

The Youth Desk

Second Grade Reads

Picture Books

- Becker **Journey**
By Aaron Becker
What would you draw if everything you drew became real?
- Bergman **Snip Snap!: What's That?**
By Mara Bergman and illustrated by Nick Maland
Will the children overcome their fear to stop the advancing alligator?
- Chen **Guji Guji**
By Chih-Yuan Chen
An un-duck like egg rolls into Mother Duck's nest, but she loves her odd duck no matter what.
- Cronin **Diary of a Spider**
By Doreen Cronin and illustrated by Harry Bliss
He goes to school like you, but also spins sticky webs and scales walls.
- Jenkins **The Fun Book of Scary Stuff**
By Emily Jenkins and illustrations by Hyewon Yum
From monsters to sharks, facing your fears may be easier than you think.
- Kennedy **Ragweed's Farm Dog Handbook**
By Anne Vittur Kennedy
It's a tough job being a farm dog, but Ragweed's handbook will tell you all you need to know.
- Knudsen **Argus**
By Michelle Knudsen and illustrated by Andrea Wesson
The egg Sally received is different from her classmates' eggs and certainly doesn't look like a chick once it has hatched.
- Lefranc **I Want to Eat Your Books**
By Karin Lefranc and Tyler Parker
There's a zombie at the desk next to yours, but no worries, he'd rather eat books than brains.
- Menchin **Grandma in Blue with Red Hat**
By Scott Menchin and illustrated by Harry Bliss
Works of art in museums are one of a kind, but so are grandmas.
- Messner **How to Read a Story**
By Kate Messner and illustrated by Mark Siegel
Step 1: Find a story. Step 2: Find a reading buddy (Someone nice.) Step 3: Find a reading spot (Couches are cozy.) Now: Begin.
- Petty **I Don't Want to Be a Frog**
By Dev Petty and illustrated by Mike Boldt
Frog is tired of being a frog, but after meeting a wolf he discovers being a frog isn't so bad.

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- Rim **Chee-Kee: A Panda in Bearland**
By Sujean Rim
Chee-Kee Loo feels out of place when he moves to Bearland with his family. Adorable conversation starter about fitting in and the immigrant experience.
- Scieszka **Battle Bunny**
By Jon Scieszka and Mac Barnett with illustrations by Matthew Myers
How do you make a cutesy book about a bunny awesome? Add rockets and bombs, of course!
- Scieszka **The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales**
By Jon Scieszka and illustrated by Lane Smith
Super silly tales from The Really Ugly Duckling to Little Red Riding Running Shorts and more.
- Schwartz **Things I Learned in Second Grade**
By Amy Schwartz
These are the things Andrew learned in second grade, but what will you learn?
- Steig **Sylvester and the Magic Pebble**
By William Steig
Sylvester finds a wish granting pebble, but makes an unexpected wish.

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Early Readers

- Adler **Bones and the Big Yellow Mystery**
By David A. Adler and illustrated by Barbara Newman
Detective Bones is on the case, but will he have what it takes to find the lost school bus?
- Bang-Campbell **Little Rat Rides**
By Monika Bang-Campbell and illustrated by Molly Bang
Little rat is determined to ride a horse, but no one told her they were so big.
- Cazet **Minnie and Moo Go to Paris**
By Denys Cazet
Two friends try traveling to Paris by bus.
- Cushman **Inspector Hopper**
By Doug Cushman
This tiny sleuth and his partner, McBugg, can crack any case.
- Griffiths **The Big Fat Cow That Goes Kapow**
By Andy Griffiths and illustrated by Terry Denton
Ten short stories filled with rhyming fun and a big fat cow that goes 5, 4, 3, 2, 1...KAPOW!
- Hale **Clark the Shark: Tooth Trouble**
By Bruce Hale and illustrated by Guy Francis
Clark is nervous about visiting the dentist to deal with his loose tooth.

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- Lobel **Frog and Toad Are Friends**
By Arnold Lobel
From finding lost buttons to going swimming, Frog and Toad are always there for each other.
- Manushkin **Katie Woo Tries Something New**
By Fran Manushkin and illustrated by Tammie Lyon
From Super Scouts to making new friends, Katie Woo is always willing to try something new.
- McMullan **Pearl and Wagner: One Funny Day**
By Kate McMullan and R.W. Alley
Wagner is tired of being fooled by pranks and decides to have the last laugh.

