

## THE SELWYN SCHOOL SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 2nd GRADE

To promote a love of reading and to keep reading skills sharp, The Selwyn School has a summer reading program. The following book list includes books that you and your child may enjoy together this summer. Reading to and with your child during the summer months will help prepare him or her for the next year's reading curriculum. **All students entering second grade in the fall will need to read three books for book reports (forms are attached).** At least two of the books should be from this list. The third may be a book of the child's choice as long as it is at an appropriate reading level. The reports must be written in complete sentences by the student in his/ her best handwriting. Also attached is a reading log so that the students can document names of other books from the list that have been read for pleasure without the required book report form. Please try to read at least two books from each category. The book reports and reading log are to be turned in to your new teacher on the first day of school. This is a required activity for the summer. Happy reading!

### **POETRY:**

*Beast Feast: Poems and Paintings* by Douglas Florian  
*The Beauty of the Beast: Poems of the Animal Kingdom* by Jack Prelutsky  
*Bing, Bang, Boing* by Douglas Florian  
*Dinosaur Dinner (with a Slice of Alligator Pie)* by Dennis Lee  
*Giraffe and A Half* by Shel Silverstein  
*If You're Not Here, Please Raise Your Hand* by Kalli Dakos  
*Insectlopedia* by Douglas Florian  
*Lizards, Frogs, and Polliwogs* by Douglas Florian  
*Something Big Has Been Here* by Jack Prelutsky  
*This Land is Your Land*, by Woody Guthrie

### **PICTURE BOOKS:**

*Adventures of Taxi Dog* by Debra Barracca  
*Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* by Judith Viorst  
*Amazing Grace* by Mary Hoffman  
*Anatole* by Eve Titus  
*Babushka Baba Yaga* by Patricia Polacco  
*Ballot Box Battle* by Arnold McCully  
*Beautiful Warrior: The Legend of the Nun's Kung Fu* by Arnold McCully  
*A Chair for my Mother* by Vera B. Williams  
*Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs* by Judith Barrett  
*Doctor De Soto* by William Stieg  
*Encounter* by Jane Yolen  
*A Gift for Tia Rosa* by Karen T. Taha  
*The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein  
*Granddaddy's Place* by Helen Griffith  
*Great Kapok Tree* by Lynne Cherry  
*Gulliver's Adventures in Lilliput* by Jonathan Swife, retold by Ann Keay Beneduce  
*Harry in Trouble* by Barbara Ann Porte  
*Henry Bear's Park* by David McPhail  
*I Spy Gold Challenger: A Book of Picture Riddles* by Walter Wick  
*Ira Sleeps Over* by Bernard Waber

*Jumanji* by Chris Van Allsburg  
*Just Plain Fancy* by Patricia Polacco  
*The Keeping Quilt* by Patricia Polacco  
*The Library* by Sarah Stewart  
*The Little House* by Virginia Burton  
*The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss  
*Madeline* by Ludwig Bemelmans  
*The Midnight Eaters* by Amy Hest  
*The Minpins* by Roald Dahl  
*Miss Nelson is Missing* by Harry Allard  
*Mr. Hacker* by James Stevenson  
*Mrs. Katz and Tush* by Patricia Polacco  
*My Great Aunt Arizona* by Gloria Houston  
*Osa's Pride* by Ann Grifalconi  
*Regards to the Man in the Moon* by Ezra Jack Keats  
*The Samurai's Daughter* by Robert San Souci  
*Sleep Out* by Carol Carrick  
*So Far from the Sea* by Eve Bunting  
*The Supreme Souvenir Factory* by James Stevenson  
*Swamp Angel* by Anne Isaacs  
*Tale of Peter Rabbit* by Beatrix Potter  
*Tale of a Tail* by Judith Bodnar  
*Tintin* (any in series) by Herge  
*Troll-Bridge Troll* by Patricia Wolff  
*Wagon Wheels* by Barbara Brenner  
*The Whingdingdilly* by Bill Peet  
*Williams Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream* by Bruce Coville  
*The Wretched Stone* by Chris Van Allsburg

#### **FOLKTALES:**

*The Empty Pot* by Demi  
*Favorite Medieval Tales* by Mary Pope Osborne  
*Jack and the Beanstalk* retold by John Howe  
*Jamie O'Rourke and the Big Potato* by Tomie DePaola  
*The Legend of the Bluebonnet* by Tomie dePaolo  
*Man Who Tricked a Ghost* by Laurence Yep  
*My Grandmother's Stories: A Collection of Jewish Folk Tales* by Adele Geras  
*Ouch!* By Natalie Babbitt  
*Papa Gatto* by Sanderson  
*The Pied Piper of Hamelin* retold by Barbara Bartos-Hoppner  
*A Story, A Story* by Gail E. Haley  
*The Talking Eggs* by Robert San Souci  
*The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* by John Scieszka

#### **EASY FICTION:**

*Abbie Against the Storm* by Marcia Vaughan  
*Adventures of Sugar and Junior* by Angela Medoris  
*Amelia Bedelia* by Peggy Parish  
*Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping* by Peggy Parish

