

**SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUGGESTED READING LIST
ENTERING SECOND GRADE - 2010**

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s):

Summer fun is just beginning for your family. As you begin to plan your child's summer activities, we hope that you will continue to make reading a part of the fun. The Salem School District believes summer reading is a valuable experience for all students and an important extension of our educational programs. Reading is one of the most important factors in academic success, a skill that is basic to all areas of the curriculum - a skill that improves with practice. Summer reading is intended to be an enjoyable experience. While helping to keep students connected to learning during the summer vacation, it supports our objective that each student becomes a life-long reader and learner.

Below you will find some suggestions of books that we hope your child may enjoy. These books are available at Salem's Kelley Library. Please note that these titles are only suggestions. There are many other wonderful books to be discovered by your child and you. Many of the suggested authors have written other books in addition to the book titles listed.

This summer, Kelley Library will once again be offering a summer reading program. Local bookstores may also have programs to support summer reading. We urge you to take advantage of these opportunities to maintain and enhance your child's reading skills.

Wishing you a wonderful summer,
Diane Johnson
Director of Literacy

Picture Books

Agee, Jon

Retired kid Brian is tired of school, soccer practice, violin lessons, and having to eat vegetables. So he decides to retire at age eight to the Happy Sunset Retirement Community in Florida to swim and play golf. But after a few weeks of watching boring TV documentaries, drinking prune juice smoothies and weekly medical check-ups, Brian begins to remember "the good old days."

Brown, Jeff

Flat Stanley When Stanley Lambchop is flattened by a bulletin board, he ends up being four feet tall, a foot wide, and half-an-inch thick. Stanley discovers that being flat is not only exciting, but imagine being able to be mailed to friends in California in a large envelope or being flown like a kite!

Cronin, Doreen

Diary of a fly Fly, a girl with a red bow on her purple head and multifaceted green eyes, writes in her diary about her first-day-of-school worries, the challenges of fly-school classes, a visit to her aunt who is stuck on the wrong side of a screen door, and play dates with her pals Worm and Spider. Fly wants to be a superhero. And why not? She walks on walls, sees in all directions at once, and can already fly!

deGroat, Diane

No more pencils, no more books, no more teachers dirty looks! Gilbert and his first-grade classmates are nervous about their performance on the last day of school, curious about the awards they will receive, sad to be leaving their teacher, and excited about summer vacation.

DiCamillo, Kate

Louise: the adventures of a chicken No longer satisfied with her cozy coop, Louise the chicken sets off in search of adventure. She is captured by hungry pirates, survives a sinking ship, joins the circus, and becomes caged with other chickens. In the final chapter, though, she stays home and shares her tales with the other chickens, who, just by listening, become travelers, too.

Lies, Brian

Bats at the beach This rhyming story is a real reversal of a sunny day at the beach. On a moonlit night, bats pack their moon-tan lotion and baskets of treats and fly off for a night of fun.

Sierra, Judy

Secret science project that almost ate the school While her classmates are almost finished, one third grade girl is worried because she has yet to find a project for her school's science fair. Her solution is to go on the Internet, where she comes across "Professor Swami's Super Slime." If only she had read the instructions!

Wilcox, Leah

Waking Beauty Prince Charming sets off in search of dragons to slay, but instead finds a snoring princess. The fairies tell him that she's been asleep for 100 years, and he's the one to wake her up. Instead of listening to the fairies, he yells at her, dumps water on her, and throws her in a pond, but none of these work. Do you know what he should do?

Chapter Books

Adler, David

Young Cam Jansen and the double beach mystery In this summertime beach adventure, Cam, her friend Eric, and her Aunt Molly go shell collecting and then have a hard time finding Cam's mother again on the beach. Why can't they find their way back to Mom's red umbrella? What has changed? And why have Mom's papers disappeared? Cam Jansen uses her photographic memory to solve the mystery.

Arnold, Ted

Fly guy meets fly girl Fly Guy has met his match, and her name is Fly Girl. Fly Guy can do fancy flying. Fly Girl can do fancier flying. Fly Guy can say his boy's name—Bzzzzzz! And Fly Girl can say her girl's name—Lizzzzzz! Fly Guy is totally impressed, and totally smitten. Will Fly Guy and Fly Girl get married and leave Buzz without his dear pet?

