

**Community School of Naples**  
**2022 Suggested Summer Reading – Grades 1-2**

Alexander, Kwame. ***Acoustic Rooster and His Barnyard Band***. Sleeping Bear Press, 2011. Acoustic Rooster forms a jazz band with Duck Ellington, Bee Holliday, and Pepe Ernesto Cruz to compete in the annual Barnyard Talent Show against such greats as Thelonius Monkey, Mules Davis, and Ella Finchgerald.

Appelt, Kathi. ***Mogie: The Heart of the House***. Atheneum, 2014. A rambunctious puppy finds a home at the Ronald McDonald House, a place that houses sick children and their families while they undergo treatment.

Applegate, Katherine. ***Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla***. Clarion, 2014. This picture book is an introduction to the true story of Ivan, the shopping mall gorilla that inspired the Newbery-winning novel *The One and Only Ivan*.

Arnold, Tedd. ***Fly Guy Presents: Bats***. Scholastic, 2015. Learn all about bats with Fly Guy! *Series*

Aureliani, Franco. ***Dino-Mike***. Stone Arch Books, Chapter Book - A series of early chapter books by the Eisner-Award winning creator of Tiny Titans, Franco Aureliani! The son of a famous paleontologist, 8-year-old Michael Evans travels the world with his dino-huntin' dad. From the Jurassic Coast in Great Britain to the Liaoning Province in China, young Mike and his pops have been there dug that. On each of these trips, when his dad is dusting fossils, Mike's boning up on his own dino-tracking skills Follow Dino-Mike on these wild and wacky adventures, which nobody will ever believe. *Series*

Banks, Kate. ***Max's Math***. Frances Foster Books, 2015. Max and his brothers drive to Shapeville and Count Town searching for problems and can use their skills in arithmetic and sleuthing to help get things ready for a rocket launch.

Barrows, Annie. ***Ivy + Bean***. Chronicle Books, Chapter Book - Features humorous stories about two mischievous and delightful girlfriends, Ivy and Bean who never meant to like each other. *Series*

Barton, Chris. ***Whoosh! Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions***. Charlesbridge, 2016. A biography of Lonnie Johnson, an engineer at NASA who is best known for inventing the Super Soaker water gun.

Beaty, Andrea. ***Ada Twist, Scientist***. Abrams Books, 2016. Ada Twist is a very curious girl who shows perseverance by asking questions and performing experiments to find things out and understand the world.

Blabey, Aaron. ***The Return of Thelma the Unicorn***. Scholastic Press, 2020. "Told in rhyming text, Thelma is a pony who created a big splash when she dressed up and

posed as a unicorn, but she returned to her best friend Otis the donkey when fame proved to be stressful; now her many fans want her back, and Thelma is reluctant--until Otis agrees to go along as her manager and backup, so she can concentrate on being awesome"--OCLC.

Blabey, Aaron. ***The Bad Guys***. Scholastic, 2016. In this new graphic novel series, bad guys are doing good deeds. Whether you want them to or not! They sound like bad guys; they look like bad guys...and they even smell like bad guys. But Mr. Wolf, Mr. Piranha, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Shark are about to change all that. **Series**

Burks, James. ***Bird & Squirrel on the Edge!*** Graphix, 2015. Featuring Bird and Squirrel. Amnesia, crossing a mountain, and rescuing a baby bear keep this Bird and Squirrel adventure laughter filled. **Series**

Byers, Grace. ***I Am Enough***. Balzer + Bray, 2018. "Shares a story of loving who you are, respecting others and being kind to one another"--OCLC.

Choi, Yamgsook. ***The Name Jar***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2001. When young Unhei left Korea, her grandmother gave her a small wooden block with her name carved in it. In America, however, no one can pronounce her name, and Unhei decides to choose a new one. Eventually, though, she comes to realize that she likes her Korean name best. The sensitively told story is illustrated with warm paintings that portray Unhei's multicultural urban neighborhood and school.

Clanton, Ben. ***Super Narwhal and Jelly Jolt***. Tundra Books, 2017. Join Narwhal and his best friend Jelly on three new undersea adventures told in graphic novel format. **Series**

Cornwall, Gaia. ***Jabari Jumps***. Candlewick, 2017. With his father's support and encouragement, Jabari overcomes his fear, musters up his courage, and jumps off the swimming pool diving board.

Daywalt, Drew. ***The Day the Crayons Came Home***. Philomel, 2015. One day, Duncan is happily coloring with his crayons when a stack of postcards arrives in the mail from his former crayons, each of whom has run away or been left behind, and all of whom want to come home.

