Merritt Taylor, Susan Pitts, Sara Berry – Second Grade

Rising Grade: Second

Requirement: Students will keep a reading log of books read throughout the summer. The requirement is 20 minutes daily or an average of 80 minutes per week for a total of 640 minutes. See attached log and suggested list.

Method of Assessment: Your child will be required to take 3 AR tests the first week of school (from books they have chosen and recorded on their reading log).

Dear Parents and Students,

Summer is a great time for reading! There are many excellent children's books available, including the titles we've recommended on this reading list. This booklet is just one resource for locating great books. The public library and many local bookstores are also excellent sources of information and will be delighted to help you fill your summer with wonderful books. The books listed are suggested titles, and we have tried to include books for the varied reading levels in second grade. Also, please note that any additional book by one of the authors listed here may be read, too.

The Twelve Rules of Summer Reading:
Read…Read again…Read some more…Read anything…Read about everything …Read enjoyable things…Read things you yourself enjoy…Read and discuss it…Read carefully some things…Read on the run, many things…Don't think about reading, but…Just read!

Favorite Stories about Families and Friends

Barrows, Annie. **Ivy + Bean.** When seven-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected. Series **(Fic Bean)**

Blume, Judy. **The One in the Middle is the Green Kangaroo**. Freddy hates being the middle one in the family until he gets a part in the school play. (**Fic Blu**)

Cameron, Ann. **Gloria's Way**. Gloria shares special times with her mother and father and with her friends Julian, Huey, and Latisha. Series (**SC Cam**)

Cameron, Ann. **The Stories Julian Tells**. Relates episodes in seven-year-old Julian's life which include getting into trouble with his younger brother Huey, planting a garden, what he did to try to grow taller, losing a tooth, and finding a new friend. Series (**SC Cam**)

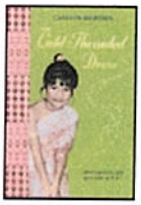
Cleary, Beverly. **Two Times the Fun**. Twins Jimmy and Janet share the adventures of digging a hole to China, finding a worthy recipient for their dog biscuits, shopping for new shoes, and getting new bedroom furniture. (**Fic Cle**)

Pennypacker, Sara. **Clementine.** While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building. Series **(Fic Pen)**

Elliott, David. **Cool Crazy Crickets**. Follows the humorous activities of four friends and a dog as they find a name, meeting place, mascot, and purpose for their new club. Series **(Fic Ell)**

Fenner, Carol. **Snowed In With Grandmother Silk**. Ruddy is disappointed when his parents go on a cruise and he must stay with his fussy grandmother for ten days, but an unexpected snowstorm reveals a surprising side of Grandmother Silk. **(Fic Fen)**

Kline, Suzy. **Horrible Harry and the Drop of Doom**. On the last day of second grade, Song Lee's party at the local amusement park forces Harry to face his fear of elevators when he is expected to ride the Drop of Doom. Series **(Fic Kli)**



Marsden, Carolyn. **The Gold-Threaded Dress**. When Oy and her Thai-American family move to a new neighborhood, her fourth-grade class mates tease and exclude her because she is different. **(Fic Mar)**

Mathis, Sharon. **The Hundred Penny Box**. Michael's love for his great-great-aunt who lives with them leads him to intercede with his mother who wants to toss out all her old things. **(Fic Mat)**

McDonald, Megan. **Stink and the World's Worst Super-Stinky Sneakers**. A class visit to the Gross-Me-Out exhibit at the science museum inspires Stink Moody to create a variety of terrible smells to put on the sneakers he plans to enter in the World's Worst Super-Stinky Sneaker contest. Series **(Fic McD)**

Nagda, Ann. **Dear Whiskers**. Jenny is discouraged when her second grade pen pal turns out to be a new student from Saudi Arabia who does not speak English very well, but as she works with her they slowly become friends. **(Fic Nag)**

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. **Anyone Can Eat Squid!** Sarah longs to find a way to be someone special, and when her friend's Chinese restaurant needs customers, she finds a special way to save it. Series **(Fic Nay)**

Pfeffer, Susan Beth. **Riddle Streak**. Since her older brother always wins at ping pong, checkers, and everything else, Amy decides to learn riddles in hope of finding some way she can beat him. **(Fic Pfe)**

Ray, Karen. **The T.F. Letters**. Alex starts to lose her baby teeth, begins a correspondence with the Tooth Fairy, and tries to accept the fact that her family is moving to a distant state. **(Fic Ray)**

Wesley, Valerie. **Willimena and the Cookie Money**. When seven-year-old Willimena spends all the money she earned selling Girl Scout cookies, her big sister Tina helps her come up with a plan to earn the money back. Series **(Fic Wes)**

