

### **A Note to Parents**

Summer reading should be pleasure reading. At this point in your child's reading life, regardless of his or her skill level, **NO BOOK IS TOO EASY!** Practice, practice, practice and fun are what your child needs now. In addition, remember the infinite importance of continuing to read out loud to your children.

Please use these lists as a guide and starting point as you and your child read through the summer. We wish you cool breezes and happy reading this summer. See you in September!

### **What are Beginning Readers?**

**Beginning Readers**, also known as **I Can Reads** or **Easy Readers**, are generally short chapter books written with a "controlled" vocabulary. These books offer children the kind of practice they need at this stage. Each publisher will have its own leveling scheme. Let your child's ease of reading and level of comprehension be your judge.

### **What are Transitional Chapter Books?**

Some children entering Second Grade will be ready for longer books this summer.

**Transitional or Beginning Chapter Books** are specifically designed with short chapters, simpler language, large font, a smattering of pictures, and subject matter that is both appealing and appropriate for 7 and 8 year olds.

### **Where do Picture Books fit in?**

**Picture books** are books in which the text and illustrations work together to tell the story. The vocabulary is not controlled and, therefore, many of these books should be read aloud to your child.

## **RECOMMENDED SUMMER READING FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE TWO**

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### **BEGINNING READERS**

\*TITLES WITH ASTERISKS HAVE A SEQUEL OR ARE PART OF A SERIES.

#### **Family and Friends and Animals**

Arnold, Tedd	Hooray for Fly Guy*
Bechtold, Lisze	Buster and Phoebe*
Chaconas, Dori	Cork and Fuzz*
Giovanni, Nikki	The Girls in the Circle
Guest, Elissa	Iris & Walter*
Hayes, Geoffrey	Benny & Penny*
Horowitz, Ruth	Break-Out at the Bug Lab*
Kessler, Leonard	Here Comes the Strikeout
Labatt, Mary	Sam at the Seaside*
Leonard, Marcia	Best Friends
Little, Jean	Emma's Yucky Brother*
Lobel, Arnold	Mouse Tales
Marshall, Edward	Three Up a Tree*
McMullan, Kate	Pearl and Wagner*
Meister, Cari	When Tiny Was Tiny*
Mills, Claudia	Gus and Grandpa*
Minarik, Else H.	No Fighting, No Biting!
Parish, Peggy	Amelia Bedelia*
Rylant, Cynthia	Poppleton*
Smith, Jeff	Little Mouse Gets Ready
Thomas, Jan	The Doghouse
Van Leeuwen, J.	Oliver, The Mighty Pig*
Willems, Mo	Pigs Make Me Sneeze*

### **All Kinds of Adventures**

Bang-Campbell, M.	Little Rat Sets Sail*
Brenner, Barbara	Wagon Wheels
Byars, Betsy	The Golly Sisters Go West*
Cannon, A.E.	On the Go with Pirate Pete and Pirate Joe*
Cushman, Doug	Space Cat
Douglas, Erin	Get That Pest
Laurence, Daniel	Captain and Matey Set Sail
Masters, Anthony	Ricky's Rat Gang*
O'Connor, Jane	Lulu Goes to Witch School
Smith, Janice Lee	Wizard and Wart*
Thomas, S. M.	Take Care, Good Knight*
Yolen, Jane	Commander Toad*

### **Mysteries**

Ada, Alma Flor	Daniel's Mystery Egg
Adler, David	Young Cam Jansen*
Cushman, Doug	Inspector Hopper*
Rylant, Cynthia	High Rise Private Eyes*
Sharmat, Cynthia	Nate the Great*
Skofield, James	Detective Dinosaur*

### **Just the Facts**

Brett, Jessica	Animals on the Go
Clements, Andrew	Brave Norman*
Driscoll, Laura	The Bravest Cat
Holub, Joan	Why Do Dogs Bark?*
Patrick, Jean	The Girl Who Struck Out Babe Ruth
Vern, Alex	Where Do Frogs Come From?

### **Nonfiction Series**

Fowler, Allan	Rookie Read-About Geography series
Simon, Seymour	See More Readers series
Various Authors	Hello Readers Science series
Various Authors	DK Eyewitness Readers series

## TRANSITIONAL CHAPTER BOOKS

LOOK FOR OTHER TITLES IN THE SERIES\*

### Mystery, Fantasy and Adventure

Adler, David	Cam Jansen*
Byars, Betsy	Little Horse*
Egan, Tim	Dodsworth in Paris*
Etra, Jonathan	Aliens for Breakfast*
Landon, Lucinda	Meg Mackintosh: Solve-It-Yourself Mysteries*
Orr, Wendy	Mokie and Bik*
Paterson, Katherine	The King's Equal

