

# Summer Opportunity for Academic Reading (S.O.A.R.)

## Second Grade Book List (2009 Edition)

**Anansi the Spider : A Tale From the Ashanti.** McDermott, G.

In trying to determine which of his six sons to reward for saving his life, Anansi the Spider is responsible for placing the moon in the sky.

**Come Back, Amelia Bedelia.** Parish, P.

Because she does exactly as she is told, Amelia Bedelia is fired from one job after another.

**Day of the Field Trip Zombies.** Nickel, S.

Trevor has to escape an army of psycho penguins if he wants to save his classmates from Dr. Brainium, who has turned them into radio-controlled zombies on a field trip to an aquarium.

**Delicious!** Cooper, H.

Duck refuses to try any new soups after he, Cat, and Squirrel run out of ripe pumpkins, and he grows hungrier and grumpier until Cat has an idea.

**Dinner With Dracula : A Spine-Tingling Collection of Frightening Funny Poems.** Lansky, B.

A collection of spooky, funny poems about vampires, ghosts, Frankenstein, and other creatures.

**Dino-Dinners.** Manning, M.

Illustrations and simple text describe the eating habits of various dinosaurs.

**Five Little Monkeys Go Shopping.** Christelow, E.

Five little monkeys go shopping for school clothes with their mama, but in spite of her warnings about not wandering off, things quickly get complicated.

**For You are a Kenyan Child.** Cunnane, K.

Presents a children's book for early readers about a little Kenyan boy who gets distracted by all there is to see and do and forgets what his mama asked him to do.

**Gingerbread Fred.** Page, N.

Illustrations and rhyming text tell the children's story of the Gingerbread Man who could outrun everyone except the fox.

**Help Me, Mr. Mutt! : Expert Answers for Dogs With People Problems.** Stevens, J.

Dogs across the United States write to Mr. Mutt, a people expert, for help with their humans.

**The Incredible Book Eating Boy.** Jeffers, O.

Henry loves to eat books, until he begins to feel quite ill and decides that maybe he could do something else with the books he has been devouring.

**Invasion of the Gym Class Zombies.** Nickel, S.

Trevor faces off against a gym teacher who has turned the entire class into zombies.

**Letters From a Desperate Dog.** Christelow, E.

Feeling misunderstood and unappreciated by her owner, Emma the dog asks for advice from the local canine advice columnist.

**The Lost Dinosaur Bone.** Mayer, M.

Little Critter goes on a field trip to the museum and searches for a missing dinosaur bone.

**Michael's Golden Rules.** Jordan, D.

Jonathan's friend Michael, Michael's parents, and Jonathan's family help him do his best in the Badgers' big baseball game.

**Nate the Great Talks Turkey.** Sharmat, M.

Nate the Great and his cousin Olivia are on the case of a runaway turkey, but unfortunately the clues appear to contradict each other.

**On the Ghost Trail.** Powling, C.

After telling his brother and sister that cobwebs are ghost trails, Adam's practical joke starts to get out of control.

**Out of the Ballpark.** Rodriguez, A.

Although Alex is nervous about his role in the approaching baseball playoffs and championship game, he soon figures out how to fix his mistakes and become a better player.

**Pigsty.** Teague, M.

When Wendell doesn't clean up his room, a whole herd of pigs comes to live with him.

**Scooby-Doo! : the Big Bad Blizzard-Herman.** G.

Scooby-Doo and the rest of the Mystery, Inc. gang are caught in a blizzard when a group of Snow Monsters begins chasing them.

**The Shivers in the Fridge-Manushkin.** F.

One-by-one, the members of the Shivers family disappear from the inside of their chilly refrigerator home.

**Small Potatoes Club-Ziefert, H.**

Illustrations and simple text teach up to 300 vocabulary words through a story about six friends who play soccer together and form the Small Potatoes Club.

**Smell That Clue!-Mooser, S.**

When his class wins a free trip to the circus, Goofball gathers clues to track down the winning number his teacher must produce.

**Ten-Gallon Bart-Crummel, S.**

On the day he is supposed to retire as sheriff of Dog City, Ten-Gallon Bart learns that Billy the Kid--the roughest, toughest, gruffest goat in the country--is on his way into town.

**Those Shoes-Boelts, M.**

Jeremy, who longs to have the black high tops that everyone at school seems to have but his grandmother cannot afford, is excited when he sees them for sale in a thrift shop and decides to buy them even though they are the wrong size.

**Ticket Trouble-Keene, C.**

Nancy Drew and her friends investigate the disappearance of Ned's tickets for the River Heights Elementary Fall Festival.

**Why Do You Cry? : Not a Sob Story.** Klise, K.

As his fifth birthday party approaches, Little Rabbit decides to invite only those friends who are also too old to cry--until he learns that others of all ages weep for all sorts of reasons.

**The Wildest Brother.** Funke, C.

Ben spends his day protecting his big sister against green ghosts, wolves, and monsters; but when the darkness falls, Ben suddenly doesn't feel so brave anymore.

**Would I Ever Lie to You?** Buehner, C.

A young boy is never sure if his older cousin is teasing or telling the truth.

**You Can't Buy a Dinosaur With a Dime : Problem-Solving in Dollars and Cents.** Ziefert, H.

Pete uses the money he has saved to buy a toy dinosaur, then must earn and save more before making his next purchase.