Stories about School and Summer Vacations

Bartlett, Susan. **Seal Island School**. On Seal Island, off the coast of Maine, nine-year-old Pru plans to keep her teacher from leaving by finding her a dog. **(Fic Bar)**

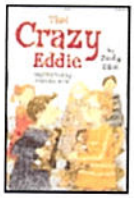
Bjork, Cristina. **Linnea in Monet's Garden**. A little girl visits the home and garden of Claude Monet at Giverny, France, and learns about the artist's paintings and his life. Series **(Fic Bjo)**

Blume, Judy. **Freckle Juice**. Andrew wants freckles so badly that he buys Sharon's freckle recipe for fifty cents. **(Fic Blu)**

Bunting, Eve. **Summer Wheels**. The Bicycle Man fixes up old bicycles and offers both his friendship and the use of the bikes to the neighborhood kids. **(Fic Bun)**

Byars, Betsy. **Seven Treasure Hunts**. Two boys make up a series of treasure hunts for each other, with disastrous and hilarious results. **(Fic Bya)**

Caudill, Rebecca. **The Best-Loved Doll**. For a doll contest at a party, a little girl chooses to enter a doll that seems the least likely to win a prize, but it does win a very special one. **(Fic Cau)**



Cox, Judy. **That Crazy Eddie and the Science Project of Doom**. Best friends Matt and Eddie have a falling out that threatens to ruin their science fair project in a story that includes instructions for making a model of an erupting volcano. **(Fic Cox)**

Danziger, Paula. **Get Ready for Second Grade, Amber Brown**. Amber is nervous about starting second grade with a new teacher, but despite being in the same class as mean Hannah Burton, things turn out just fine. Series **(E-R Dan)**

DeGross, Monalisa. **Donavan's Word Jar**. When the jar that Donavan keeps his word collection in, fills up, he finds a special way to give his words away and get something wonderful in return. **(Fic DeG)**

DeLaCroix, Alice. **How to Survive a Totally Boring Summer.** When Randall and his friend Max start a chess club in the park to keep busy during the summer, there are unexpected benefits for the community. **(Fic DeL)**

Giff, Patricia Reilly. **The Beast in Ms. Rooney's Room**. Held back for a year in second grade, Richard can't seem to help getting into trouble, until he gets really interested in reading and helps his class in a special way. Series **(Fic Gif)**

Klein, Abby. **Homework Hassles**. When Freddy falls out of a tree and breaks his arm, he finds inspiration for his oral report on nocturnal animals. Series **(Fic Kle)**

Lowry, Lois. **Gooney Bird Greene**. A most unusual new student who loves to be the center of attention entertains her teacher and fellow second graders by telling absolutely true stories about herself, including how she got her name. Series **(Fic Low)**

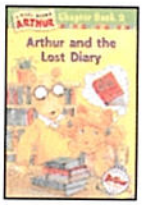
Rylant, Cynthia. **A Little Shopping**. Rosie, Lily, and Tess, three cousins who are staying with their aunt, decide to make a miniature flower shop just like Aunt Lucy's real florist shop. Series **(Fic Ryl)**

Seuling, Barbara. **Robert and the Weird and Wacky Facts**. Robert spends much of his time memorizing trivia in hopes of becoming a contestant on "Instant Millionaire," and although nothing works out as he wished, he does get a chance to compete for a prize. Series **(Fic Seu)**

Willner-Pardo, Gina. **Jumping into Nothing**. Nine-year-old Sophie tries to deal with her fear of jumping off the high diving board at the community pool by listing other things she is afraid of doing and forcing herself to do them. **(Fic Wil)**

Series too Good to Miss

Adler, David. **Andy and Tamika**. Preoccupied with the impending arrival of his new baby brother or sister, Andy gets in lots of trouble both at home and at school. **(Fic Adl)**



Brown, Marc. **Arthur and the Lost Diary**. When Arthur finds Sue Ellen's lost diary at the library, he wonders whether or not to read the diary before he returns it to Sue Ellen. **(Fic Bro)**

Christopher, Matt. **Soccer Cats: the Captain Contest**. Dewey loves to draw and wants to enter the soccer team logo contest, but he does not want to win the grand prize – being team captain. **(Fic Chr)**

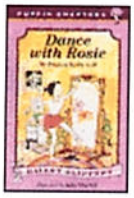
Cleary, Beverly. **Ramona the Pest**. The hilarious adventures of Ramona as she enters school. **(Fic Cle)**

Clements, Andrew. **Jake Drake, Bully Buster**. Jake is determined to win the third grade science fair not only for the grand prize, but to beat the annoying class know-it-alls, as well.
(Fic Cle)

Conford, Ellen. **Annabel the Actress Starring in Camping It Up**. In the fourth book of her adventures, Annabel auditions for the camp play and cinches the lead role, but soon learns that the she must go on even when things don't go exactly as rehearsed. **(Fic Con)**

