

2019 Naquag Grade 2 Suggested Book List

Remember: You are not limited to the books on this list. We want you to enjoy finding and reading books that you love. The following is just a starting place of titles we absolutely love and would recommend.

Poetry:

Scranimals – Jack Prelutsky

A Spinichicken? An Ostricheetah? You bet in these poems of mixed up animals.

Mirror, Mirror – Marilyn Singer

The same poem forward and backward provides two different perspectives on fairy tales.

School People – Lee Bennett Hopkins

Even the school building itself gets a poem in this treat.

Comets, Stars, the Moon and Mars – Douglas Florian

Dinothosaurus – Douglas Florian

Such an amazing poet we couldn't choose between two of our favorite books by him.

Fiction Picture Book:

Journey – Aaron Becker

A wordless book with Caldecott Honor-winning illustrations.

Last Stop on Market Street – Matt de la Pena

While traveling on a bus to a food shelter a little boy realizes how much he really has.

A Fine Dessert – Emily Jenkins

“Four Centuries, Four Families, One Delicious Dessert”

Dude! – Aaron Reynolds

A book with only one word? Yup, the genius of Aaron Reynolds

Sometimes You Fly – Katherine Applegate

A celebration of the hard work that goes into everything we do.

Non-Fiction Animal Book:

Hatch! – Roxie Munro

Guess whose egg it is and turn the page to find out about the different birds that laid each one.

See What a Seal Can Do – Christine Butterworth

An amazing look at seals with knock your socks off illustrations.

A Butterfly is Patient—Dianna Hutts Aston

An incredible look at some of our most beautiful creatures.

Nic Bishop Spiders—Nic Bishop

You'll be amazed at this photo journal and how he was able to capture these pictures. If you like this, check out Nic Bishop Snakes!

What do you Do With a Tail Like This?—Steve Jenkins

Not just tails. Amazing animal noses, ears, mouths feet and more.

Shimmer and Splash—Jim Arnosky

One of the best nature artists, learn about sea creatures and enjoy the special fold out pages.

Mystery Books:

The Detective Dog—Julia Donaldson

The master of rhyme has a great picture book mystery.

Hermelin the Detective Mouse—Mini Grey

A type-writer using, mystery-solving mouse lives in the attic of a building. But will the residents like him when they discover he is a mouse?

The Cam Jansen Mysteries—David Adler

A chapter book series of mysteries featuring Cam Jansen and her amazing photographic memory.

The First Case—Ulf Nilsson

This charming Swedish import features a fantastic mystery and a great cast of characters. Don't worry, when you fall in love with them there are more in the series.

Graphic Novel:

Mr. Wolf's Class—Aron Nels Steinke

The daily antics of a multi-animal 4th grade classroom.

Annie Sullivan and the Trials of Helen Keller—Joseph Lambert

Think graphic novels are "just comics"? Take a look at this amazing portrayal of Annie Sullivan's work with Helen Keller.

Science Comics [Series]—various authors

These are non-fiction graphic novels on a variety of topics Dinosaurs? Wild Weather? Coral Reefs? Sharks? Yes!

Mr. Pants—Scott McCormick

A sassy cat and his cat siblings and their human mom. A laugh out loud book.

Babymouse—Jennifer Holm

A series starring the awesome babymouse and her daily ups and downs. And what is going on with her locker??

Biography:

Life in the Ocean: The Story of Oceanographer Sylvia Earle—Claire Nivola

Who Says Women Can't Be Doctors?: The Story of Elizabeth Blackwell—Tanya Lee Stone

Spring After Spring: How Rachel Carson Inspired the Environmental Movement—Stephanie Roth Sisson

Growing Up Pedro—Matt Tavares

The early life of Pedro Martinez.

Martin's Big Words—Dorreen Rappaport

Incredible illustrations highlighting Martin Luther King's legacy. Pay attention to the end papers!

Chapter Books:

"Claude" books by Alex T. Smith

These super cute chapter books feature Claude the dog and his best friend, Sir Bobblysock.

Poppy the Pirate Dog-Liz Kessler

Poppy the dog really wants to be a pirate dog with the cool bandana on her family's vacation. There's just one problem: she's afraid of water!

Princess in Black—Shannon Hale

Uh-oh. The monster alarm went off. That means it's time to shed the pink frills and put on your secret black monster-fighting clothes. But don't let anyone see you...

"Mercy Watson" books by Kate DiCamillo

This pet pig is a porcine wonder who no matter the adventures always knows that toast with a great deal of butter on it awaits her.