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Welcome to the Reading Explorer Challenge!

Congratulations on taking the first step toward making reading an exciting part of your family's year! This book list and reading challenge are designed to help your 2nd grader grow as a reader, explore a variety of genres, and create lasting memories through the magic of books.

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How to Use This Book List at Home

Explore Different Categories

- The book list is organized into fun and engaging categories, such as "Classic Favorites," "Animal and Nature-Themed Books," "Adventure and Fantasy," and more. Encourage your child to pick books from various categories to broaden their reading horizons.
- This approach will help your child discover new genres, topics, and authors they might love!



Set a Reading Goal

- Decide as a family how many books your child will aim to read over the school year. For example, you could set a goal of reading one book from each category or completing a specific number of books from the list.
- To make the challenge even more rewarding, break the goal into smaller milestones, such as reading 5, 10, or 20 books, and celebrate each achievement.



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Celebrate Progress

- Once your child reaches their reading goal, use the included Certificate of Achievement to recognize their hard work! Celebrating milestones builds confidence and motivates them to keep reading.
- You can also create family traditions like a "Reading Reward Night," where you watch a movie based on a favorite book or enjoy a special treat.

Incorporate Reading into Your Routine

- Set aside dedicated reading time each day or week. Even 15 minutes of reading before bed can make a big difference!
- Encourage your child to read both independently and aloud with the family. Reading aloud builds confidence, fluency, and comprehension, while independent reading fosters focus and a love of books.



Choose Books That Match Their Interests

- Let your child take the lead in selecting books from the list. If they are excited about the topic or characters, they're more likely to stick with it!
- Feel free to supplement the list with books from your local library or bookstore that spark their curiosity.

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Why Reading Aloud Matters



- Reading aloud with your child is a powerful way to:
 - Build their listening comprehension skills.
 - Expose them to more complex vocabulary and sentence structures.
 - Spark meaningful conversations about characters, themes, and lessons in the story.

At the same time, independent reading is equally important for building focus, fluency, and confidence. Find a balance between the two that works for your family!

Tips for a Successful Reading Challenge

- **Make It Fun:** Create a cozy reading corner, let your child use a fun bookmark, or add stickers to the reading log for each book finished.
- **Be Flexible:** If a book isn't capturing your child's interest, it's okay to switch to a different one. The goal is to nurture a love of reading.
- **Encourage Conversations:** Ask questions about the story to help your child think critically and connect with what they're reading. Examples: "What was your favorite part?" or "How would you have solved that problem?"
- **Model Reading:** Let your child see you reading too! It's a great way to show that reading is a lifelong activity.



What's Included



- Curated Book List: A diverse collection of books organized by category, perfect for readers.
- Reading Log Template: A simple and fun way to track your child's progress throughout the year. Select from various templates to suit your reading goals.
- Certificate of Achievement: Celebrate your child's success when they reach their reading goals!

2nd Grade

Fiction

- ☐ Frog and Toad Are Friends – Arnold Lobel
- ☐ Henry and Mudge: The First Book – Cynthia Rylant
- ☐ Mercy Watson to the Rescue – Kate DiCamillo
- ☐ Amelia Bedelia – Peggy Parish
- ☐ The Princess in Black – Shannon Hale & Dean Hale
- ☐ Nate the Great – Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
- ☐ Flat Stanley: His Original Adventure! – Jeff Brown
- ☐ Minnie and Moo Go Dancing – Denys Cazet
- ☐ Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same! – Grace Lin
- ☐ Iris and Walter – Elissa Haden Guest

Mystery

- ☐ A to Z Mysteries: The Absent Author – Ron Roy
- ☐ Cam Jansen– David A. Adler
- ☐ The Mystery of the Missing Dog – Gwendolyn Hooks
- ☐ Jigsaw Jones – James Preller
- ☐ Bink & Gollie – Kate DiCamillo & Alison McGhee
- ☐ Time Warm Trio Series
- ☐ The Bailey School Kids Series
- ☐ The Cul-de-Sac Kids – Beverly Lewis

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Funny and Silly Stories

- ☐ Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! by Mo Willems
- ☐ Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type by Doreen Cronin
- ☐ Interrupting Chicken by David Ezra Stein
- ☐ The Book with No Pictures by B.J. Novak
- ☐ We Don't Eat Our Classmates by Ryan T. Higgins
- ☐ Giggle, Giggle, Quack by Doreen Cronin
- ☐ The Monster at the End of This Book by Jon Stone
- ☐ If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff
- ☐ Arnie the Doughnut by Laurie Keller
- ☐ There's a Monster in Your Book by Tom Fletcher

Series Books for Emerging Readers

- ☐ Magic Tree House Series by Mary Pope Osborne
- ☐ Ivy and Bean Series by Annie Barrows
- ☐ Junie B. Jones Series by Barbara Park
- ☐ A to Z Mysteries Series by Ron Roy
- ☐ Flat Stanley Series by Jeff Brown
- ☐ Geronimo Stilton Series by Geronimo Stilton
- ☐ Horrible Harry Series by Suzy Kline
- ☐ Cam Jansen Series by David A. Adler

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Social Emotional Learning

- ☐ A Bad Case of Stripes – David Shannon
- ☐ The Name Jar by Yangsook Choi
- ☐ The Invisible Boy – Trudy Ludwig
- ☐ Each Kindness – Jacqueline Woodson
- ☐ Those Shoes by Maribeth Boelts
- ☐ Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon – Patty Lovell
- ☐ Chrysanthemum – Kevin Henkes
- ☐ What Should Danny Do? – Adir Levy & Ganit Levy
- ☐ Enemy Pie – Derek Munson
- ☐ The Most Magnificent Thing – Ashley Spires