Conford, Ellen. **A Job for Jenny Archer**. Convinced that her family is poor because her parents refuse to get her a horse or a swimming pool, nine-year-old Jenny Archer follows her own path to making money, including a plunge into real estate that puts her house on the market. **(Fic Con)**

Delton, Judy. **Blue Skies, French Fries**. The Pee Wee Scouts are having a football game against Troop 15 – the team needs spirit and Sonny only wants French fries. **(Fic Del)**



Giff, Patricia Reilly. **Dance with Rosie**. Rosie tries to make up with her former best friend and get into ballet class after the sign-up deadline. **(Fic Gif)**

Greene, Stephanie. **Owen Foote, Second Grade Strongman**. Owen, a second grader who is being teased for his small size, discovers that his friend Joseph is just as concerned about being overweight. **(Fic Gre)**

Haywood, Carolyn. **B is for Betsy**. Betsy experiences an interesting first year in school and looks forward to summer vacation at her grandfather's farm. **(Fic Hay)**

Hurwitz, Johanna. **Russell and Elisa**. Seven-year-old Russell and his three-year-old sister Elisa have adventures with friends and family in their apartment building.
(Fic Hur)

Kline, Suzy. **Herbie Jones**. Herbie's experiences include finding bones in the boy's bathroom, wandering away from his class on their field trip, and being promoted to a higher reading group. **(Fic Kli)**

Park, Barbara. **Junie B. Jones is Captain Field Day**. As captain of Room Nine's field day team, Junie B. Jones tries to rally her troops after they lose several events. **(Fic Par)**

Sachar, Louis. **Marvin Redpost: Super Fast, Out of Control**. Afraid of his new mountain bike, Marvin finds himself in a horrible situation when he accepts a dare to ride down Suicide Hill. **(Fic Sac)**

Historical Fiction: Stories from the Past

Avi. **Abigail Takes the Wheel**. When the first mate of the freight boat Neptune falls ill, it is up to Abigail, the captain's daughter, to steer the ship up the Hudson River from New Jersey to New York. **(E-R Avi)**

Avi. **Prairie School**. A story of children who gallop to school on horseback, across the windswept plains and what happens when a great blizzard sweeps down and isolates the schoolhouse. **(E-R Avi)**

Bulla, Clyde Robert. **The Sword in the Tree**. After he and his mother flee for their lives, a young boy goes to King Arthur for help in winning back his castle from his wicked uncle, and discovers his father is still alive. **(Fic Bul)**

Cohen, Barbara. **Molly's Pilgrim**. Told to make a Pilgrim doll for the Thanksgiving display at school, Molly's Jewish mother dresses the doll as she herself dressed before leaving Russia to seek religious freedom – much to Molly's embarrassment. **(Fic Coh)**

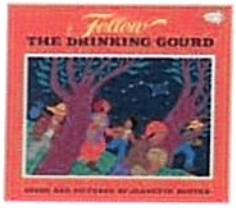
Fleischman, Paul. **Lost! A Story in String**. A grandmother tells a story about a young girl who uses her wits and what materials are available to help her survive when she is lost in a blizzard. **(E Fle)**

Hopkinson, Deborah. **Girl Wonder: A Baseball Story in Nine Innings**. In the early 1900s, Alta Weiss, a young woman who knows from an early age that she loves baseball, finds a way to show that she can play, even though she is a girl. **(E Hop)**

McDonough, Yona. **The Dollhouse Magic**. When Jane and Lila's father loses his job at the bank during the Depression, the family must move from their big house to the bottom floor of a smaller one on the poorer side of town. **(Fic McD)**

Miles, Miska. **Annie and the Old One**. A Navajo girl unravels a day's weaving on a rug whose completion, she believes, will mean the death of her grandmother. **(Fic Mil)**

Monjo, F.N. **The Drinking Gourd: a Story of the Underground Railroad**. Sent home alone for misbehaving in church, Tommy discovers that his house is a station on the Underground Railroad. **(E Mon)**



Nelson, Vaunda. **Almost to Freedom**. Tells the story of a young girl's dramatic escape from slavery via the Underground Railroad, from the perspective of her beloved rag doll. **(E Nel)**

Ryan, Pam. **Amelia and Eleanor Go for a Ride**. A fictionalized account of the night Amelia Earhart flew Eleanor Roosevelt over Washington, D.C., in an airplane. **(E Rya)**
Shaw, Janet. **Kaya and Lone Dog**. Still grieving over her stolen horse and kidnapped younger sister, Kaya tries to earn the trust of a starving dog who is about to have puppies. American Girl Series **(Fic Sha)**

