

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Summer Reading List

### **Anansi the spider : a tale from the Ashanti**

By: Gerald McDermott

Summary: **In this** traditional tale from West Africa, Anansi, the Spider, sets out on a long journey.

### **Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good Very Bad Day**

By: Judith Viorst

Summary: Alexander knows it's going to be a bad day when he wakes up with gum in his hair.

### **Snip Snap! What's That?**

By: Mara Bergman

Summary: Three siblings are frightened by the wide mouth, long teeth, and strong jaws of the alligator who has crept up the stairs-- until they decide they have had enough.

### **A Chair For My Mother**

By: Vera B. Williams

Summary: A girl and her mother save their money to buy a comfortable armchair.

### **Henry and Mudge in the Family Trees**

By: Cynthia Rylant

Summary: Henry and his dog Mudge have more fun than they thought they would at a family reunion.

### **How I Became A Pirate**

By: Melinda Long

Summary: A Caldecott Honor-winning illustrator teams up with a witty storyteller for this hilarious pirate adventure starring a little boy who joins Braid Beard's crew on a fantastic voyage.

### **Hooway for Wodney Wat**

By: Helen Lester

Summary: A fearful little lisping rat finds his inner strength in this tale of overcoming shortcomings. Full-color illustrations. Copyright #169; Libri GmbH. All rights reserved.

### **I Don't Want to Go to Camp**

By: Eve Bunting

Summary: Lin is convinced she does not want to go to camp until her mother enrolls in a camp for mothers only.

**If You Give a Moose a Muffin**

By: Laura Numeroff

Summary: When a boy gives a moose a muffin, it sets off a funny chain of events.

**The Paperboy**

By: Dave Pilkey

Summary: Early one morning, a boy and his dog deliver the newspapers in this Caldecott Honor book.

**Good-bye Curtis**

By: Kevin Henkes

Summary: A group of neighbors surprise their letter carrier with a special party on the day of his retirement.

**Doctor DeSoto**

By: William Steig

Summary: A mouse dentist and his wife outwit a fox that wants to eat them in this Caldecott Honor story.

**Buddy: The First Seeing Eye Dog**

By: Eva Moore

Summary: A true account of the German shepherd that became famous as the first seeing-eye dog in America.

**Millions to Measure**

By: David Schwartz

**Miss Rumphius**

By: Barbara Cooney

Summary: Miss Rumphius makes her community a more beautiful place by planting lupines.

**Owl Moon**

By: Jane Yolen

Summary: In a Caldecott Award story, a father and daughter go owling in the woods on a winter's evening.

**The Amazing Bone**

By: William Steig

Summary: Pearl the pig and her talking bone outwit a band of robbers and a hungry fox.

**The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush**

By: Tomie DePaola

Summary: Little Gopher looks for a way to paint the colors of the sunset.

### **There's a Dragon Downstairs**

By: Hilary McKay

Summary: Award-winning author McKay and illustrator Harvey have created a wonderfully imaginative tale about confronting nighttime fears, a story that will be familiar to young children everywhere.

### **The Recess Queen**

By: Alexis O'Neill

Summary: Mean Jean is the biggest bully on the school playground until a new girl arrives and challenges Jean's status as the Recess Queen.

### **Song and Dance Man**

By: Karen Ackerman

Summary: Grandpa puts on an entertaining vaudeville show for his three grandchildren.

## **Series and books by authors:**

### **Henry and Mudge Series**

By: Cynthia Rylant

### **Amelia Bedelia Series**

By: Peggy Parish

### **Doctor DeSoto Series**

By: William Steig

### **Cam Jansen Series**

By: Dave Adler

### **True Book Series**

### **Albert Series**

### **Horrible Harry Series**

### **Clifford Series**

Any book age appropriate by Margie Palatini

Any book age appropriate by Jan Brett

Any book age appropriate by Tomie DePaola

Any book age appropriate by Kevin Henkes