



# Summer Reading List for Students Entering Grade 2

## Picture Books & More

Call Number

Title and Author

SUMMER READING	* <b>Abdul's Story</b> by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow
SUMMER READING	* <b>Ablaze with Color</b> by Jeanne Walker Harvey
SUMMER READING	* <b>All the Way to the Top</b> by Annette Bay Pimentel
JP PEN	<b>Big Feelings</b> by Alexandra Penfold
SUMMER READING	* <b>Brains! Not Just a Zombie Snack</b> by Stacy McAnulty
JP ARO	<b>Clovis Keeps His Cool</b> by Katelyn Aronson
SUMMER READING	* <b>Cornbread &amp; Poppy</b> by Matthew Cordell
SUMMER READING	<b>Crossings: Extraordinary Structures for Extraordinary Animals</b> by Katy S. Duffield
SUMMER READING	* <b>Dear Earth...From Your Friends in Room 5</b> by Erin Dealey
SUMMER READING	<b>Digging for Words</b> by Angela Burke Kunkel
JP KEA	<b>Eat Your Rocks, Croc!</b> By Jess Keating <i>(2021 COCBA winner)</i>
SUMMER READING	<b>Facts vs. Opinions vs. Robots</b> by Michael Rex
J FERRY/GRAPHIC	<b>Fox and Rabbit</b> by Beth Ferry
JP SHA	<b>Gold!</b> by David Shannon
SUMMER READING	* <b>How to Find a Fox</b> by Kate Gardner
SUMMER READING	<b>If Animals Built your House</b> by Bill Wise
SUMMER READING	<b>If You Come to Earth</b> by Sophie Blackall
	<b>I'm Trying to Love Germs</b> by Bethany Barton
SUMMER READING	<b>In a Jar</b> by Deborah Marcero
SUMMER READING	<b>It Began With a Page: How Gyo Fujikawa Drew the Way</b> by Kyo Maclear
SUMMER READING	* <b>It Fell From the Sky</b> by Terry and Eric Fan
J KOCHALKA/GRAPHIC	<b>Johnny Boo is Bored! Bored! Bored!</b> By James Kochalka
SUMMER READING	<b>Just Ask: Be Different, Be Brave, Be You</b> by Sonia Sotomayor
SUMMER READING	<b>King of the Birds</b> by Elise Gravel
SUMMER READING	<b>Lift</b> by Minh Le
SUMMER READING	<b>Line and Scribble</b> by Debora Vogrig <i>(2022 COCBA winner)</i>
JP SPI	<b>Maxine and the Greatest Garden Ever</b> by Ruth Spiro
JP CAM	<b>Maybe Something Beautiful</b> by F. Isabel Campoy & T. Howell
SUMMER READING	<b>Maybe Tomorrow?</b> by Charlotte Agell
SUMMER READING	<b>Meet Yasmin</b> by Saada Faruqi
SUMMER READING	<b>Peace</b> by Baptiste Paul and Miranda Paul
SUMMER READING	<b>Q&amp;U Call it Quits</b> by Steph Wade
SUMMER READING	<b>Salma the Syrian Chef</b> by Danny Ramadan

SUMMER READING	<b>Seashells: More Than a Home</b> by Melissa Stewart
SUMMER READING	* <b>Sir Ladybug</b> by Corey R. Tabor
SUMMER READING	<b>Snail Crossing</b> by Corey R. Tabor
SUMMER READING	<b>Someone Builds the Dream</b> by Lisa Wheeler
J COOPER/GRAPH	<b>Styx and Scones in the Cracked Crystal</b> by Jay Cooper
SUMMER READING	<b>Summertime Sleepers</b> by Melissa Stewart
SUMMER READING	<b>The Barnabus Project</b> by The Fan Brothers <i>(2023 COCBA winner)</i>
SUMMER READING	* <b>The Elephants Come Home</b> by Kim Tomsic
SUMMER READING	* <b>The Fastest Girl on Earth! Meet Kitty O'Neil, Daredevil Driver!</b> by Dean Robbins
JP JOH	<b>The Good Seed (or any in the collection)</b> by Jory John
SUMMER READING	* <b>The Little Wooden Robot and the Log Princess</b> by Tom Gaud
SUMMER READING	<b>The Paper Kingdom</b> by Helena Ku Rhee
SUMMER READING	<b>The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family</b> by Ibtihaj Muhammad & S.K. Ali
JP REX	<b>Wants vs. Needs vs. Robots</b> by Michael Rex
JP THO	<b>Wombat Underground</b> by Sarah Thomson
J 530.8 CHIN	<b>Your Place in the Universe</b> by Jason Chin

\*2024 Elementary Nutmeg nominee

### Shorter Chapter Books (can be read alone or shared with someone else)

J WEST	<b>Dragon Masters</b> (series) by Tracey West
J BUT/BL 2	<b>King and Kayla</b> (series) by Dori Hillestad Butler
J WEST	<b>Mia Mayhem</b> (series) by Kara West
J CLANTON/GRAPHIC	<b>Narwhal &amp; Jelly</b> (series) by Ben Clanton
J FLINTHAM	<b>Press Start</b> (series) by Thomas Flintham
J ELLIOTT	<b>Unicorn Diaries</b> (series) by Rebecca Elliott

### Charter Oak Children's Book Award (COCBA) 2024

**Apple and Magnolia** by Laura Gehl and Paricia Metola  
**I'm Not Missing** by Kshelle Gourley and Skylar Hogan  
**The Green Piano** by Roberta Flack, Tonya Bolden, and Hayden Goodman  
**The Perfect Plan** by Leah Gilbert  
**The Tide Pool Waits** by Candace Fleming and Amy Hevron  
**The Umbrella** by Beth Ferry and Tom Lichtenheld  
**To Change a Planet** by Christina Soontornvat and Rahele Jomepour Bell  
**Wombats are Pretty Weird** by Abi Cushman

## 2025 ELEMENTARY NUTMEG NOMINEES

(Grades 2-3)

**Anglerfish: The Seadevil of the Deep** by Elaine Alexander, art by Fiona Fogg

**Aven Green, Sleuthing Machine** by Dusti Bowling

**Batcat** by Meggie Ramm

**The Best of Iggy** by Annie Barrows, art by Kevan Atteberry

**Big Truck, Little Island** by Chris Van Dusen

**Dear Beast** by Dori Hillestad Butler

**Ducks Overboard!: A True Story of Plastic in our Oceans** by Markus Motum

**Evergreen** by Matthew Cordell

**Everything in it's Place** by Pauline David-Sax, art by Charnell Pinkney Barlow

**Fauja Singh Keeps Going** by Simran Jeet Singh, art by Baljinder Kaur

**The Great Stink** by Colleen Paeff, art by Nancy Carpenter

**My Two Border Towns** by David Bowles, art by Erika Meza

**The Sweetest Scoop** by Lisa Robinson, art by Stacy Innerst

**Wombats! Go Camping** by Maddie Frost

**Yoshi's Big Swim: One Turtle's Epic Journey Home** by Mary Wagley Copp, art by

Kaja Kajfez