



**SUGGESTED SUMMER READING LIST: STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 2  
STEERE FARM and W.L. CALLAHAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS  
JUNE 2010**

**MOST CHALLENGING (Reading Levels 2.5 ~ 2.9)\***

**Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride\* by Kate DiCamillo**

Every weekend Mr. Watson takes his pig for a ride in his pink convertible. One Saturday morning Mercy the pig seizes her chance, jumps into his lap, and grabs the wheel!

**Nate the Great and the Stolen Base\* by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat**

Someone has stolen second base and Nate is called to help.

**A to Z Mysteries: The Deadly Dungeon\* by Ron Roy**

Back in another adventure, Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose now travel to Maine to visit the castle home of mystery writer Wallis Wallace. While cleaning up the playhouse in the garden, the children discover a trap door that leads to a secret tunnel!

**Officer Buckle and Gloria by Peggy Rathmann**

The children at Napeville Elementary School always ignore Officer Buckle's safety tips, until a police dog named Gloria accompanies him when he gives his safety speeches.

**Pirates Don't Change Diapers by Melinda Long**

Jeremy Jacobs won't help Captain Braid Beard and his crew dig up the treasure they buried in his backyard until they help him placate his cranky baby sister!

**The Babe and I by David Adler**

While helping his family make ends meet during the Depression by selling newspapers, a boy meets Babe Ruth.

**Diary of a spider by Doreen Cronin**

A young spider discovers, day by day, that there is a lot to learn about being a spider, including how to spin webs and avoid vacuum cleaners.

**If You Give a Pig a Pancake by Laura Numeroff**

Presents a children's story of the chaos that can happen in the house when you give a pig a pancake.

**Owen by Kevin Henkes**

Owen's parents try to get him to give up his favorite blanket before he starts school, but when their efforts fail, they come up with a solution that makes everyone happy.

**Stink : The Incredible Shrinking Kid\* by Megan McDonald**

The shortest kid in the second grade, James Moody, also known as Stink, learns all about the shortest president of the United States, James Madison, when they celebrate Presidents' Day at school.

## **MORE CHALLENGING (Reading Levels 2.0 ~ 2.4)\***

### **The Adventures of Taxi Dog by Debra Barracca**

A stray dog in New York City is adopted by a taxi driver, with whom he thereafter rides and shares adventures each day.

### **Henry and Mudge : the First Book of Their Adventures\* by Cynthia Rylant**

Henry, feeling lonely on a street without any other children, finds companionship and love in a big dog named Mudge.

### **Young Cam Jansen and the Lost Tooth\* by David Adler**

Cam uses her photographic memory to help a classmate find the tooth she lost at school.

### **Sheila Rae, the Brave by Kevin Henkes**

When brave Sheila Rae, who usually looks out for her sister Louise, becomes lost and scared one day, Louise comes to the rescue.

### **Sammy the Seal by Syd Hoff**

Anxious to see what life is like outside the zoo, Sammy the seal explores the city, goes to school, and plays with the children but decides that there really is no place like home.

### **The Other Side by Jacqueline Woodson**

Two girls, one white and one African-American, gradually get to know each other as they sit on the fence that divides their town.

### **Horace and Morris but Mostly Dolores by James Howe**

Three mice friends learn that the best clubs include everyone.

### **Meet the Barkers : Morgan and Moffat Go to School by Tomie DePaola**

Bossy Moffie and her quiet twin brother Morgie both enjoy starting school, especially getting gold stars and making new friends.

### **Arthur Writes a Story\* by Marc Brown**

Arthur gets a bit too creative while writing a school paper about his pooch.

### **Akiak : a Tale from the Iditarod by Robert Blake**

Akiak the sled dog refuses to give up after being injured during the Iditarod sled dog race.

## **LESS CHALLENGING (Reading Levels 1.5 ~ 1.9)\***

### **Arthur's Nose\* by Marc Brown**

Unhappy with his nose, Arthur visits the rhinologist to get a new one.

### **Biscuit\* by Alyssa Satin Capucilli**

A little yellow dog wants ever one more thing before he'll go to sleep.

### **Are You My Mother? By P.D. Eastman**

A little bird asks animals, planes, and boats, "Are you my mother?" until he finds his own mother.

### **Duck On a Bike by David Shannon**

One day, Duck decides to try riding a bike. As he rides past all the farm animals, everyone has different thoughts about Duck's idea. Each animal's thoughts, in expressions from boredom to envy, are perfectly illustrated.

### **Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss**

In verse, Sam-I-am tells of the virtues of green eggs and ham.

### **How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night? By Jane Yolen**

Mother and child ponder the different ways a dinosaur can say goodnight, from slamming his tail and pouting to giving a big hug and kiss.

### **Super Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold**

Fly Guy visits the school cafeteria and gets the lunch lady fired.

### **Little Bear by Else Minarik**

Little Bear's four adventures include taking a trip to the moon and having a birthday party.

### **The Paperboy by Dav Pilkey**

A paperboy and his dog enjoy the quiet of the early morning as they go about their rounds.

### **The Stray Dog by Marc Simont**

A family befriends a stray dog, names him Willy, and decides to keep him.

**\* These titles are books in a series by the author. You may choose another title by the author, but be aware that the reading levels vary.**