2020 Summer Reading, Entering Second Grade

During early childhood, the emphasis is on reading with your child and sharing the joy of stories. These titles are suggestions; feel free to pick and choose based on your child’s interests. Share with your child as you make memories that will prepare them for life!

Resource Lists and Websites

- Texas 2x2 Books 2020: https://txla.org/tools-resources/reading-lists/2x2/current-list/
- Lee and Low Books: https://www.leeandlow.com/
- We Need Diverse Books: https://diversebooks.org/
- Colours of Us: https://coloursofus.com/multicultural-childrens-books-lists/
- Branches Books: http://www.scholastic.com/branches/

Fiction

- How to Two, David Soman
- The Panda Problem, Deborah Underwood
- Daniel Finds a Poem, Micha Archer
- I Walk with Vanessa: a Story About a Simple Act of Kindness, Kerascoët
- My Papi Has a Motorcycle, Isabel Quintero
- Perfect, Max Amato
- Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea, Ben Clanton
- A Place for Pluto, Stef Wade
- Ogilvy, Deborah Underwood
- The Very Impatient Caterpillar, Ross Burach
- The Last Peach, Gus Gordon
- Big Words Small Stories series, Judith Henderson

Nonfiction

- Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpre’, Anika Denise
- A Green Place to Be: The Creation of Central Park, Ashley B. Yazdani
- The Proper Way to Meet a Hedgehog and Other How-To Poems, Paul B. Jameczko
- Glow, W. H. Beck
- If Sharks Disappeared, Lily Williams
- Inky’s Amazing Escape: How a Very Smart Octopus Found His Way Home, Sy Montgomery
- Lovely Beasts: The Surprising Truth, Kate Gardner
- Malala’s Magic Pencil, Malala Yousafzai
- Ordinary People Change the World series, Brad Meltzer
- Skyscraper, Jorey Hurley
- Spring After Spring: How Rachel Carson Inspired the Environmental Movement, Stephanie Roth Sisson
- Lion of the Sky: Haiku for All Seasons, Laura Purdie Salas

Chapter Book Series

- Detective Gordon, Ulf Nilsson
- Here’s Hank, Henry Winkler
- Anna Banana, Anica Mrose Rissi
- Jake Maddox sports, Jake Maddox
- Jasmine Toguchi, Debbi Michico Florence
- Lola Levine, Monica Brown
- Wild Child, Tara Zann
- Mango and Bambang, Polly Faber
- Galaxy Zack, Ray O’ Ryan
- Notebook of Doom, Troy Cummings
- Owl Diaries, Rebecca Elliott
- Press Start, Thomas Flintham
- Who Was? nonfiction series, various authors

Mindfulness

- Beautiful Oops! Barney Saltzberg
- The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes, Mark Pett
- A Handful of Quiet: Happiness in Four Pebbles, Thich Nhat Hanh
- Happy Dreamer, Peter H. Reynolds
- The Most Magnificent Thing, Ashley Spires
- We’re All Wonders, R. J. Palacio
- What Do You Do with a Problem? Kobi Yamada
- When Sophie Thinks She Can’t, Molly Bang