Deedy, Carmen Agra. ***The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet!*** Scholastic, 2017. When the mayor of a noisy village passes harsh rules about singing, a persistent rooster inspires the villagers to rebel and bring back singing.

Elliott, Rebecca. ***Owl Diaries Series*** Scholastic. Chapter Book - Eva Wingddale gets in over her head when she decides to create a Bloomtastic Festival at school. Even with her best friend Lucy's help, there is no way she will get everything done in time. Will Eva have to ask Sue (a.k.a. Meanie McMeanerson) for help? Or will the festival have to be

cancelled? This owl-dorable series will appeal to girls who love stories about animals and friendship! *Series*

Fleming, Candace. ***Honeybee: the busy life of Apis mellifera*** Neal Porter Books, Holiday House, 2020. Includes bibliographical references. Describes the behaviors, habitat, and physical characteristics of the honeybee.

Flintham, Thomas. ***Press Start: Super Rabbit All-Stars***. Scholastic, 2020. Super Rabbit Boy is the strongest, bravest, fastest animal in all the land and he's also the star in a video game! *Series*

Funk, Josh. ***Dear Dragon*** Viking, 2016. As a school project, George and Blaise become pen pals, writing rhyming letters about their favorite things to do, unaware that one is human and the other a dragon.

Green, Poppy. ***A New Friend***. Little Simon, 2015. Eight-year-old Sophie Mouse is excited to return to school after the long winter break, but there is a new student-a snake-and Sophie and the other animals are afraid to sit near him, much less ask him to play with them, because they have heard that snakes are awful. *Series*

Greenwalt, Kelly. ***I Can Build It!*** Scholastic, 2020. Princess Truly is a great inventor with her magic, sparkling curls, she can build anything from a Brushy-Brush machine to a super-cool, turbo-boosted racing bike for her little brother. But when Truly and her sidekick pug Sir Noodles discover that the animal shelter is all out of treats, it's time for their biggest invention yet... the Super Snack Machine

Gutman, Dan. ***My Weird School: Teamwork Trouble***. Harper, 2018. Ryan wants to form a curling team at school with A.J. and Andrea, but soon trouble amongst his teammates threatens to end their season early. *Series*

Hale, Shannon. ***The Princess in Black*** Candlewick, Chapter Books. For fans of princesses AND superheroes--Shannon and Dean Hale's hilarious and action-packed Princess in Black! *Series*.

Hanlon, Abby. ***Dory Fantasmagory. – Series*** Dial Books, Chapter Book - Move over, Junie B. Jones and Ivy & Bean – even though we love them all! Here comes a lovably energetic little sister with a BIG personality--and an imagination to match. As the youngest in her family, Dory really wants attention, and more than anything she wants her brother and sister to play with her. But she's too much of a baby for them, so she's left to her own devices-and her wild imagination and indefatigable energy. With plenty of pictures bursting with charm and character, this hilarious series about an irresistible rascal is the new must-read for the chapter-book set. *Series*

Hernandez, Laurie. ***She's Got This***. Harper, 2018. "When Zoe sees a gymnast competing on TV, she realizes that gymnastics is just like flying. She goes to class and

learns to tumble and roll and leap. But when she falls off the balance beam, she discovers that following her dreams is harder than she thought. Is Zoe brave enough to fly, knowing she might fall?"--Provided by publisher.

John, Jory. ***The Good Egg***. HarperCollins, 2019. When the other eggs in his carton behave badly, the good egg feels like he needs to be perfect.

Juster, Norton. ***The Hello, Goodbye Window***. Michael Di Capua Books/Hyperion Books for Children, 2005. A little girl talks about the special kitchen window at her beloved Nanny and Poppy's house from which a person can see anyone or anything coming and going.

Kelly, Scott. ***My Journey to the Stars***. Crown, 2017. A picture book memoir about NASA astronaut Scott Kelly that takes readers on a journey through his childhood as an average student to his record-breaking year among the stars.

Levine, Sara. ***Tooth by Tooth: Comparing Fangs, Tusks, and Chompers***. Millbrook, 2016.

Includes bibliographical references. "What animal would you be if a few of your teeth grew so long that they stuck out of your mouth even when it closed? What would you be if your top canine teeth grew almost all the way down to your feet?"

LoPresti, Angeline. ***A Place for Zero: A Math Adventure***. Charlesbridge, 2003. As Zero searches to find his place, he learns of his additive and multiplicative identities, and then he establishes place value.

Mallery, Sydra. ***A Most Unusual Day***. Greenwillow, 2018. Something is unusual about today, from the time Caroline wakes up, throughout her day at school, until her parents greet her with an unusually perfect surprise.