Thurber, James. **Many Moons**. Though many try, only the court jester is able to fulfill Princess Lenore's wish for the moon. **(E Thu)**

Tripp, Valerie. **Brave Emily: 1944**. Molly befriends a war refugee named Emily Bennett, who struggles to overcome shyness. American Girl Series **(Fic Tri)**

Wiles, Deborah. **Freedom Summer**. In 1964, Joe is pleased that a new law will allow his African-American best friend, John Henry, to share the town pool and other public places with him, but he is dismayed to find that prejudice still exists. **(E Wil)**

Science Fiction/Fantasy

Abbott, Tony. **The Hidden Stairs and the Magic Carpet**. A small storage room underneath the staircase leading down to Eric's basement is a magical doorway that takes Eric, Neal, and Julie to the magical land of Droon and to great adventures. Series **(Fic Abb)**

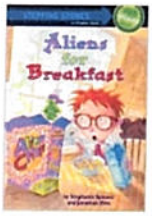
Benton, Jim. **Lunch Walks Among Us**. Franny K. Stein is a mad scientist who prefers all things spooky and creepy, but when she has trouble making friends at her new school she experiments with fitting in—which works until a monster erupts from the trash can. Series **(Fic Ben)**

Brown, Jeff. **Flat Stanley**. The amazing, humorous adventures of a boy who has been flattened by a bulletin board, so that he is only half an inch thick. Series **(Fic Bro)**

Capeci, Anne. **Insect Invaders**. Ms. Frizzle turns her class into insects so they can help show Wanda how to take care of her pet ladybug. Series **(Fic Cap)**

Crilley, Mark. **Akiko on the Planet Smoo**. Ten-year-old Akiko has an unexpected adventure when she is whisked away to a distant planet and put in charge of the rescue mission that must search for a kidnapped prince. Series **(Fic Cri)**

Dahl, Roald. **The Magic Finger**. Angered by a neighboring family's sport hunting, an eight-year-old girl turns her magic finger on them. **(Fic Dah)**



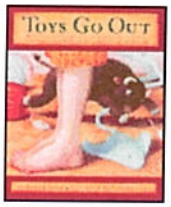
Etra, Jonathan. **Aliens for Breakfast**. Finding an intergalactic special agent in his cereal box, Richard joins the extraterrestrial in a fight to save Earth from the Dranes, one of whom is masquerading as a student in Richard's class. Series **(Fic Etr)**

Fienberg, Anna. **Tashi**. Jack's mysterious new friend, Tashi, came from a faraway land where he escaped from a warlord by riding on the back of a swan. Series **(Fic Fie)**

Gannett, Ruth Stiles. **My Father's Dragon**. A young boy determines to rescue a poor baby dragon that is being used by a group of lazy wild animals to ferry them across the river on Wild Island. Series **(Fic Gan)**

Greenburg, Dan. **How I Became a Superhero**. Max Silver is just an ordinary kid until one fateful day, he touched some radioactive space rocks in a museum. Now Max can do things most boys can't – like fly. His sister is jealous of the attention he gets, his father is determined to beat him at arm-wrestling, and his mother just wants him to be in bed on time. Series **(Fic Gre)**

Greenburg, Dan. **Greenish Eggs and Dinosaurs**. Zack buys a dinosaur egg at a flea market and is warned not to put it in the microwave. Guess what happens next! Series **(Fic Gre)**



Jenkins, Emily. **Toys Go Out**. Six stories relate the adventures of three best friends, a knowledgeable Stingray, a tough little Buffalo, and someone called Plastic, who all happen to be toys. **(SC Jen)**

King-Smith, Dick. **Billy the Bird**. Mary, her cat Lilyleaf, and her guinea pig Mr. Keylock are astounded to discover that Mary's little brother Billy can fly whenever the moon is full! **(Fic Kin)**

Levy, Elizabeth. **Frankenstein Moved in on the Fourth Floor**. Two brothers, Robert and Sam suspect that their new neighbor is somebody to watch very carefully. Series **(Fic Lev)**

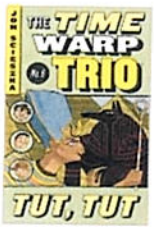
MacDonald, Betty. **Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle**. From her upside-down house, the eccentric Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle assists parents with her marvelous cures for such common children's diseases as "Won't-Put-Away-Toysitis," "Answerbackism," and "Fighter-Quarrelitis." Series **(Fic Mac)**

Osborne, Mary Pope. **Summer of the Sea Serpent**. Jack and Annie travel in their magic tree house to the land of the mystical selkies to seek a magical sword for Merlin. Series **(Fic Osb)**

Peterson, John. **The Littles**. The Littles, a family of six-inch high people with tails who live in the walls of an old house, begin to worry when the new residents bring a cat. Series
(Fic Pet)

