



Suggested Reading

Incoming/Rising 2nd Graders

Students in Second Grade should read aloud with parents; and, if they can, take turns reading. Help your child think about the book by asking thoughtful questions as you go. For instance, why do you think a character does what she does? What do you think they are thinking about when they do something interesting or notable? If your child is especially interested in a particular character or passage, ask him or her to repeat part of the story to the rest of your family. Visit the library and explore new subjects.

Suggested Books:

Aesop's Fables such as:

- *The Boy Who Cried Wolf*
- *The Dog in the Manger*
- *The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing*
- *The Maid and the Milk Pail*
- *The Fox and the Grapes*

Stories by Hans Christian Anderson (Parents should read these ahead of time to make a good selection, since there are some more adult scenes.)

Just So Stories - Rudyard Kipling

George and Martha series - James Marshall

The Biggest Bear - Lynd Kendall Ward

The Magic School Bus specifically books about weather, magnets, tools, the body, insects, animals, and plants.

To help students think about these books/stories, here is a list of productive questions:

1. Who are the important characters?
2. What is the story's setting? In what place and time period does the story occur?
3. What are the major events of the story, and in what order do they occur?
4. What conflicts arise, and how are they resolved? Do any remain unresolved?