Second Grade Trade Book List 2025-2016

Unit 1:

The Little House by Virginia Burton (Lexile: 890)

The House on Maple Street by Boon Pryor (Lexile: 650, GR: M)

The OxCart Man by Donald Hall and Barbara Cooney (Lexile: 1130, GR: K)

Bartholomew and the Oobleck by Dr. Seuss (Lexile 500)

What Is the World Made Of? All About Solids, Liquids, and Gases by Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld (Lexile: 560, GR: K)

From Wax to Crayon by Robin Nelson (Lexiile: 370, GR: K)

Stellaluna by Janell Cannon (Lexile: 550, GR: N)

Frog and Toad All Year by Arthur Lobel (Lexile: 300, GR: K)

The Recess Queen by Alexis O’Neill (Lexile: 450)

The Cloud Dance by Thomas Locker (Lexile: 490, GR: N)

Moonbear’s Shadow by Frank Asch (Lexile: 580, GR: J)

What Makes a Shadow? by Clyde Robert Bulla (Lexile: 220, GR: L)

Scholastic News Science Reader: Plants for Grade 2

Flip, Float, Fly: Seeds on the Move By JoAnn Early Macken,(Lexile: 650)

Unit 2:

The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush by Tomie DePaola (Lexile: 840, GR: 0)

How the Chipmunk Got His Stripes by Joseph Bruchac and James Bruchac (Lexile: 260, GR: L)

Corn is Maize: The Gift of the Indians by Aliki (Lexile: 570, GR: P)

Anno’s USA by Mitsumasa Anno

Founding Mothers by Cokie Roberts (Lexile: 1120)

Grandpa’s Corner Store by DyAnne DiSalvo-Ryan (Lexile: 380, GR: N)

A Chair for My Mother by Vera B. Williams (Lexile: 640, GR: M)

Alexander, Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday by Judith Viorst (Lexile: 570, GR: M)

The Penny Pot by Stuart J. Murphy (Lexile: 240, GR: K)

A Drop Around the World by Barbara Shaw McKinney (GR: P)

Erosion: Changing Earth's Surface by Robin Koontz and Matthew Harrad (Lexile: 780)

The Tortilla Factory by Gary Paulsen (Lexile: 510, GR: M)

From Cow to Ice Cream by Bertran T. Knight (Lexile: 710, GR: N)

Unit 3:

How Long or How Wide?: A Measuring Guide by Brian P. Clear (Lexile: 730)

Main Street Animal Shelter (Mathematics Readers) by Suzanne Barchers (Lexile: 500)

Clocks and More Clocks by Pat Hutchins (Lexile: 440, GR: J)

An Egg is Quiet by Dianna Hutts Aston (Lexile: 670, GR: N)

Me . . . Jane by Patrick McDonnell (Lexile: 740, GR: L)

11 Experiments That Failed by Jenny Offill (Lexile: 320)

America the Beautiful by Katharine Lee Bates (Lexile: 650)

This is Not My Hat by Jon Kless (Lexile: 70, GR: K)

On a Beam of Light by Jennifer Berne (Lexile: 680)

Grandpa’s Teeth by Rod Clement (Lexile: 530, GR: M)

The Sweetest Fig by Chris Van Allsburg (Lexile: 530, GR P)

Unit 4:

What If Everybody Did That? by Ellen Javernic (Lexile: 650)

Vote by Eileen Christelow (Lexile: 420, GR: E)

Miss Nelson is Missing by Harry Allard (Lexile: 340, GR: L)

Duck for President by Doreen Cronin (Lexile: 680, GR: K)

What's a City Council? (First Guide to Government) by Nancy Harris

No, David by David Shannon (GR: F)

My Grandma's the Mayor by Marjorie White Pellegrino

A Place for Zero (Charlesbridge Math Adventures)by Angeline Sparagna LoPrest (Lexile: 660)

On the Playground: How Do You Build Place Value? by Donna Loughran (Lexile: 510)

Strega Nona by Tomie dePaola (Lexile: 800, GR: M)

Strega Nona’s Magic Lessons (Lexile: 800, GR: M)

The Lion & the Mouse by Jerry Pinkney (Lexile: 360, GR: K)

The Tortoise and the Hare: An Aesop Fable by Janet Stevens (Lexile: 540)

Hands-On Science: Forces and Motion by Jack Challoner

Simple Machines in Your Home (Simple Machines Everywhere) by Gillian Gosman

Unit 5:

Creature Features: Twenty-Five Animals … by Steve Jenkins (Lexile: 580)

What If You Had Animal Teeth? Paperback by Sandra Markle (Lexile: 930, GR: M)

From Caterpillar to Butterfly by Deborah Heiligman (Lexile: 490, GR: K)

In One Tidepool: Crabs, Snails, and Salty Tails by Anthony D. Fredericks (GR: P)

Big Blue Whale: Read and Wonder by Nicola Davies (Lexile: 760, GR: N)

Scholastic Discover More: See Me Grow by Penelope Arlon (Lexile: 640, GR: K)

Lifetimes by David L. Rice (Lexile: 770, GR: P)

Fossils Tell of Long Ago (Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science 2) by Aliki (Lexile: 480, GR: P)

PROTECT! Wild Animals (Spectrum® Readers) by Teresa Domnauer (Lexile: 620)

Through Endangered Eyes: A Poetic Journey into the Wild by Rachel Allen Dillon

Kingfisher Readers L5: The Changing Environment by Deborah Chancellor

Sir Cumference and All the King's Tens: A Math Adventure by Cindy Neuschwande (Lexile: 720)

The Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest by Lynne Cherry (Lexile: 670, GR: R)

Michael Recycle by Ellie Bethel

Unit 6:

Norman Rockwell: Storyteller With A Brush by Beverly Gherman (Lexile: 950)

Flat Stanley: His Original Adventure! By Jeff Brown (Lexile: 580, GR: O)

Follow That Map!: A First Book of Mapping Skills by Scot Ritchie (Lexile: 590)

Maps and Globes (Reading Rainbow Book) by Jack Knowlton (Lexile: 880)

The Have a Good Day Cafe by Frances Park (Lexile: 720, GR: N)

The Favorite Daughter by Allen Say (Lexile: 300, GR: M)

Cinderella (Charles Perrault, Loek Koopmans, and Anthea Bell)

Mufaro’s Beautiful Daughters by John Steptoe (Lexile: 720, GR: N)

Yeh-Shen: A Cinderella Story from China by Al-Ling Louie and Ed Young (Lexile: 840, GR: P)

The Rough Faced Girld by Rafe Martin (Lexile: 540, GR: S)

Zachary Zormer: Shape Transformer by Joanne Anderson Reisberg (Lexile: 590)

Picture Pie by Ed Emberley

Jump, Kangaroo, Jump! (MathStart 3) by Stuart J. Murphy (Lexile: 380, GR: J)