Adventure and Imagination

- ☐ The Never Girls: In a Blink – Kiki Thorpe
- ☐ The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell – Chris Colfer
- ☐ Journey by Aaron Becker
- ☐ The Tale of Despereaux – Kate DiCamillo
- ☐ Bink & Gollie – Kate DiCamillo & Alison McGhee
- ☐ Dragonbreath – Ursula Vernon
- ☐ Captain Underpants Series by Dav Pilkey
- ☐ Tuesdays at the Castle – Jessica Day George

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STEM and Learning

- ☐ Ada Twist, Scientist by Andrea Beaty
- ☐ Rosie Revere, Engineer by Andrea Beaty
- ☐ Iggy Peck, Architect by Andrea Beaty
- ☐ How to Code a Sandcastle by Josh Funk
- ☐ The Most Magnificent Thing by Ashley Spires
- ☐ Hello Ruby: Adventures in Coding by Linda Liukas
- ☐ What Do You Do With an Idea? by Kobi Yamada
- ☐ Shark Lady by Jess Keating
- ☐ Over and Under the Pond by Kate Messner
- ☐ Counting on Katherine by Helaine Becker

Seasonal Favorites

- ☐ The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats
- ☐ Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn by Kenard Pak
- ☐ The Mitten by Jan Brett
- ☐ How to Catch a Turkey by Adam Wallace
- ☐ Bear Stays Up for Christmas by Karma Wilson
- ☐ Turkey Trouble by Wendi Silvano
- ☐ Snowmen at Night by Caralyn Buehner
- ☐ Groundhog's Runaway Shadow by David Biedrzycki

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Poetry and Rhymes

- ☐ Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein
- ☐ A Light in the Attic by Shel Silverstein
- ☐ Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices by Paul Fleischman
- ☐ Laugh-eteria – Douglas Florian
- ☐ Dogku – Andrew Clements
- ☐ Daniel Finds a Poem by Micha Archer
- ☐ Hi, Koo!: A Year of Seasons by Jon J Muth
- ☐ The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein
- ☐ Guess How Much I Love You by Sam McBratney
- ☐ Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson

Graphic Novels

- ☐ Narwhal and Jelly Series by Ben Clanton
- ☐ Dog Man Series by Dav Pilkey
- ☐ Bird and Squirrel Series by James Burks
- ☐ Bunbun & Bonbon Series by Jess Keating
- ☐ The Bad Guys Series by Aaron Blabey

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Historical Fiction

- ☐ Henry's Freedom Box – Ellen Levine
- ☐ The Story of Ruby Bridges – Robert Coles
- ☐ Little House in the Big Woods – Laura Ingalls Wilder
- ☐ The Courage of Sarah Noble – Alice Dalgliesh
- ☐ I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic, 1912 – Lauren Tarshis

New Favorites

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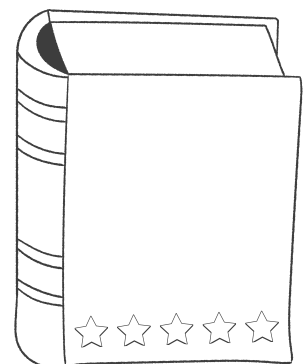
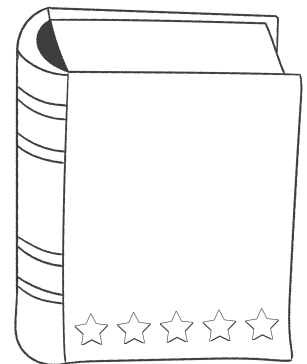
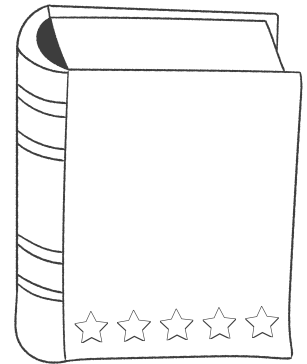
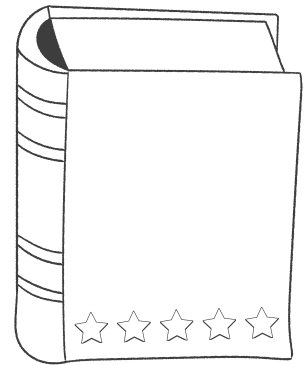
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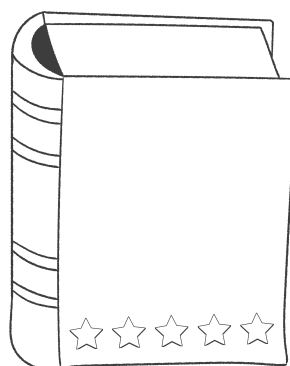
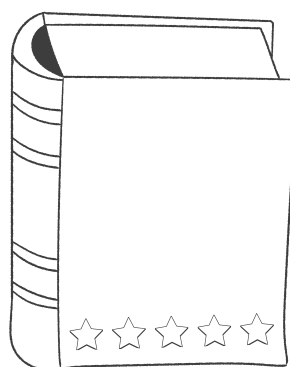
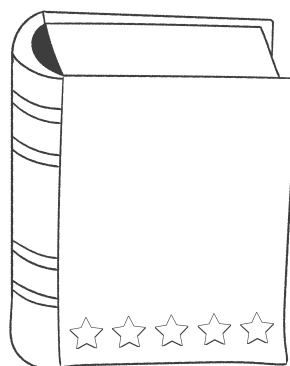
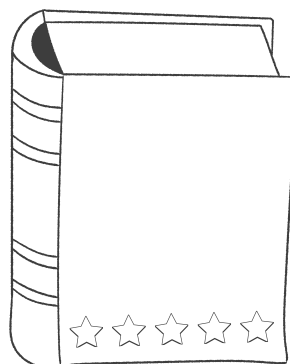
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