Pinkwater, Daniel. **The Magic Pretzel**. Norman, who behaves a lot like a dog, finds his first real friends when the principal signs him up for the Werewolf Club at school. Series **(Fic Pin)**

Scieszka, Jon. **Tut, Tut**. After Joe's sister Anna and her cat Cleo discover the magical time-travel book, the Time Warp Trio find themselves in the middle of an adventure in ancient Egypt. Series **(Fic Sci)**



Weiss, Ellen. **The Adventures of Ratman**. With the help of a rat costume, Tod Watson is transformed from an ordinary eight-year-old into a superhero named Ratman. Series **(Fic Wei)**

Animal Stories

Anderson, C.W. **Blaze and the Forest Fire**. When Billy and his pony, Blaze discover a small forest fire, they ride over a dangerous trail to give the alarm at the nearest farmhouse. Series **(E And)**

Baylor, Byrd. **Hawk, I'm Your Brother**. A young boy wants to fly more than anything, so he steals a baby hawk from its nest, hoping to learn the secret of flight by becoming its brother. **(Fic Bay)**

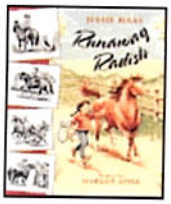
Byars, Betsy. **My Dog, My Hero**. A panel of three judges has to decide which dog out of eight finalists deserves to win the title of "My Hero." **(SC Bya)**

Byars, Betsy. **Tornado**. As they wait out a tornado in their storm cellar, a family listens to their farmhand tell stories about the dog that was blown into his life by another tornado when he was a boy. **(Fic Bya)**

Cleary, Beverly. **The Mouse and the Motorcycle**. A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy at the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling. Series (Fic Cle)

DiCamillo, Kate. **Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride**. Mr. Watson's usual Saturday drive with his favorite pig, Mercy, turns into an adventure when an unexpected passenger shows up in the back seat and Mercy finds herself behind the wheel. Series **(Fic Dic)**

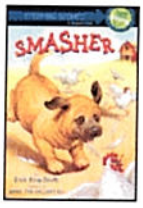
George, Twig. **A Dolphin Named Bob**. A very sick dolphin is nursed back to health by the staff of a marine aquarium and, years later, has a baby that becomes the star of the show there. **(Fic Geo)**



Haas, Jessie. **Runaway Radish**. When Radish the pony grows too big for the girls who own him, he goes to live at a horse camp where there are always new children for him to train. Series **(Fic Haa)**

King-Smith, Dick. **Jenius: the Amazing Guinea Pig**. Eight-year-old Judy tries to convince her parents and classmates that her brilliant guinea pig can do all the tricks she says it can. **(Fic Kin)**

King-Smith, Dick. **Mr. Potter's Pet**. Mr. Potter's boring life changes considerably after buying an unusual mynah bird. **(Fic Kin)**



King-Smith, Dick. **Smasher**. When Mrs. Buzzard wants to get rid of the big, ugly dog that creates a lot of trouble, Farmer Buzzard decides on a plan to save this lovable monster from banishment. **(Fic Kin)**

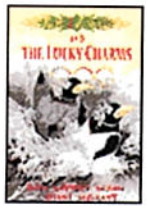
King-Smith, Dick. **Sophie in the Saddle**. Having added the puppy Puddle to her growing menagerie of cat and rabbit, animal-mad Sophie makes friends with a Vietnamese pot-bellied pig and a gray pony named Bumblebee. Series **(Fic Kin)**

Marshall, James. **Rats on the Range**. In eight stories, the reader meets a rat family that vacations at a dude ranch, a pig who takes lessons in table manners, a mouse who keeps house for a tomcat, and a buzzard who leaves his money to the Society for Stray Cats. Sequel: **Rats on the Roof**. **(SC Mar)**

McCall Smith, Alexander. **Akimbo and the Lions**. When Akimbo and his park ranger father unintentionally capture a lion cub near an African game park, Akimbo wants to keep the cub. Series **(Fic McC)**

Miles, Ellen. **Goldie.** When Charles and Lizzie Peterson get a foster puppy named Goldie, they have to teach her how to be a good puppy if they are going to convince their mother to let them keep her. Series **(Fic Mil)**

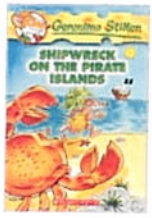
Miller, Sarah. **Three Stories You Can Read to Your Cat**. A cat hears three stories about a dull rainy day, a yummy bug, and a good day of destruction in the house. Series **(E-R Mil)**



Nixon, Joan Lowery. **Gus and Gertie and the Lucky Charms**. Two penguins arrive at the Animals' Winter Olympics with dreams of winning gold medals. Series **(Fic Nix)**

