

Chicago Public Schools 2003 Second Grade Recommended Reading

Folk Tales, Fairy Tales

- *Between Earth & Sky: Legends of Native American Sacred Places* by Joseph Bruchac. 1996, Harcourt Brace.
- *The Elves and the Shoemaker* by Jim LaMarche. 2003, Chronicle Books.
- *Fables from Aesop* by Aesop. 2000, Viking.
- *Ghosts! Ghostly Tales from Folklore* by Alvin Schwartz. 1991, HarperCollins.
- *Head, Body, Legs: A Story from Liberia* by Won-Lyd Paye. 2002, Holt.
- *Jabuti, the Tortoise: A Trickster Tale from the Amazon* by Gerald McDermott. 2001, Harcourt.
- *Jethro Byrd, Fairy Child* by Bob Graham. 2002, Candlewick Press.
- *Master Man: A Tall Tale of Nigeria* by Aaron Shepard. 2001, HarperCollins.
- *Navajo Coyote Tales* by William Morgan. 1988, Ancient City Press.
- *Ping-Li's Kite* by Sanne te Loo. 2002, Front Street/Lemniscaat.
- *Please, Malese! A Trickster Tale from Haiti* by Amy MacDonald. 2002, Farrar, Straus & Giroux.
- *The Princess Mouse: A Tale of Finland* by Aaron Shepard. 2003, Atheneum.
- *Throw Your Tooth on the Roof: Tooth Traditions from Around the World* by Selby B. Beeler. 1998, Houghton Mifflin.

Nonfiction

- *Are Trees Alive?* by Debbie S. Miller. 2002, Walker.
- *The Best Book of Fossils, Rocks, and Minerals* by Chris Pellant. 2000, Kingfisher.
- *I See Myself* by Vicki Cobb. 2002, HarperCollins.
- *Look-Alikes, Jr.* by Joan Steiner. 1999, Little Brown.
- *Safari Park* by Stuart J. Murphy. 2002, HarperCollins.
- *Sluggers' Car Wash* by Stuart J. Murphy. 2002, HarperCollins.
- *The Sun, Our Nearest Star* by Franklyn Mansfield Branley. 2002, HarperCollins.
- *This is the House that Jack Built* by Simms Taback. 2002, Putnam.

- *A Triangle for Adaora: An African Book of Shapes* by Ifeoma Onyefulu. 2000, Dutton Books.
- *A Voice of Her Own: The Story of Phillis Wheatley, Slave Poet* by Kathryn Lasky. 2003, Candlewick Press.
- *Weird Friends: Unlikely Allies in the Animal Kingdom* by Jose Aruego. 2002, Harcourt Brace.

Fiction

- *All Your Own Teeth* by Adrienne Geoghegan. 2002, Dial Books.
- *Alphabet Under Construction* by Denise Fleming. 2002, Holt.
- *A Band of Angels: A Story Inspired by the Jubilee Singers* by Deborah Hopkinson. 1999, Aladdin Paperbacks.
- *Barn Raising* by Craig McFarland Brown. 2002, Greenwillow Books.
- *Biscuit Goes to School* by Alyssa Satin Capucilli. 2002, HarperCollins.
- *A Bit More Bert* by Allan Ahlberg. 2002, Farrar, Straus & Giroux.
- *Calling Doctor Amelia Bedelia* by Herman Parish. 2002, Greenwillow Books.
- *Can You Make a Piggy Giggle?* by Linda Ashman. 2002, Dutton Books.
- *Colors* by Carol Diggory Shields. 2000, Handprint Books.
- *Comes a Wind* by Linda Arms White. 2000, DK Ink.
- *Daisy Comes Home* by Jan Brett. 2002, Putnam.
- *The Difference Between Babies & Cookies* by Mary Elizabeth Hanson. 2002, Harcourt Brace.
- *Dog's ABC: A Silly Story About the Alphabet* by Emma Dodd. 2000, Dutton Books.
- *Fall Leaves Fall!* by Zoe Hall. 2000, Scholastic.
- *Giggle, Giggle, Quack* by Doreen Cronin. 2002, Simon & Schuster Books.
- *Girls: A to Z* by Eve Bunting. 2002, Boyds Mills Press.
- *Goldie Locks has Chicken Pox* by Erin Dealey. 2002, Atheneum Books.
- *Gooney Bird Greene* by Lois Lowry. 2002, Houghton Mifflin.
- *Goose's Story* by Cari Best. 2002, Farrar, Straus & Giroux.

