


Great Reads for 2nd Graders



Selected by librarians from Milwaukee Public Library

A Birthday for Bear by Bonny Becker. EASY LEVEL 3 BECKER.

Though Bear insists it's not his birthday, Mouse has a party invitation that says differently. "Let me see that!" demanded Bear... "Hey... This is your handwriting!"

Dinothesaurus by Douglas Florian. 811.54 F635D.
"Its brain was smaller than a plum. / Stegosaurus was quite DUMB." Florian's free-flowing, witty collection of poems and collages about dinosaurs is a giganotosaurus delight.

Living Sunlight by Molly Bang. 572.46 B216.
This excellent "green read" for young children explains how photosynthesis works and why this process is so important to all life on earth.

Annie and Snowball and the Pink Surprise by Cynthia Rylant. EASY LEVEL 2 RYLANT.
Annie and Henry notice that a visiting hummingbird likes the pink petunias, so they fill the garden with pink objects to attract more hummingbirds.

Fancy Nancy Sees Stars by Jane O'Connor. EASY LEVEL 1 OCONNOR.
When a rainstorm prevents Nancy and her friend Robert from getting to the planetarium the night of a class field trip, she has a brilliant idea for making things better.

Bad to the Bone by Lucy Nolan. INT NOLAN.
Down Girl, a frisky dog, describes how she attempts to train her humans, a difficult task since humans don't seem to like dog treats.

Hooray for Fly Guy! by Tedd Arnold. EASY LEVEL 2 ARNOLD.
Fly Guy and his kid Buzz try out for the football team, but the coach says "Flies can't play football." So Fly Guy cheers in the stands until the star player is hurt and the team needs Fly Guy's secret play. Hilarious!

Moonshot by Brian Floca. 629.454 F628.
Forty years after NASA's Apollo 11 mission first landed astronauts on the moon, this striking book takes young readers along for the dramatic event.

Good Dog, Aggie by Lori Ries. EASY LEVEL 3 RIES.
Aggie the pooch doesn't really listen...at all. The final straw comes when Aggie eats Ben's homework. Off he goes to obedience school, and by the end, he becomes a pro at sitting, staying, and fetching.

Mercy Watson: Something Wonky This Way Comes by Kate DiCamillo. EASY LEVEL 3 DICAMILLO.
Mercy Watson is at the Bijou drive-in theater which is showing *When Pigs Fly*. However, Mercy, more excited by the prospect of real butter on Bottomless Buckets of popcorn, is not watching the movie.

George and Martha: The Best Of Friends by James Marshall. EASY LEVEL 3 MARSHALL.
Hippos George and Martha learn simple lessons about friendship in two adventures in which they explore the attic and try to surprise each other.

Young Cam Jansen and the 100th Day of School Mystery by David Adler. EASY LEVEL 2 ADLER.
Cam Jansen and her best friend Eric are looking forward to the class's 100th day of school party, but then the pizza disappears, leaving Cam and her photographic memory to find it.

Bubble Trouble by Margaret Mahy. PIC MAHY.
Bubble, bubble, tongue-twisting trouble! When Mabel blows a bubble that envelops her baby brother, gently wafting him all over the village, it causes shock and excitement.

A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever by Marla Frazee. PIC FRAZEE.
Although James and Eamon attend Nature camp, the real 'wildlife' action happens during their free time.

TIPS for helping your child become a Super Reader:
Five Finger Rule—Have your child read the book to you. Each time they miss a word, put a finger up. If in one page there are 5 fingers in the air, the book is too hard, pick a different one.

If you wear a seatbelt, your child will wear a seatbelt. If you love the Packers, your child will also be a fan. And if you read, your child will value reading.