*Bony-Legs* by Joanna Cole  
*Boy of a Thousand Faces* by Brian Sebrick  
*Cam Jensen and the Ghostly Mystery* by David Adler  
*The Courage of Sarah Noble* by Alice Dalgliesh  
*Frog and Toad Together* by Arnold Lobel  
*Frog and Toad are Friends* by Arnold Lobel  
*Frog and Toad All Year* by Arnold Lobel  
*Go Dog Go* by P.D. Eastman  
*Hello House* by Linda Hayward  
*Henry and Mudge and Annie's Good Move* by Cynthia Rylant (and other Henry and Mudge titles)  
*Hop on Pop* by Dr. Seuss  
*Horrible Harry and the Drop of Doom* by Suzy Kline  
*Itchy Itchy Chicken Pox* by Grace Maccarone  
*Lucky Baseball Bat* by Matthew Christopher  
*The Iron Giant: A Story in Five Nights* by Ted Hughes  
*The Minstrel in the Tower* by Gloria Skurzynski  
*My Brother, Ant* by Betsy Byars  
*Nate the Great and the Stolen Base* by Marjorie Sharmat  
*Next Stop, New York City* by Patricia Giff  
*The Reluctant Dragon* by Kenneth Grahame  
*Tonight on the Titanic* by Mary Pope Osborne  
*Tornado* by Betsy Byars  
*Your Mother Was a Neanderthal* by Jon Scieszka  
*Zelda and Ivy* by Laura Kvasnosky

### **MEDIUM TO HARD FICTION**

*Absent Author* by Ron Roy  
*Ace, The Very Important Pig* by Dick King-Smith  
*Be A Perfect Person in Just Three Days* by Stephen Manes  
*The Bears House* by Marilyn Sachs  
*Bella Arabella* by Liza Fosburgh  
*Brooklyn, Bugsie, and Me* by Lynea Bowdish  
*Bunnica: a Rabbit Tale of Mystery* by James Howe  
*Catwings Return* by Ursula Le Guin  
*Chocolate Fever* by Robert K. Smith  
*Dance with Rosie* by Patricia Giff  
*Dinosaurs Before Dark* by Mary Pope Osborne  
*Herbie Jones* by Suzy Jones  
*Jacob Two-Two Meets the Hooded Fang* by Mordecai Richler  
*A Lion to Guard Us* by Clyde Bulla  
*The Littles* (any in the series) by John Peterson  
*My Fathers's Dragon* by Ruth Stiles Gannett  
*My Naughty Little Sister* by Dorothy Edwards  
*Mr. Popper's Penguins* by Richard Atwater  
*Owls in the Family* by Farley Mowat  
*Rip Roaring Russell* by Joanna Hurwitz  
*Russell and Elisa* by Joanna Hurwitz  
*Sara Crewe* by Frances H. Burnett  
*Stargone John* by Ellen Kindt McKenzie

*Stone Fox* by John Gardiner

*The Tenth Good Thing about Barney* by Judith Viorst

**READ ALOUD** (to be read aloud or independently or a combination of both)

*The Adventures of Pinocchio* by Carlo Collodi

*BFG* by Roald Dahl

*Black Beauty* by Anna Sewill

*Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White

*A Dog Called Kitty* by Bill Wallace

*Finding Buck McHenry* by Alfred Slote

*From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E. L. Konigsburg

*The Great Brain* by John D. Fitzgerald

*Help! I'm a Prisoner in the Library* by Eth Clifford

*Homer Price* by Robert McCloskey

*In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson* by Bette Bao Lord

*The Indian in the Cupboard* by Lynne Reid Banks

*Lafcadio, The Lion Who Shot Back* by Shel Silverstein

*The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis

*Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinellii

*Mouse and the Motorcycle* by Beverly Cleary

*Mr. Popper's Penguins* by Richard and Florence Atwater

*Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle* by Betty MacDonald

*Old Yeller* by Fred Gipson

*Pearl's Promise* by Frank Asch

*Ramona the Brave* by Beverly Cleary

*Ramona the Pest* by Beverly Cleary

*Sarah, Plain and Tall* by Patricia MacLachlan

*Sideways Stories from Wayside School* by Louis Sachar

*Skinnybones* by Barbara Park

*Uncle Shamus* by Jame Duffy

*Winnie the Pooh* by A. A. Milne

*The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum

### **FACTUAL BOOKS**

*Bridges are to Cross* by Philemon Sturges

*Finding the Titanic* by Robert Ballard

*Flying Machine (eyewitness books)* by Nahum

*Going on a Whale Watch* by Bruce McMillan

*The Magic School Bus and the Electric Trip* by Joanna Cole

*Paper Airplane Book* by Seymour Simon

*Postcards from Pluto: A Tour of the Solar System* by Loreen Leedy

*Rosie, a Visiting Dog's Story* by Stephanie Calmenson

*The Day It Rained Forever: A Story of the Johnstown Flood* by Virginia Gross

*The Trojan Horse: How the Greeks Won the War* by Emily Little

*Tut's Mummy, Lost.....and Found* by Judy Donnelly

*What on Earth is a Quokka?* By Jenny Tesar

*Willa and Old Miss Annie* by Berlie Doherty

*Wolf Story* by William McCleery

## **BIOGRAPHY**

*Black Whiteness* by Robert Burleigh

*Boss of the Plains: The Hat that Won the West* by Laurie Carlson

*Columbus Day* by Vicki Liestman

*Duke Ellington: The Piano Prince and His Orchestra* by Andrea Pinkney

*Finding Providence: The Story of Roger Williams* by Avi

*Joan of Arc* by Diane Stanley

*Kate Shelley and the Midnight Express* by Margaret Wetterrer

*Librarian Who Measured the Earth* by Kathryn Lasky

*Snowflake Bentley* by Jacqueline Martin

*The Story of George Washington Carver* by Eva Moore

*Teammates* by Peter Golenbock

*Tomas and the Library Lady* by Pat Mora

*Trapped by the Ice: Shackleton's Amazing Antarctic Adventure* by Michael McCurdy

*Will You Sign Here, John Hancock?* By Jean Fritz

READING LOG - 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE  
PLEASE READ AT LEAST TWO BOOKS FROM EACH CATEGORY

POETRY:

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PICTURE BOOKS (MATH):

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FOLKTALES:

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PICTURE BOOKS (SCIENCE):

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FICTION READ ALOUDS:

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