



## JC ELLIS K-8 SUMMER READING

Students entering 2nd grade

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Read as many books as you can, but read a minimum of 3 books (2 literary fiction and one informational/biography/nonfiction book. Here is a list of suggestions, but others on a second grade level will be accepted. When you return to school in August, you will take the Accelerated Reader test.

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### **Informational/Biography/Nonfiction**

*Oh Say Can You Seed?: All about Flowering Plants* by Bonnie Worth - The Cat in the Hat is back to help children learn about plants, their parts, and how they grow. Travel in the Shrink-Upper and watch as plants make their own food.

*Wish for a Fish: All about Sea Creatures* by Bonnie Worth - The Cat in the Hat, Sally, and Dick take an undersea voyage aboard the S.S. *Undersea Glubber!* Traveling down from the Sunny Zone to the Dark Zone to the Trench at the bottom, Captain Cat and his crew get up close and personal with the different life forms found at each level of the ocean. Along the way, they meet sharks, jellyfish, dolphins, manatees, whales, and sea cucumbers, to name just a few!

*Ice Is Nice!: All About the North and South Poles* by Bonnie Worth The Cat in the Hat takes Sally and Dick to visit the North and South Poles, where they mingle with native animals-reindeer, musk oxen, polar bears, caribou, and all sorts of penguins. They discover how the animals stay warm in the freezing cold, learn why it's colder at the South Pole than at the North Pole, find out that one pole is located on land and the other isn't, and learn that scientists are studying climate change to keep both poles icy cold.

*Miles and Miles of Reptiles: All About Reptiles* - by Tish Rabe - The Cat in the Hat travels the globe in his trusty crocodile car to explore the world of reptiles. Along the way, young readers learn the characteristics shared by most reptiles; basic information about each group; quirky, fun facts about individual species; and much, much more. Cool creatures featured include komodo dragons, chameleons, geckos, cobras, leatherback turtles, frilled lizards — a virtual Who's Who of the World's Most Remarkable Reptiles. Young readers will slither in delight!

*The Magic School Bus Inside the Human Body* by Joanna Cole - Arnold has swallowed the Magic School Bus! Now, instead of seeing an exhibit of the human body at a museum, the class is taking a look at Arnold's stomach, his intestines, his bloodstream, and more from the inside on this heart-stopping fieldtrip - one the reluctant Arnold would be happy to miss.

*Neo Leo The Ageless Ideas of Leonardo da Vinci* by Gene Barretta

*The Life of Benjamin Franklin: An American Original* by Yona Zeldis McDonough

*Prairie Girl The Life of Laura Ingalls Wilder* By William Anderson - A biography of Laura Ingalls Wilder, author of the "Little House" books, from her Wisconsin childhood until her death at the age of ninety.

*A Wizard from the Start - The Incredible Boyhood & Amazing Inventions of Thomas Edison* - Don Brown - From his humble boyhood as a farmer's son, selling newspapers on trains, reading through public libraries shelf by shelf, and dreaming of new inventions, Thomas Edison went on to create the light bulb, the phonograph, and the motion picture camera.

### **Literary – fiction**

*Miss Nelson is Missing* by James Allard - (Humorous Story)-The kids in Room 207 take advantage of their teacher's good nature until she disappears and they are faced with a vile substitute.

*Flat Stanley* by Jeff Brown - Young Stanley Lambchop is a perfectly nice, average boy who leads a perfectly nice, average life. But one morning something is different: Stanley's bulletin board has fallen on him during the night, and when his parents pull him out from under it, they find that he is suddenly only half-an-inch thick. Being flat isn't as bad as you might think, however: the doctor says Stanley is fine, and in some ways he's better than ever.

*Arthur's Eyes* by Marc Brown - His friends tease Arthur when he gets glasses, but he soon learns to wear them with pride.

*The Little House* by Virginia Burton - A country house is unhappy when the city, with all its buildings and traffic, grows up around her.

*Stellaluna* by Janell Cannon - This award-winning picture book, a clever, original variation on the theme of the ugly duckling, follows the adventures of a lost baby fruit bat and her efforts to fit in. Accidentally dropped by her mother, helpless Stellaluna falls into a nest of bird fledglings, where she is graciously accepted as one of the family — as long as she acts like a bird and doesn't confuse her adoptive siblings.

*The Josefina Story Quilt* by Eleanor Coerr - In May of 1850, a little girl named Faith is about to embark with her family on a westward journey to California in a covered wagon. The trip is expected to take six months, and the family can take only those things essential for their long journey. And since Faith's pet hen, Josefina, is too old to lay eggs and too tough to eat, Faith must convince her father to let her bring Josefina along.

*Miss Rumphius* by Barbara Cooney - When Miss Rumphius was little, she would sit on her grandfather's lap and listen to his stories of faraway places—and she would say "When I grow up, I too will go to faraway places, and when I grow old, I too will live beside the sea." However, her grandfather gives her a third charge—to do something that makes the world more beautiful. And Alice grows up to do just that. She takes a job as a librarian far away from the salt air, travels to distant locations, and moves back by the sea. However, she knows she must still do something to make the world more beautiful. After watching the Lupines grow by her house, she has a wonderful idea.