Nolan, Lucy. **Down Girl and Sit: Smarter than Squirrels**. Recounts the adventures of a rambunctious dog who thinks her name is Down Girl and her next door neighbor, Sit, as they try to keep the world safe from dangerous squirrels, the paper boy, and a frightening creature named Here Kitty Kitty. **(Fic Nol)**

Rodowsky, Colby. **Not My Dog**. Eight-year-old Ellie has to give up her life-long dream of getting a puppy after her parents agree to take in the dog that Great-Aunt Margaret can no longer keep. **(Fic Rod)**



Stilton, Geronimo. **Shipwreck on the Pirate Islands**. Geronimo Stilton, editor of The Rodent's Gazette, and his family travel to the Pirate Islands in search of a haunted pirate treasure but are stranded when a storm causes their plane to crash. Series **(Fic Sti)**

Whybrow, Ian. **Little Wolf's Book of Badness**. Little Wolf has been behaving too courteously, so his parents send him to his uncle's Big Bad Wolf School to learn to be a proper wolf. Series **(Fic Why)**

Mysteries

Adler, David. **Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds**. A fifth-grader with a photographic memory and her friend Eric help solve the theft of some stolen jewels. Series **(Fic Adl)**

Bodkin, Odds. **Ghost of the Southern Belle: a Sea Tale**. The young son of a ship's captain finds a way to end the curse of a ghost ship whose daring Confederate captain once gave him a lucky ball. **(Fic Bod)**

Bulla, Clyde Robert. **Ghost Town Treasure**. A boy living in an almost deserted town is distressed to hear that his family will have to give up their store and move into the city, but when friends visit, bringing an old diary, he hopes to find hidden gold that will keep the town from becoming a ghost town. **(Fic Bul)**

Napoli, Donna Jo. **Sly the Sleuth and the Pet Mysteries**. Sly the Sleuth, also known as Sylvia, solves three mysteries for her friends and neighbors, all involving pets, through her detective agency, Sleuth for Hire. **(SC Nap)**

Quackenbush, Robert. **Surfboard to Peril: A Miss Mallard Mystery**. While surfing in Hawaii, world-famous Miss Mallard launches into one of her most dangerous cases, one which involves the ownership of sacred land and leads to kidnapping, mistaken identities, bribery, blackmail, and death-defying chases. **(Fic Qua)**

Roy, Ron. **The Absent Author**. Dink Duncan and his two friends investigate the apparent kidnapping of famous mystery author, Wallis Wallace. Series **(Fic Roy)**

Sharmat, Marjorie. **Olivia Sharp: the Sly Spy**. E.J. the spy tries to uncover a secret that Olivia—Nate the Great's cousin, is keeping for a special client. Series **(Fic Sha)**

Stanley, George. **The Clue of the Left-Handed Envelope**. Everyone loves the new teacher, Mr. Merlin, even though he used to be a spy, and he knows all about secret codes and strange mysteries. Series **(Fic Sta)**

Stanley, George. **The Spy Who Barked.** Eight-year-old spy Adam Sharp pursues the very short Ambassador of Barkastan, who has stolen a top secret computer program, DOGBARK, that will let him understand the language of dogs. Series **(Fic Sta)**

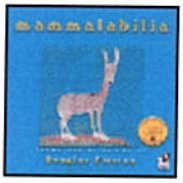
Warner, Gertrude. **The Boxcar Children**. Four orphans, two boys and two girls, set up housekeeping in an old boxcar. Series **(Fic War)**

Wright, Betty Ren. **Princess for a Week**. When a confident girl named Princess arrives to spend a week at Roddy's house, she encourages him to help her investigate the suspicious activities happening at a supposedly haunted house. **(Fic Wri)**

Folklore and Poetry

Alarcon, Francisco. **From the Bellybutton of the Moon and Other Summer Poems**. A bilingual collection of poems in which the renowned Mexican-American poet revisits and celebrates his childhood memories of summers, Mexico, and nature. **(460 Ala)**

Florian, Douglas. **Mammalabilia**. A collection of humorous poems about interesting animals. Sequel: **Insectlopedia**. **(811.54 Flo)**



George, Kristine. **Toasting Marshmallows: Camping Poems**. A collection of poems about camping. **(811.54 Geo)**

Goble, Paul. **Iktomi and the Boulder**. Iktomi, a Plains Indian trickster, attempts to defeat a boulder with the assistance of some bats, in a story which explains why the Great Plains are covered with small stones. Series **(398.2 Gob)**

Grimm, Jacob. **The Twelve Dancing Princesses**. A retelling of the tale of a dozen princesses who dance secretly all night long and the poor soldier who follows them and discovers where they dance. **(398.2 Gri)**

