

## Literature List for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

### **Recommended Picture Books**

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst

Abraham Lincoln by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire

Amelia Bedelia and others by Peggy Parrish

America the Beautiful by Wendell Minor

Andy and the Lion by James Daugherty

Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing by Judi Barrett

Berenstain Bears series by Stan and Jan Berenstain

Big Snow by Berta Hader

Biggest House in the World and others by Leo Lionni

Blueberries for Sal by Robert McCloskey

Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina

Clown of God and others by Tomie DePaola

Curious George and others by Hans A. Rey

And To Think that We Saw it on Mulberry Street and others by Dr. Seuss

The Flag We Love by Pam Ryan

Frog and Toad are Friends and others by Arnold Lobel

Good Queen Bess by Diane Stanley

Jesus and the Twelve Dudes Who Did and others by Mindy Macdonald

I Have a Dream, Too! by Jean Alicia Elster

I, Columbus and others by Peter and Connie Roop

I Know Why I Brush my Teeth by Kathe Rowan

I Wonder Why Series (various authors)

Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie by Peter Roop

Madeleine and others by Ludwig Bemelmans

Math Attack by Joan Hortoon

Moonwalk: The First Trip to the Moon by Judy Donnelly

My Island Grandma by Kathryn Lasky

Nate the Great and the Lost List and others by Marjorie Sharmat

National Geographic series by Anne Schreiber

The Ordinary Princess by Mary Margaret Kaye

The Patchwork Quilt by Valerie Flournoy

The Parable of the Lily and others by Liz Curtis Higgs

Polycarp of Smyrna and others by Sinclair Ferguson

The Scrambled States of America by Laurie Keller

The Splatters Learn Some Manners by Marty Banks

St. Francis and the Friendly Beasts by Margaret Hodges

St. George and the Dragon by Margaret Hodges

St. Philip of the Joyous Heart by Francis X. Connolly

St. Valentine by Robert Sabuda

Sylvester and the Magic Pebble by William Steig

Story of Creation: Words from Genesis by Jane Ray

The Legend of the Three Trees by Dahl Taylor

That's Where God Is by Dan and Ali Morrow

Thunder Cake by Patricia Polacco

The Ugly Duckling by Hans Christian Anderson

Uncle Sam and Old Glory: The Symbols of America by Delno C. West

Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams

What's the Big Idea, Benjamin Franklin? by Jean Fritz

What's in the Pond? by Anne Hunter

Where Does the Butterfly Go When it Rains? by May Garelick

Where Was Patrick Henry on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May? And others by Jean Fritz

You Can Do It! By Tony Dungy

**Chapter books for advanced readers:**

American Girl collection by various authors

Childhood of Famous Americans series

Boxcar Children collection by Gertrude Warner

Squanto, Friend of the Pilgrims by Clyde Robert Bulla

**Recommended Anthologies and Poetry:**

Best Loved Fairy Tales by Walter Crane

The Children's Own Longfellow by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Don't Mess with Moses: Peculiar Poems and Rib-tickling Rhymes by Marty Nystrom

Favorite Poems of Childhood by Philip Smith

Hero Tales: A family Treasury of True Stories from the Lives of Christian Heroes by Dave and Neta Jackson

**Some suggested books for parents to read aloud to 2<sup>nd</sup> graders:**

Annie Henry series by Susan Olasky

Book of Cowboys by Holling C. Holling

Book of Indians by Holling C. Holling

Dinosaurs Unleashed by Kyle Butt  
Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective by Donald Sobel  
Flat Stanley series by Jeff Brown  
I, Columbus and others by Peter and Conni Roop  
Light Keepers series by Irene Howat  
Luther the Leader by Virgil Robinson  
DK eyewitness books by various authors  
Trail Blazer series by various authors  
Winnie the Horse Gentler series by Dandi Mackall

### **Favorites Listed by Author**

Andersen, Hans C. *The Emperor's New Clothes*  
Brown, Marcia. *Dick Whittington and His Cat*  
Burton, Virginia. *The Little House*  
Burton, Virginia. *Mike Mulligan and His Steamshovel*  
Cauley, Lorinda. *The Ugly Duckling*  
McCloskey, Robert. *Time of Wonder*  
Steig, William. *Doctor De Soto*  
Williams, Marjorie. *The Velveteen Rabbit*

### **Favorites Listed by Level and Author**

#### *Level 1*

Cannon, Janell. *Stellaluna*  
Galdone, Paul. *The Gingerbread Boy*  
Galdone, Paul. *The Three Bears*  
Galdone, Paul. *The Three Little Pigs*  
Kessel, Joyce. *Squanto and the First Thanksgiving*  
Roop, Peter and Connie. *Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie*  
Slobodkina, Esphyr. *Caps for Sale*  
Yolen, Jane. *Owl Moon*

#### *Level 2*

Anderson, C. W. *Billy and Blaze* +  
Bemelmans, Ludwig. *Madeline* +  
Bontemps, Arna & Conroy Jack. *The Fast Sooner Hound*  
Calhoun, Mary. *Cross-Country Cat*  
DeBrunhoff, Jean. *Babar* +  
Flack, Marjorie. *The Story about Ping*  
Gag, Wanda. *Millions of Cats*

Gauch, Patricia. *Thunder at Gettysburg*  
Haywood, Carolyn. *Betsy & Billy*  
Hope, Laura Lee. *The Bobbsey Twins*  
Leaf, Munro. *The Story of Ferdinand*  
Loveless, Maude. *Betsy-Tacy*  
Milne, A. A. *When We Were Young*  
Milne, A. A. *Now We are Six*  
Politi, Leo. *Song of the Swallows*  
Steig, William. *Doctor De Soto Goes to Africa*  
Taha, Karen. *A Gift for Tia Rosa*  
Warner, Gertrude. *The Boxcar Children*  
Ziefert, Harriet. *A New Coat for Anna*

*Level 3*

Aardemas, Verna. *Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears*  
Cleary, Beverly. *Ribsy*  
Harness, Cheryl. *Three Young Pilgrims*  
Le Gallienne, Eva. *Seven Tales by H. C. Andersen*  
McCloskey, Robert. *Blueberries for Sal*  
McCloskey, Robert. *One Morning in Maine*  
McCloskey, Robert. *Lentil*  
Mowat, Farley. *Owls in the Family*  
Nesbit, E. *The Railway Children*  
Sobol, Donald. *Secret Agents Four*  
Sproul, R. C. *The King Without a Shadow*  
Warner, Gertrude. *The Box-Car Children (vol. 1)*  
West, Jerry. *The Happy Hollisters*  
Williams, Jay. *Danny Dunn*