- *I'm Gonna Like Me: Letting Off a Little Self-Esteem* by Jamie Lee Curtis. 2002, Joanna Cotler Books.
- *Iris and Walter and Baby Rose* by Elissa Haden Guest. 2002, Harcourt Brace.
- *It's a Fair Day, Amber Brown* by Paula Danziger. 2002, Putnam.
- *Joseph Had a Little Overcoat* by Simms Taback. 1999, Viking.
- *Little Horse* by Betsy Cromer Byars. 2002, Holt.
- *The Magic Hat* by Mem Fox. 2002, Harcourt Brace.
- *Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!* by Candace Fleming. 2002, Atheneum Books.
- *New Cat* by Yangsook Choi. 1999, Farrar, Straus & Giroux.
- *Pinocchio, the Boy, or, Incognito in Collodi* by Lane Smith. 2002, Viking.
- *Practice Makes Perfect for Rotten Ralph* by Jack Gantos. 2002, Farrar, Straus & Giroux.
- *Pumpkin Day!* by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace. 2002, Cavendish.
- *Ruby's Wish* by Shirin Yim Bridges. 2002, Chronicle Books.
- *Read Me a Story* by Rosemary Wells. 2002, Hyperion Books.
- *Shades of Black: A Celebration of Our Children* by Sandra L. Pinkney. 2000, Scholastic.
- *Skeleton Hiccups* by Margery Cuyler. 2002, M.K. McElderry Books.
- *Speak English for Us, Marisol!* by Karen English. 2000, A. Whitman.
- *Strega Nona Takes a Vacation* by Tomie De Paola. 2000, Putnam.
- *Sunsets of the West* by Tony Johnston. 2002, Putnam.
- *Tatty Ratty* by Helen Cooper. 2002, Farrar, Straus & Giroux.
- *Tessa's Tip-Tapping Toes* by Carolyn Crimi. 2002, Orchard Books.
- *This Little Chick* by John Lawrence. 2002, Candlewick Press.
- *Tough Cookie* by David Wisniewski. 1999, Lee & Shepard Books.
- *The Turtle and the Hippopotamus* by Kate Banks. 2002, Farrar, Straus & Giroux.
- *Was It a Good Trade?* by Beatrice Schenk De Regniers. 2002, HarperCollins.
- *What Did You Do Today?* by Kerry Arquette. 2002, Harcourt Brace.

- *Who's a Pest?* by Crosby Newell Bonsall. 1990, HarperCollins

Poetry

- *Carol of the Brown King: Nativity Poems* by Langston Hughes. 1998, Atheneum Books.
- *Christmas is Coming! Poems* by Charles Ghigna. 2000, Talewinds.
- *Don't Step on the Sky: A Handful of Haiku* by Miriam Chaikin. 2002, Holt.
- *Exploding Gravy: Poems to Make You Laugh* by X.J. Kennedy. 2002, Little Brown.
- *Harlem: A Poem* by Walter Dean Myers. 1997, Scholastic.
- *I Invited a Dragon to Dinner: And Other Poems to Make You Laugh Out Loud.* 2002, Philomel Books.
- *I, Too, Sing America: Three Centuries of African American Poetry.* 1998, Houghton Mifflin.
- *Laugh-Eteria: Poems and Drawings* by Douglas Florian. 1999, Harcourt Brace.
- *Love to Langston* by Tony Medina. 2002, Lee & Low Books.
- *My America: A Poetry Atlas of the United States.* 2000, Simon & Schuster Books.
- *New Year Be Coming! A Gullah Year* by Katherine Boling. 2002, Whitman.
- *One Leaf Rides the Wind: Counting in a Japanese Garden* by Celeste A. Mannis. 2002, Viking.
- *This Place I Know: Poems of Comfort* by Georgia Heard. 2002, Candlewick Press.
- *Where the Sidewalk Ends: The Poems & Drawings* by Shel Silverstein. 1974, HarperCollins.
- *Who Needs Birds When Dogs Can Fly?* by Fay Robinson. 2002, Dutton Books.
- *A World of Wonders: Geographic Travels in Verse and Rhyme* by J. Patrick Lewis. 2002, Dial Books.

The goal is for each CPS student to read at least 25 books each year.

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