Hausman, Gerald. **How Chipmunk Got Tiny Feet: Native American Animal Origin Stories**. How Coyote got yellow eyes; how Bat learned to fly; how Lizard got flat; how hawk stopped the flood with his tail feather; how Horse got fast; how Possum lost a tail; and how Chipmunk got tiny feet. **(398.24 Hau)**

Hopkins, Lee Bennett. **The Sea is Calling Me**. A collection of poems by a variety of authors about the ocean, the seashore, lighthouses, seashells, sandcastles, and other objects associated with the sea. **(811 Hop)**

Huck, Charlotte. **Princess Furball**. A princess in a coat of a thousand furs hides her identity from a king who falls in love with her. **(398.2 Huc)**

Katz, Alan. **Take Me Out of the Bathtub and Other Silly Dilly Songs**. Well-known songs, including "Oh Susanna" and "Row Row Row Your Boat," are presented with new words and titles, such as "I'm So Carsick" and "Go Go Go to Bed." Series **(782.42 Kat)**

Kellogg, Steven. **Pecos Bill**. Incidents from the life of Pecos Bill, from his childhood among the coyotes to his unusual wedding. American Tall Tales Series **(398.22 Kel)**

Lobel, Arnold. **Fables**. Twenty original fables about a wide array of animal characters. **(E Lob)**

MacDonald, Margaret Read. **The Old Woman Who Lived in a Vinegar Bottle**. In this British variant of a traditional tale, an ungrateful woman who complains constantly about her house is granted increasingly grandiose wishes by a fairy. **(398.2 Mac)**

O'Neill, Mary. **Hailstones and Halibut Bones**. Twelve poems about various colors and what each suggests to the poet. **(811 One)**

Paterson, Katherine. **The Tale of the Mandarin Ducks**. A pair of mandarin ducks, separated by a cruel lord who wishes to possess the drake for his colorful beauty, rewards a compassionate couple who risk their lives to reunite the ducks. **(398.2 Pat)**

Pinkney, Brian. **Sukey and the Mermaid**. Unhappy with her life at home, Sukey receives kindness and wealth from Mama Jo the mermaid. **(398.2 Pin)**

Schwartz, Alvin. **In a Dark, Dark Room, and Other Scary Stories**. Seven scary stories to tell at night in front of a roaring campfire, based on traditional stories and folktales from various countries. **(E-R Sch)**

San Souci, Robert. **Brave Margaret: an Irish Adventure**. In this retelling of an Irish folktale, a brave young woman battles a sea serpent and rescues her true love from a giant. **(398.2 San)**

San Souci, Robert. **Cendrillon**. A Creole variant of the familiar Cinderella tale set in the Caribbean and narrated by the godmother who helps Cendrillon find true love. **(398.2 San)**

Sanderson, Ruth. **Papa Gatto: an Italian Fairy Tale**. Seeking someone to care for his motherless kittens, Sir Gatto, advisor to the Prince, hires a beautiful, but lazy girl, and then her plain stepsister. **(398.2 San)**

Thayer, Ernest L. **Casey at the Bat: a Ballad of the Republic Sung in the Year 1888**. A classic baseball ballad about a celebrated baseball player who strikes out at the crucial moment. **(811 Tha)**

Non-Fiction Books

Ablow, Gail. **A horse in the House, and other Strange but True Animal Stories.** Strange, but true, stories featuring animals from around the world. **(590 Abl)**

Aliki. **Ah, Music!** Surveys the history and components of music, concentrating on Western musical traditions. **(780 Ali)**

Ammon, Richard. **Conestoga Wagons**. Explains how Conestoga wagons were built and driven, as well as their historical significance and importance to the early American economy. **(388.34 Amm)**

Arnosky, Jim. **Crinkleroot's 25 Fish Every Child Should Know**. Presents paintings of twelve freshwater fish, including the carp, bass, and trout; and thirteen saltwater fish, including the flounder, tuna, swordfish and seahorse. **(597 Arn)**

Bishop, Nic. **Backyard Detective: Critters Up Close**. Describes a variety of animals and insects that can be found close to home and offers tips on how to observe them. **(591.75 Bis)**

Cole, Joanna. **Ms. Frizzle's Adventures: Medieval Castle**. Ms. Frizzle and Arnold find themselves in a twelfth-century English castle with barely time for a tour before an invading army attacks. Series **(728.8 Col)**

George, Jean. **How to Talk to Your Cat**. Describes how cats communicate with people through their behavior and sounds and explains how to talk back to them using sounds, behavior, and body language. **(636.8 Geo)** Sequel: **How to Talk to Your Dog. (636.7 Geo)**

Gibbons, Gail. **Sharks!** Describes shark behavior and different kinds of sharks. **(597.31 Gib)**

