



Summer Reading List For Students Entering Grade 2

Picture Books & More:

Abdul's Story by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow
All the Way to the Top by Annette Bay Pimentel
Barnaby Unboxed by The Fan Brothers
Big Feeling by Alexandra Penfold
***Big Truck Little Island** by: Chris Van Dusen
Brains! Not Just a Zombie Snack by Stacy McAnulty
Clovis Keeps His Cool by Katelyn Aronson
Crossings: Extraordinary Structures for Extraordinary Animals by Katy S. Duffield
***Dear Beast** by Dori Butler and Kevan Atteberry
Dear Earth...From Your Friends in Room 5 by Erin Dealey
Digging for Words by Angela Burke Kunkel
***Ducks Overboard** by Markus Motum
Eat Your Rocks, Croc! by Jess Keating (2021 COCBA winner)
***Evergreen** by: Matthew Cordell
Fox and Rabbit by Beth Ferry
Gold! by David Shannon
How to Find a Fox by Kate Gardner
If Animals Built your House by Bill Wise
I'm Trying to Love Germs by Bethany Barton
In a Jar by Deborah Marcero
It Fell From the Sky by Terry and Eric Fan
Johnny Boo is Bored! Bored! Bored! by James Kochalka
Just Ask: Be Different, Be Brave, Be You by Sonia Sotomayor
King of the Birds by Elise Gravel
Lift by Minh Lê
Line and Scribble by Debora Vogrig (2022 COCBA winner)
Maxine and the Greatest Garden Ever by Ruth Spiro and Holly Hatam
Maybe Something Beautiful by F. Isabel Campoy & Theresa Howell
Maybe Tomorrow? by Charlotte Agell
Meet Yasmin by Saada
***My Two Border Towns** by David Bowles
Q&U Call it Quits by Steph Wade
Sir Ladybug by Corey R. Tabor
Snail Crossing by Corey R. Tabor
Someone Builds the Dream by Lisa Wheeler
Styx and Scones in the Cracked Crystal by Jay Cooper
Summertime Sleepers by Melissa Stewart
The Barnabus Project by The Fan Brothers (2023 COCBA winner)
***The Best of Iggy** by Annie Barrows
The Elephants Come Home by Kim Tomsic

The Fastest Girl on Earth! Meet Kitty O'Neil, Daredevil Driver! by Dean Robbins

The Good Seed (or any in the collection) by Jory John

***The Great Stink** by Colleen Paeff

The Little Wooden Robot and the Log Princess by Tom Gauld

The Paper Kingdom by Helena Ku Rhee

The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family by Ibtihaj Muhammad & S.K. Ali

***The Sweetest Scoop** by Lisa Robbins and Stacy Innerst

Wombat Underground by Sarah Thomson

Yoshi's Big Swim by Mary Wagley Copp

Your Place in the Universe by Jason Chin

**2025 Elementary Nutmeg Nominee*

Shorter Chapter Books (can be read alone or shared with someone else)

Dragon Masters (series) by Tracey West

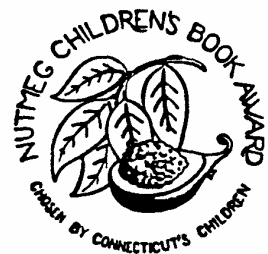
King and Kayla (series) Dori Hillestad Butler

Mia Mayhem (series) by Kara West

Narwhal and Jelly (series) by Ben Clanton

Press Start (series) by Thomas Flinthanm

Unicorn Diaries (series) by Rebecca Elliott



2026 ELEMENTARY NUTMEG NOMINEES (grades 2-3)

Darwin's Super-Pooping Worm Spectacular by Polly Owen

The Egg Incident by Ziggy Hanaor

Feathers Together by Caron Levis

Great Carrier Reef by Jessica Stremer

Henry, Like Always by Jenn Bailey

The Iguanodon's Horn: How Artists and Scientists Put a Dinosaur Back

Together Again and Again... and Again by Sean Rubin

Just Harriet by Elana K. Arnold,

The Search for the Giant Arctic Jellyfish by Chloe Savage

The Skull: A Tyrolean Folktale by Jon Klassen

The World's Best Class Plant by Liz Garton Scanlon & Audrey Vernick



Charter Oak Children's Book Award (COCBA) 2025

I am Stuck by Julia Mills

A Day with No Words by Tiffany Hammond

The Curious Why by Angela DiTerlizzi

The Candy Dish by Kobi Yamada

Jumper: A Day in the Life of a Backyard Jumping Spider by Jessica Lanan

The Fastest Drummer: Clap Your Hands for Viola Smith by Dean Robbins

Log Life by Amy Hevron

Champion Chompers, Super Stinkers and Other Poems by Extraordinary Animals by Aparna Varma