

Summer Reading for Second Grade

Picture Books for School Age Children

Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney

Swamp Angel by Anne Isaacs

Lily's Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes

The Tooth Mouse by Susan Hood

April and Esme, Tooth Fairies by Bob Graham

Mirette on the High Wire by Emily Arnold McCully

Voices in the Park by Anthony Browne

The Honeybee Man by Lela Nargi

Sea of Dreams by Dennis Nolan

Press Here by Herve Tullet

Big Red Lollipop by Rukhsana Khan

Chavela and the Magic Bubble by Monica Brown

Each Kindness by Jacqueline Woodson

The Country Bunny and the Little Gold Shoes by DuBose Heyward

Art and Max by David Wiesner

Jumanji by Chris Van Allsburg

Little Toot by Hardie Gramatky

The Riddle Master by Kevin Crossley-Holland

Frank and Lucky Get Schooled by Lynne Rae Perkins

Sylvester and the Magic Pebble by William Steig

Picture Books from a Folk-lore Tradition

Me and You by Anthony Browne

Mary's Penny by Tanya Landman

Nabeel's New Pants by Fawzia Gilani-Williams

The Kitchen Knight by Margaret Hodges
Ananse and the Lizard retold by Pat Cummings
Iktomi books by Paul Goble (i.e. Iktomi and the Berries etc.)
Demi's Reflective Fables by Demi
Doctor Coyote retold by John Bierhorst

Picture Books About the Natural World

Frog Song by Brenda Guiberson
Ocean Sunlight by Molly Bang and Penny Chisholm
Loon Summer by Sandy Gillum
Time for a Bath by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page
The Secret Pool by Kimberly Ridley
Step Gently Out by Helen Frost
A Butterfly Is Patient by Diana Hutts Aston

Picture Books About Real People (and Animals)

George Washington's Birthday: a Mostly True Tale by Margaret McNamara
Fifty Cents and a Dream: Young Booker T. Washington by Jabari Asim
Brothers at Bat: the True Story of an Amazing Brother Baseball Team by Audrey
Vernick
A Boy Called Dickens by Deborah Hopkinson
Me...Jane by Patrick McDonnell
The Bravest Woman in America by Marissa Moss
Summer Birds: the Butterflies of Maria Marien by Margarita Engle
Queen of the Track: Alice Coachman, Olympic High-Jump Champion by Heather Lang
Queen of the Falls by Chris Van Allsburg

Little Dog Lost: the True Story of a Dog Named Baltic by Monica Carnesi

Stay: the True Story of Ten Dogs by Michaela Muntean

Biblioburro: a True Story from Colombia by Jeanette Winter

Easy Readers for Children Who Have Begun to Read

Very easy titles for children who couldn't wait to read

Footprints in the Snow by Cynthia Benjamin

“Elephant and Piggy” books by Mo Willems

Snail and Worm by Tina Kugler

Sheep in a Jeep by Nancy Shaw

LONGER BOOKS TO READ ALOUD FOR CHILDREN AGES 4-8

A TOAD FOR TUESDAY and WHARTON AND MORTON by Russell Erickson

MY FATHER'S DRAGON by Ruth Stiles Ganett

THE MOUSE AND THE MOTORCYCLE, RAMONA THE PEST, and other books by

Beverly Cleary

POPPY by Avi

MARY POPPINS by P.L. Travers

THE SEVEN YEAR WONDER BOOK by Isabel Wyatt

HEIDI by Johanna Spyri

WHERE THE MOUNTAIN MEETS THE MOON by Grace Lin

MISTY OF CHINCOTEAGUE and BRIGHTY OF THE GRAND CANYON by

Marguerite Henry

SOPHIE IS SEVEN, MARTIN'S MICE and other books by Dick King-Smith

THE YEAR OF BILLY MILLER by Kevin Henkes

BETSY-TACY by Maud Hart Lovelace

PINNOCHIO by Carlo Collodi (try the beautiful edition illustrated by Roberto Innocenti) –

Please note, children who don't like stories about naughty children will not enjoy this book. – though of course, Pinnochio redeems himself in the end.

Families may also enjoy books by Elizabeth Enright, Edward Eager, and Kate DiCamillo