**Grade 2 Summer Reading List**

Your child is required to pick 2 books from the list below to read and complete a book report for each one. The book report paper is included in the Language Arts summer packet. The Language Arts and Math packets are due the first week of school in September.

**1.** [**Floaty**](https://amzn.to/2rIbR9P) **by John Himmelman**

When someone leaves a mysterious basket on grouchy Mr. Raisin’s doorstep, the last thing he expects to be inside is a dog—especially one that floats! What will Mr. Raisin do when Floaty floats away? This is the perfect light-hearted read aloud for a picnic blanket or summer bedtime.

**2. Flashlight Night by Matt Forrest Esenwine**

One of the best parts of summer is staying up late! The nighttime adventure these children have will inspire students to click on their own flashlights—and their imaginations—and head out into the dark.

**3. Take a Hike, Miles and Spike! by Travis Foster**

Two oblivious dogs pack for an outdoor adventure but have to revise their plans when the other animals call them out for being selfish. Catchy rhymes and Ethan Long’s signature, super-fun illustrations make this silly story a guaranteed hit.

**4. The Magician’s Secret by Zachary Hyman**

Sleepovers at Grandpa’s are a highlight of many kids’ summer. When your grandfather is a retired magician with a magic story chest in his attic, though? Well, that’s a guaranteed adventure.

**5. What if You Had an Animal Tail? by Sandra Markle**

A perfect pairing for a summer outing to the zoo, the newest title in this fun series will have kids laughing as they learn about animal adaptations and the human body. How would you look with a peacock’s tail?

**6. The Adventures of Taxi Dog by Debra Barracca, Sal Barracca, Mark Buehner**

Jim, a New York City taxi driver, rescues a stray dog and dubs his new pet Maxi. Maxi accompanies Jim in his taxi and meets all sorts of people. With each new passenger, Maxi makes a new friend -- and even helps Jim get tips! The text is written in a bouncing rhyme, and Beuhner's paintings capture Maxi's doggy personality and Jim's geniality. Can you find the cat in every picture?

**7. Amelia Bedelia (I Can Read Book Series) by Peggy Parish**

Meet Amelia Bedelia, the unflappable maid who does everything literally. With her purse on her arm and hat firmly on her head, Amelia Bedelia follows instructions to a T: Change the towels? Nothing a pair of scissors can't do! Dust the furniture? That's when the perfumed dusting powder really comes in handy. Dress the chicken for dinner -- well, do you want a boy chicken or a girl chicken? Amelia Bedelia's well-meaning gaffs cause readers to chuckle but her employer to fume -- it's a good thing she's such a good cook!

**8. Junie B. Jones Smells Something Fishy, Junie B. Jones Series #12**

**by Barbara Park**

Frustrated because the rules for her class's Pet Day will not let her take her dog to school, Junie B. Jones considers taking a raccoon, a worm, a dead fish, and other unusual replacements.

**9. The Case of the Spooky Sleepover, Jigsaw Jones Mystery #4**

**by James Preller**

Ralphie Jordan can't sleep. Something is making spooky noises in his room at night. It's a perfect case for Jigsaw Jones, who pieces together all the ghostly clues.

**10. Get Ready for Second Grade- Amber Brown by Paula Danziger**

Like all students, Amber is nervous about starting a new school year with a new teacher. Is it true that her new teacher, Mrs. Light, thinks second graders are “knee biters?” Will Amber survive the year with a bully named Hannah? Luckily, Amber’s best friend Justin is also in her class, and together they can handle anything!