*My Father's Dragon* by Ruth Gannett = A young boy determines to rescue a poor baby dragon who is being used by a group of lazy wild animals to ferry them across the river of Wild Island

*Grasshopper on the Road* by Arnold Lobel - Grasshopper wanted to go on a journey. "I will find a road," he said. "I will follow that road wherever it goes." Grasshopper's road goes past ...A housefly who wants to "sweep until the whole world is clean, clean, clean!" Butterflies who always do the same thing every day. A mosquito who follows the rules, even when they don't make sense. Dragonflies who zip and zoom in the air. They all wonder why Grasshopper is not like them. But Grasshopper is happy to be walking slowly down the road

*Amelia Bedelia* by Peggy Parish - From dressing the chicken to drawing the drapes, Amelia Bedelia does *exactly* what Mr. and Mrs. Rogers tell her to do. If things get a bit mixed up, well, that's okay. When Amelia Bedelia is involved, everything always turns out perfectly in the end!

*The Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister - The Rainbow Fish is the most beautiful fish in the ocean. But he is proud and vain and none of the other fish want to be his friend - until he learns to give away some of his most prized possessions.

*The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* by Jon Scieszka - According to A. Wolf, we simply have not heard his side of the story — until now. While we may believe that the wolf who visited the three little pigs huffed and puffed to blow the pigs' houses down, it turns out that he simply had a bad cold and had a powerful sneeze. Who could blame him for eating the pigs that died when their houses fell as a result of his sneezing? Furthermore, the wolf was only visiting the pigs in the first place to borrow a cup of sugar to make a cake for his grandmother's birthday.


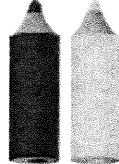

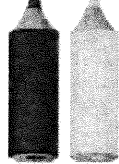

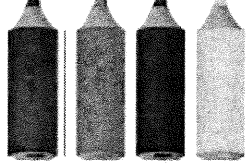

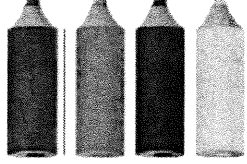

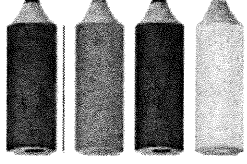



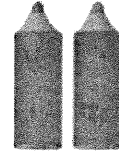
*The Biggest Bear* by Lynd Ward - Johnny hunts for the biggest bear in the forest, but comes home with a little bear - that grows and grows and grows






*Owl Moon* by Jane Yolen - A young child and her father search the moonlit woods for the Great Horned Owl.

Any book from the *Magic Tree House Series* by Mary Pope Osborne - "I WISH WE COULD GO THERE!" When they are in the tree house, Jack and Annie only have to say those simple words and the tree house starts to spin, faster and faster...And then, poof! - the kids find themselves flying on the backs of dinosaurs, exploring the surface of the moon, and slipping down the deck of the Titanic

Any book from the *Nate the Great Series* by Marjorie W. Sharmat - Everyone's favorite detective--Nate the Great--has been delighting readers for over 30 years! The quirky characters and fun storylines are a big hit with kids--all of whom love to solve each mystery alongside the most popular sleuth in the business.

# READING GENRES

Genre	Definition	Popular Titles	Similarities
 <b>Fantasy</b>	Uses magic and other supernatural phenomena as a primary element of plot, theme, or setting. Many works within the genre take place in fictional worlds where magic is common.	Lord of the Rings-J.R. Tolkien Harry Potter (series)-J.R. Rowlings Fablehaven-Brandon Mull Percy Jackson (series)-Rick Riordan	
 <b>Science Fiction</b>	Uses scientific concepts as a primary element of plot, theme, or setting. Many of these books are set in the future with new innovations in science and technology.	The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy-Douglas Adams A Wrinkle in Time-Madaline L'Engle	
 <b>Realistic Fiction</b>	The events people and places might be real, but the story is fiction. Realistic Fiction can appear to the reader to be something that is actually happening.	Bridge to Terabithia-Katherine Paterson Shiloh-Phyllis Naylor My Side of the Mountain-Jean George Walk Two Moons-Susan Creech	
 <b>Historical Fiction</b>	These stories usually take place in the past. These books can contain actual settings and historical characters however main characters and the story line are made up.	The Whipping Boy -Sid Fleischman Between Shades of Gary -Ruta Sepetys Little House on the Prairie -Laura Ingalls The Magic Tree House Series -Mary Pope Osbourne Sarah, Plain and Tall -Patricia MacLachlan	
 <b>Traditional Literature</b>	Are stories that were passed down from one group to another. These stories were told orally and written down at a later date. Fairy tales, and folk tales, and legends are classified as traditional literature.	Little Red Riding Hood -Brothers Grimm The Ugly Duckling -Hans Christian Andersen The Velveteen Rabbit -Margery W. Bianco	
 <b>Non-Fiction &amp; Informational</b>	These texts are written to provide information about a variety of topics (animals, science sports, space, and many more).	The Umbrella-Jan Brett Chameleon, Chameleon-Joy Cowley Prehistoric Actual Size-Steven Jenkins Zoo in the Sky-Jacqueline Mitton	
 <b>Biographies</b>	Biographies are stories written about a real person's life by another person.	LeBron James-Ken Rapport Abraham Lincoln-Justine Fontes Taylor Swift-Lexi Ryals The Diary of a Young Girl-Anne Frank Theodore Roosevelt-Sindy Mckay	

				
Fiction	Non-Fiction	May Contain Real Characters and Real Situations	May Contain Made up Characters and Made up Situations	May Contain Made up Characters in Real Situations