

Second Grade

1.	<i>The Adventures of Taxi Dog</i> 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.
2.	<i>Stellaluna</i> by Janell Cannon	After she falls headfirst into a bird's nest, a baby bat is raised like a bird until she is reunited with her mother.
3.	<i>The Dog That Stole Home</i> by Matt Christopher	When his telepathic dog Harry is grounded for nipping another dog, Mike wonders how he will ever make it through the baseball game without his advice and encouragement.
4.	<i>Dogku</i> by Andrew Clements	Tells a story through haiku about a dog named Mooch and the many things it does, such as riding in a car, barking at the neighbors, and chewing on dirty socks.
5.	<i>Diary of a worm</i> by Doreen Cronin	A young worm discovers day by day, that there are some very good and some not so good things about being a worm in this great big world.
6.	<i>The Bat Boy & His Violin</i> by Gavin Curtis	Reginald is more interested in practicing his violin than in his father's job managing the worst team in the Negro Leagues, but when Papa makes him the bat boy and his music begins to lead the team to victory, Papa realizes the value of his son's passion.
7.	<i>26 Fairmount Avenue</i> by Tomie DePaola	Children's author-illustrator Tomie De Paola describes his experiences at home and in school when he was a boy.
8.	<i>Mercy Watson to the Rescue</i> By Kate DiCamillo	After Mercy the pig spends the night in the Watson's bed, all three awaken with the bed teetering on the edge of a big hole in the floor and it is up to Mercy to save them.
9	<i>Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse</i> by Kevin Henkes	Lilly loves everything about school, especially her teacher, but when he asks her to wait a while before showing the class her new purse, she does something for which she is very sorry later.
10.	How Many Ways-- Can You Catch a Fly? by Steve Jenkins	Looks at how different animals, such as a rainbow trout, chimney swift, and slender loris, approach the challenges of catching flies, digging holes, eating clams, and hatching eggs.
11.	<i>Measuring Penny</i> by Loreen Leedy	Lisa learns about the mathematics of measuring by measuring her dog Penny with all sorts of units, including pounds, inches, dog biscuits, and cotton swabs.
12.	<i>Baseball Saved Us</i>	A Japanese American boy learns to play

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	by Ken Mochizuki	baseball when he and his family are forced to live in an internment camp during World War II, and his ability to play helps him after the war is over.
13.	<i>Dinosaurs Before Dark</i> by Mary Pope Osborne	Eight-year-old Jack and his younger sister Annie find a magic tree house, which whisks them back to an ancient time zone where they see live dinosaurs.
14.	<i>Amelia Bedelia and the Baby</i> by Peggy Parish	Amelia Bedelia follows to the letter the list of instructions for looking after the Lanes' baby.
15.	<i>Junie B. Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus</i> by Barbara Park	In her own words, a young girl describes her feelings about starting kindergarten and what she does when she decides not to ride the bus home.
16.	<i>Aunt Chip and the Great Triple Creek Dam Affair</i> by Patricia Polacco	Aunt Chip saves the town of Triple Creek, where everyone has forgotten how to read because of the invasion of television.
17.	<i>David Goes to School</i> by David Shannon	David's activities in school include chewing gum, talking out of turn, and engaging in a food fight, causing his teacher to say over and over, "No, David!"
18.	<i>Mailing May</i> by Michael O. Tunnell	In 1914, because her family cannot afford a train ticket to her grandmother's town, May gets mailed and rides the mail car on the train to see her grandmother.
19.	<i>The Boxcar Children</i> by Gertrude Chandler Warner	Four orphaned children, afraid to go live with their grandfather, set up housekeeping in an abandoned boxcar and are doing fine until one of them becomes ill.
20.	<i>Harry and the Lady Next Door</i> by Gene Zion	Harry the dog goes to fantastic lengths to make his neighbor stop singing.