### On the Homefront

Baker, Keith	Meet Mr. and Mrs. Green*
Barrows, Annie	Ivy and Bean*
Bauer, Marion D.	Alison's Puppy
Blume, Judy	The One in the Middle is the Green Kangaroo
Bruell, Nick	Bad Kitty Vs. Uncle Murray*
Cameron, Ann	The Stories Julian Tells*
Catalanatto, Peter	Second Grade Friends*
Christopher, Matt	Soccer Cats*
Cooper, Ilene	Absolutely Lucy*
DiCamillo, Kate	Bink & Golly
Edwards, Michelle	The Talent Show*
Fine, Anne	Jamie & Angus Stories*
Haas, Jessie	Birthday Pony
Harper, Jessica	Uh-Oh, Cleo*
Hicks, Betty	Doubles Troubles*
Howe, James	Houndsley and Catina*
Jacobson, Jennifer	Andy Shane*
Kvasnosky, Laura	Zelda and Ivy
Lin, Grace	Ling & Ting
Look, Lenore	Ruby Lu, Brave & True*
Manushkin, Fran	Boss of the World*
Nixon, Joan L.	Gus and Gertie*
Ries, Lori	Aggie and Ben*
Rylant, Cynthia	Cobble Street Cousins*
Smith, Lane	The Happy Hockey Family*
Speck, Katie	Maybelle In the Soup*
Thomson, Melissa	Keena Ford*
Voigt, Cynthia	The Rosie Stories

## PICTURE BOOKS

Look for other titles in the series\*

Alley, Zoe	There's a Princess in the Palace
Argueta, Jorge	Arroz con leche: A Cooking Poem
Blue, Rose	Ron's Big Mission
Chwast, Seymour	She Sells Seashells: World Class Tongue Twisters
Crum, Shutta	Thunder-Boomer!
Faller, Regis	The Adventures of Polo*
Funke, Cornelia	Princess Knight
Graham, Bob	April and Esme Tooth Fairies
Gran, Julia	Big Bug Surprise
Gray, Mimi	Traction Man is Here!*
Henson, Heather	That Book Woman
Hurst, Carol	Rocks in His Head
Johnson, Angela	Just Like Josh Gibson
Juster, Norton	Odious Ogre
Kalman, Maria	Smarty Pants (Pete in School)*
Khan, Rukhsana	Big Red Lollipop
Lamstein, Sarah	A Big Night for Salamanders
Levine, Gail Carson	Betsy Red Hoodie*
Look, Lenore	Uncle Peter's Amazing Chinese Wedding
McDonald, Megan	Hinky-Pink: An Old Tale
Mora, Pat	Book Fiesta!
O'Brien, Patrick	Captain Raptor and the Moon Mystery*
O'Callahan, Jay	Raspberries!
Pak, Soyung	Dear Juno
Perkins, Lynne Rae	Pictures from Our Vacation
Reynolds, Aaron	Metal Man
Rodman, Mary A.	My Best Friend
Salley, Coleen	Epossumondas*
Scanlon, Liz Garton	All the World
Steig, William	Amos and Boris
Stein, David Ezra	Interrupting Chicken
Thomson, Bill	Chalk
Willems, Mo	city dog, country frog
Williams, Vera	A Chair for My Mother*

## NON-FICTION

Andrews-Goebel	The Pot That Juan Built
Aylesworth, Jim	Our Abe Lincoln
Barretta, Gene	Now & Ben: The Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin
Berne, Jennifer	Manfish: The Story of Jacques Cousteau
Bradley, Timothy	Paleo Bugs
Brown, Monica	Pele: King of Soccer
Bulion, Leslie	Hey There, Stink Bug!
Davies, Nicola	Ice Bear
Deedy, Carmen A.	14 Cows for America
Floca, Brian	Lightship
French, Vivian	Yucky Worms
Jenkins, Steve	Down, Down, Down: A Journey to the Bottom of the Sea
Kerby, Pamela F.	What Bluebirds Do
Kerley, Barbara	What to Do About Alice?
Markle, Sandra	Sneaky Spinning Baby Spiders
McCully, Emily	Secret Cave
Moss, Marissa	Mighty Jackie: The Strike-Out Queen
Napoli, Donna Jo	Mama Miti
Sobol, Richard	An Elephant in the Backyard
Stone, Tanya Lee	Sandy's Circus: A Story About Alexander Calder
Winter, Jonah	Sonia Sotomayor

### Poetry

Florian, Douglas	Dinothesaurus
George, Christine O.	Emma's Dilemma
Hoberman, Maryann	You Read to Me, I'll Read to You
Hopkins, Lee B.	City I Love
Johnson, Dinah	Black Magic
Machlachlan, P.	Once I Ate a Pie
Schertle, Alice	Button Up!
Sidman, Joyce	Red Sings From Treetops