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Chapter Books

- Barrows **Ivy & Bean**
By Annie Barrows and illustrated by Sophie Black
From the moment they met, Ivy and Bean didn't like each other, but that could be changing.
- Cameron **The Stories Julian Tells**
By Ann Cameron and illustrated by Ann Strugnell
Julian is a great storyteller, but some stories get him into trouble.
- Cronin **The Chicken Squad: The First Misadventure**
By Doreen Cronin and illustrated by Kevin Cornell
These rag tag barnyard detectives won't be swayed from solving crimes, even if aliens are involved.
- Danziger **Get Ready for Second Grade, Amber Brown**
By Paula Danziger and illustrated by Tony Ross
Amber is ready for whatever second grade throws at her, or so she thinks.
- Delton **Pee Wee Scouts: Pee Wees on First**
By Judy Delton
The Pee Wees try for a baseball badge.
- DiCamillo **Bink and Gollie**
By Kate DiCamillo and Alison McGhee with illustrations by Tony Fucile
Lace up your roller skates for the fun filled adventures of two adorable friends.
- DicCamillo **Mercy Watson Goes for a Drive**
By Kate DiCamillo and illustrated by Chris Van Dusen
Mercy loves convertible rides, but will she get the chance to drive?
- Gannett **My Father's Dragon**
By Ruth Stiles Gannett and illustrated by Ruth Chrisman Gannett
Elmer Elevator attempts to rescue a baby dragon on Wild Island.

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- Gutman **Miss Daisy is Crazy: A My Weird School Book**
By Dan Gutman and illustrated by Jim Paillot
Miss Daisy and Principal Lutz take A.J.'s idea to turn the school into a video-game arcade seriously.
- Hale **The Princess in Black**
By Shannon Hale and Dean Hale with illustrations by LeUyen Pham
Princess Magnolia has a secret, she's the monster fighting Princess in Black!
- Hanlon **Dory Fantasmagory**
By Abby Hanlon
Join Dory and her imaginary friend Mary on their many adventures, but beware the evil Mrs. Gobble Grackle.
- Kirby **Captain Awesome to the Rescue**
By Stan Kirby and illustrated by George O'Connor
Bad guys beware, Eugene McGillicuddy is the most awesome superhero ever.
- Kline **Horrible Harry in Room 2B**
By Suzy Kline and illustrated by Frank Remkiewicz
Being Harry's best friend isn't always easy, but it sure is fun.
- Look **Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things**
By Lenore Look and illustrated by LeUyen Pham
At home he's the loud superhero Firecracker Man, but at school he never says a word.
- May **Kiki, My Stylish Life: A Lotus Lane Book**
By Kyla May
Kiki loves creating outfits, hanging out with friends, and collecting fun facts. For fans of Fancy Nancy and Owl Diaries.
- Osborne **Dinosaurs Before Dark: A Magic Tree House Book**
By Mary Pope Osborne and illustrated by Sal Murdocca
What's more exciting than a tree house filled with books? A magic time traveling tree house!
- Perkins **Nuts to You**
By Lynne Rae Perkins
Two squirrels go far to save a friend who has been snatched by a hawk.
- Wissinger **Gone Fishing: A Novel in Verse**
By Tamera Will Wissinger
Sam loves fishing with his dad, but when his little sister horns in on their fishing trip, he's not too happy about it.

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Graphic Novels

- Kochalka **The Glorkian Warrior Delivers a Pizza**
By James Kochalka
The Glorkian Warrior and his talking backpack deliver a clam and peanut butter pizza.

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McCranie **Mal and Chad: The Biggest, Bestest Time Ever**
By Stephen McCranie
Mal is a super kid genius and Chad is a talking dog, but no one knows it.

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Nonfiction

- 362.4 Montalvan **Tuesday Tucks Me In: The Loyal Bond Between a Soldier and His Service Dog**
By Luis Carlos Montalvan and Brett Witter with photos by Dan Dion
Learn about a day in the life of Tuesday and his army veteran owner.
- 567.9 Milton **Dinosaur Days**
By Joyce Milton and illustrated by Franco Tempesta
Well-known and lesser-known dinosaurs are introduced, plus a pronunciation guide.
- 591.6 Jenkins **Never Smile at a Monkey: And 17 Other Important Things to Remember**
By Steve Jenkins
Some harmless looking creatures are the most dangerous.
- 597.31 Cole **Hungry, Hungry Sharks!**
By Joanna Cole and illustrated by Patricia Wynne
Amazing facts about these fearsome undersea predators.
- 597.96 Arnold **Fly Guy Presents: Snakes**
By Tedd Arnold
Fly Guy and Buzz take a field trip to the zoo to learn all about snakes.
- 599.635 London **Hippos Are Huge!**
By Jonathan London and illustrated by Matthew Trueman
Move over lions and crocodiles, it's time to learn about the deadliest animal in Africa, the hippopotamus!
- 599.75 Eszterhas **Moto and Me: My Year as a Wildcat's Foster Mom**
By Suzi Eszterhas
After being separated from his mother during a savanna fire in Kenya, a two-week-old several cat named Moto is cared for by a wildlife photographer and taught skills necessary to survive on his own.
- 921 Addams **The House That Jane Built: A Story About Jane Addams**
By Tanya Lee Stone and illustrated by Kathryn Brown
The story of the first American woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize.
- 973.4 Chandra **George Washington's Teeth**
By Deborah Chandra and Madeleine Comora with illustrations by Brock Cole
Learn about Washington's dental deficiencies.