Gutell, Andrew. **Baseball's Best: Five True Stories**. Examines the accomplishments of Babe Ruth, Joe DiMaggio, Jackie Robinson, Roberto Clemente, and Hank Aaron, all of whom were elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame. **(920 Gut)**

Leedy, Loreen. **Postcards from Pluto: a Tour of the Solar System**. Dr. Quasar gives a group of children a tour of the solar system, describing each of the planets from Mercury to Pluto. **(523.2 Lee)**

Levine, Caroline. **Knockout Knock Knocks**. Presents a collection of sixty-one jokes—parents get ready for a long car ride home from the library! **(793.7 Lev)**

Linz, Kathi. **Chickens May Not Cross the Road and Other Crazy (but True) Laws**. A collection of humorous laws from across the country, along with information on why we have laws and how they are established. **(348.73 Lin)**

Mitton, Jacqueline. **Zoo in the Sky: a Book of Animal Constellation**. Recalls stories the ancient peoples told about the constellation patterns of animals in the sky. **(523.8 Mit)**

Sandved, Kjell. **The Butterfly Alphabet**. Stunning photographs reveal (in the delicate wings of butterflies and moths from around the world), an exquisite alphabet written in nature's own hand. **(595.78 San)**

Shea, George. **Amazing Rescues**. Describes remarkable rescues in such situations as a skydiving accident, an alligator attack, and a fall down a well. **(920 She)**

Tang, Greg. **Math for All Seasons**. A collection of math puzzles that invites readers to group seasonal objects to solve riddles. **(793.7 Tan)**

Biographies

Adler, David. **The Babe and I**. While helping his family make ends meet during the Great Depression by selling newspapers, a boy meets Babe Ruth. **(E Adl)**

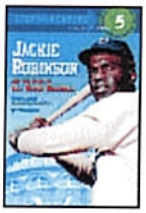
Chandra, Deborah. **George Washington's Teeth**. A rhyme portrays George Washington's struggle with bad teeth and a timeline taken from diary entries and other non-fiction sources follows. **(973.41 Cha)**

Demi. **The Dalai Lama**. Retells the story of the Dalai Lama, the highest holy man in Tibet, who now resides in exile in India. **(B Bst)**

De Paola, Tomie. **26 Fairmount Avenue**. Children's author-illustrator Tomie de Paola describes his experiences at home and in school when he was a young boy. Series **(B DeP)**

Fritz, Jean. **What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin?** A brief biography of the eighteenth-century printer, inventor, and statesman who played an influential role in the early history of the United States. **(B Fra)**

McCully, Emily. **Pirate Queen**. A brief biography of a lively young woman and a courageous sea captain. **(B Oma)**



O'Connor, Jim. **Jackie Robinson and the Story of All-Black Baseball**. Presents a biography of the first African-American baseball player to play in the major leagues.
(B Rob)

Pinkney, Andrea. **Duke Ellington: the Piano Prince and his Orchestra**. A brief recounting of the career of this jazz musician and composer, who, along with his orchestra, created music that was loved by all. **(B Ell)**

Polacco, Patricia. **Firetalking**. An autobiography of the beloved children's author who visited our school this past year. Meet the Author Series **(B Pol)**

Ripken, Cal. **Cal Ripken, Jr.: Play Ball!** An autobiography of the highly honored player for the Baltimore Orioles, who in 1995 broke the record for playing the most baseball games in a row. **(B Rip)**

Schroeder, Alan. **Minty: a Story of Young Harriet Tubman**. Young Harriet Tubman, whose childhood name was Minty, dreams of escaping slavery on the Brodas plantation in the late 1820s. **(B Tub)**

Shange, Ntozake. **Muhammad Ali, the Man Who Could Float Like a Butterfly and Sting Like a Bee**. An introduction to the legendary boxer, Muhammad Ali, including his accomplishments as a fighter and his contributions to society. **(B Ali)**

Spedden, Daisy Corning. **Polar, the Titanic Bear**. An intriguing book that provides readers with an enthralling account of the Titanic disaster, as seen through the eyes of one family's teddy bear. **(910.91 Spe)**

Stevenson, James. **I Had a Lot of Wishes**. A memoir of contemporary author and illustrator, James Stevenson's childhood. Series **(B Ste)**

Walker, Sally M. **Mary Anning: Fossil Hunter**. Describes the life of Mary Anning, who discovered many of the best and most complete fossils in nineteenth-century England, yet received little credit for her work. **(B Ann)**

Brookstone 2nd Grade

Summer Reading Log

Student Name: _____

Summer Reading Requirement:

20 minutes daily or an average of 80 minutes per week for a grand total of 640 minutes.

Date	Number of Minutes	Title of Book	Parent's Initials

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Parent Signature Total Minutes Read