

Second Grade

Required: Any book about Friends

Miss Chaharyn, Mrs. Falabella, Mrs. Lampros, and Mrs. Lopez-Ryan **hope that you will read every single day of the summer.** In September we'll look at some fun books about friendship. When you're choosing books to read this summer look for books that are *at your reading level* and books *that interest you*. Remember, you can still share books with any adult even though you may be able to read yourself! Below we've listed some series and specific titles that we especially recommend. Those with stars are more difficult or longer than the others.

- ❖ **Rhyming and poetry books at any level are an excellent way to build fluency and confidence (plus they are fun to read). For example, any book by Douglas Florian, *Mary Had a Little Jam* by Bruce Lansky, or *You Read to Me, I'll Read to You Series* by Mary Ann Hoberman.**
- ❖ **Here are some fun books about friends to choose from, but ANY book about friends is fine. Save the book and bring it to school on the first day.**

Friends

by Helme Heine

That's What a Friend Is

by P.K. Hallinan

Hare and Rabbit Friends Forever

by Julia Noonan

Chester's Way

by Kevin Henkes

How to Lose All Your Friends

by Nancy Carlson

King of the Playground

by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Help! A Story of Friendship

by Holly Keller

The Rainbow Fish

by Marcus Pfister

Frog and Toad are Friends

by Arnold Lobel

A Porcupine Named Fluffy

by Helen Lester

The Recess Queen

by Alexis O'Neill

Fire in Her Hair A Story of Friendship

by D. Kelley Steele

Series that are an excellent way to practice skills acquired by a beginning reader:

I Can Read

Dial Easy-to-Read

Puffin Easy-to-Read

Green Light Readers

Usborne Beginners Non-fiction titles

STEP into Reading

Bank Street Ready-to-read

All Aboard Reading series

Yellow Banana Readers

Some titles that are an excellent way to practice skills acquired by a more developed reader:

A is for Amber (various titles)
Eyewitness Readers Levels 1,2,3,or 4
Top Readers Stage 2
Fluffy ... (various titles)
Little Bear (various titles)
Littles First Readers (various titles)
Mr. Putter and Tabby (various titles)
Poppleton (various titles)
Andy Shane series
Ricky Vargas: Born to Be Funny!
Usborne Young Readers Series One
Road to Reading series Mile 2 or Mile 3
See More Readers (various titles) of non-fiction science topics at an easy level by Seymour Simon

Paula Danziger
(excellent for some **non-fiction reading**)
Kate McMullan
Else Holmelund Minarik
based on the books by John Peterson
Cynthia Rylant
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Dolores Starbuckle
Alan Katz

***Series that are an excellent way to practice skills acquired by a stronger reader:**

*Frankly Frannie series
*George Brown, Class Clown series
*Rainbow Magic series
*The Extreme Team series
* Bailey School Kids
*Zack Files
*The Magic Tree House
*Junie B. Jones
*The Littles
*Robert and the ...
*Rosy Cole
*Black Lagoon Adventures
*Nate the Great
*Adam Joshua Capers

AJ Stern
Nancy Krulik
Daisy Meadows
Matt Christopher
Debbie Dadey and Marcia Jones
Dan Greenburg
Mary Pope Osborne
Barbara Parks
John Peterson
Barbara Seuling
Sheila Greenwald
Mike Thayer
Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
Janice Lee Smith



**Friends at school
are big and small.
Friends at school
are best of all!**