- Danziger, Paula Second grade rules, Amber Brown Amber loves second grade-until her teacher announces a new rule that all students must keep their desks clean and explains that Deskarina, the desk fairy, will give out a Clean Desk Award to deserving children. Unfortunately, Amber finds that cleaning up is easier said than done.
- Guest, Elissa Iris and Walter: true friends Sometimes it takes a friend to help solve a problem. So when Iris announces that she really wants to ride Walter's horse Rain, Walter comes up with the perfect plan to help her and in turn, Iris helps Walter deal with a problem at school.
- Kenah, Katharine Best seat in second grade Sam's favorite thing about second grade is the class pet, a hamster named George Washington, so when the class goes on a field trip to a science museum, Sam cannot resist bringing George along.
- Kline, Suzy Herbie Jones sails into second grade The first day of second grade brings wonderful surprises for Herbie. Not only does Herbie have a new teacher (with a boat themed classroom) but he also has a new friend. Things are not always smooth sailing for Herbie, but a quick phone call to his beloved grandfather helps put Herbie back on course.

Chapter Books - Series

- Barrows, Annie Ivy and Bean Ivy has just moved in across the street from Bean, who wants no part of her. Bean was sure that the new neighbor would not be any fun. But the day Bean pulls a trick that goes wrong and Ivy comes to her rescue, a friendship is born.
- DiCamillo, Kate Mercy Watson Mercy Watson is a very lovable pig who enjoys the finer things in life. Mr. and Mr. Watson indulge Mercy, who is not just a pig — she's a "porcine wonder." Mercy always gets into trouble, but it's nothing that a little buttered toast can't fix.
- Kline, Suzy Horrible Harry Room 2B in South School is never dull with Harry and his friends in class. Harry is a troublesome second grader who plays pranks and gets into mischief but can still end up a good friend.
- Park, Barbara Junie B. Jones Junie B. Jones just can't help herself! No matter how hard she tries, she keeps getting into all kinds of scrapes. But no matter how much trouble she gets into, Junie B. will make you laugh as you follow her adventures through kindergarten and first grade.

Rylant, Cynthia

Henry and Mudge The stories of Henry and his enormous dog, Mudge, capture the excitement and wonder of ordinary childhood experiences from splashing in puddles to playing spies to taking a family trip to the country.

Sharmat, Marjorie

Nate the Great There isn't a case too great for the one and only Nate. With help from his friends, his trusty dog Sludge and a few pancake pick-me-ups along the way, Nate the Great uses his brain to solve these elementary school mysteries.

Nonfiction

Life-size zoo : from tiny rodents to gigantic elephants, an actual-sized animal encyclopedia Beautiful photographs provide a rare opportunity to see animal faces up close. The book includes twenty actual size photographs of small animals and partial shots of larger ones (for bigger animals, like the elephant, the pages fold out). Some basic information about each animal is included in a fact box.

Goldstone, Bruce

Great estimations Using colorful photos of countable objects, the author introduces estimation, beginning with eye-training exercises to recognize groupings of 10s, 100s, and 1000s. Readers are encouraged to move the book around so they can see the items from different perspectives. A hint box at the bottom of the page gives clues as to where to begin your estimations.

Hutchins, Hazel

A second is a hiccup: a child's book of time For any child who wonders, "How long will that take?", here's a book that explains and celebrates all the seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, and years of life!

Jenkins, Steve

Down, down, down : A journey to the bottom of the sea Half the earth's surface is covered by water more than a mile deep, but most of this watery world is a mystery to us. Starting at the surface of the Pacific Ocean, some of the animals that live in descending layers of the water are described. As the layers go deeper, it becomes darker and colder. Learn how this affects the lives of these amazing sea creatures.

Florian, Douglas

Comets, stars, the moon and Mars Moving from universe to galaxy to sun, planets to constellations and "the great beyond, this collection sums up the universe in twenty playful poems. The last pages have "A Galactic Glossary" with a paragraph on the topic of each poem.