows by Doreen Cronin

There's a big, SHADOWY, mystery lurking about on what was supposed to be a nice chicken-family vacation to a farm. A hilarious, easy to read chapter book from the Chicken Squad series.

Princess Cora and the Crocodile by Laura Amy Schlitz
Unhappy queen-in-training Cora receives a pet crocodile from her fairy godmother, who disrupts her mundane daily routine.

Ape and Armadillo Take Over the World by James Sturm

Armadillo is trying to come up with a plan for global domination...but with every new idea, being a bad guy seems a little less fun-especially if ruling the world means losing your best friend.

Barkus by Patricia MacLachlan

Barkus is a large and very smart dog who comes to live with seven-year-old Nicky when Nicky's Uncle Everton goes traveling--and soon he is a family and school favorite.

NON-FICTION

Sophie Scott Goes South by Alison Lester

Nine year-old Sophie Scott embarks on a month-long mission to Antarctica with her father aboard an icebreaker and documents her adventure in the iceberg-strewn seas in a diary she fills with notes about the area's natural wonders.

Balderdash! John Newbery and the Boisterous Birth of Children's Books by Michelle Markel

This picture book biography chronicles the life of the first pioneer of children's books--John Newbery himself. While most children's books in the 18th century contained lessons and rules, John Newbery believed that every book should be made for the reader's enjoyment.

Goal! by Sean Taylor

A photographic tour of how the game of soccer is played in different countries celebrates the sport's power to bridge cultural divides and bring together the diverse populations of the world.

SPANISH LANGUAGE

Los remedios de mi tata by Roni Capin Rivera-Ashford
Oso en la Ciudad by Stella Blackstone