Mattick, Lindsay. ***Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear***. Little, Brown, 2015. A fictionalized account of Captain Harry Coleburn's relationship with a bear cub in 1914, which he rescued while on his way to care for soldiers' horses during World War I and became the inspiration for A.A. Milne's Winnie-the-Pooh.

McDonald, Megan. ***Stink and the Ultimate Thumb-Wrestling Smackdown***. Candlewick, 2011. When Stink Moody gets a "U" (for Unsatisfactory) in gym, he turns first to thumb-wrestling, then to karate, to give him a sporting edge. *Series*

Mosca, Julia Finely. ***The Doctor with an Eye for Eyes: The Story of Dr. Patricia Bath***. Innovation Press, 2017. The second book in a educational series about the inspirational lives of amazing scientists! In addition to the illustrated rhyming tale, you'll find a complete biography, fun facts, a colorful timeline of events, and even a note from Dr. Bath herself! (*Amazing Scientist series*)

Santat, Dan. ***After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again***. Roaring Brook, 2017. After his famous fall, Humpty Dumpty summons his courage to get back up and is rewarded with something amazing.

Santat, Dan. ***Harold & Hog Pretend for Real!*** Hyperion, 2019. Can the friendship of best friends Harold and Hog, a carefree elephant and a careful hog, survive a game of pretending to be Mo Willems's Elephant and Piggie?

Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman, and Mitchell Sharmat. ***Nate the Great and the Hungry Book Club***. Delacorte, 2009. Rosamond, who starts a book club, claims there is a monster on the loose that is ruining pages of her cookbook, which leads Nate the Great and his dog Sludge to investigate as undercover detectives. *Series*

Sotomayor, Sonia. ***Just Ask! Be Different, Be Brave, Be You***. Philomel Books, 2019. A group of children with different abilities and strengths come together to build a community garden. *Schneider Family Book Award 2020*

Stockdale, Susan. ***Stripes of All Types***. Peachtree, 2013. An introduction to the many ways that animals wear stripes and includes an afterword with a brief description of each animal and a matching game.

Vail, Rachel. ***A is for Elizabeth***. Feiwel and Friends, 2019. Elizabeth, the second-grade sister of Justin Case, is excited about her first homework assignment, but it leads her to start a protest of alphabetical order. *Series*

Van Dusen, Chris. ***If I Built a School***. Dial Books. Imaginative Jack describes the kind of school he would build--one full of animals, with tubes to transport students directly to their classrooms, and library books that come alive. *Series*

Verde, Susan. ***I Am Love: A Book of Compassion***. Abrams Books, 2019. This picture book series teaches self-empowerment while focusing on the benefits of compassion and kindness toward all--which are needed now more than ever.

Vere, Ed. ***Max and Bird***. Sourcebooks, 2017. Max, a kitten, and Bird, a very young bird, want to be friends, but Max also wants to eat Bird, so they strike a deal. *Series*

Young, Amy. ***A Unicorn Named Sparkle***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2016. Lucy wants a unicorn, and although when he arrives, he is not at all what she imagined, she warms up to him and realizes he is special after all.

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## **Great Chapter Book Series for 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders –**

***Diary of an Ice Princess*** by Christina Soontornvat  
***Bird and Squirrel*** by James Burks  
***Eerie Elementary*** by Jack Chabert  
***Zoey and Sassafras*** by Asia Citro  
***Judy Moody and Friends*** — by Megan McDonald  
***Stink: The Super-Incredible Shrinking Kid*** by Megan McDonald  
***Mercy Watson*** by Kate DiCamillo  
***Dory Fantasmagory*** by Abby Hanlon  
***Magic Tree House*** by Mary Pope Osborne  
***Dragon Masters*** by Tracy West  
***The Bad Guys*** by Asson Blabey  
***Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot*** by Dav Pilkey  
***The Last Firehawk*** by Katrina Charman  
***KidSpy*** by Mac Barnett  
***The Notebook of Doom*** by Troy Cummings  
***Zita the Spacegirl*** by Ben Hatke  
***A to Z Mysteries*** by Rob Roy  
***The Critter Club*** by Callie Barkley  
***Rainbow Fairies*** by Daisy Meadows  
***Amelia Bedelia*** by Herman Parish  
***From an Idea to Disney How Imagination Built a World of Magic*** by Lowey Bundy Sischol  
***Who Would Win*** - Jerry Pallotta  
***Animal Plant Chapter Books*** by James Buckley Jr  
***Unicorn Rescue*** Series by Adam Gidwitz

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