

**Katy Independent School District  
2019 Suggested Summer Reading List  
Entering 2nd Grade**

<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Summary</b>
Barton, Bethany	<i>I'm Trying to Love Spiders</i>	A hilarious and clever way to introduce the idea of fears, spiders, and general nonfiction to young readers. Provides funny illustrations to go with amazing facts about our often feared eight-legged friends
Dyckman, Ame	<i>Misunderstood Shark</i>	. A funny picture book that follows a jellyfish interviewing a shark that is always misunderstood. He can explain his innocence on several different events. He isn't planning on eating a baby seal or following blood in the water...or is he?
Faulconer, Maria	<i>A Mom for Umande</i>	True story of a baby gorilla that is rejected by his mother and cared for by the zookeepers until they find a gorilla to take care of him.
John, Jory	<i>Giraffe Problems</i>	Edward the giraffe can't understand why his neck is as long and bendy and, well, ridiculous as it is. No other animal has a neck this absurd. He's tried disguising it, dressing it up, strategically hiding it behind bushes--honestly, anything you can think of, he's tried. Just when he has exhausted his neck-hiding options and is about to throw in the towel, a turtle swoops in (well, ambles in, very slowly) and helps him!
Zietlow, Pat	<i>Be Kind</i>	Tanisha spills grape juice on her dress and a classmate thinks of ways she can make her feel better. She thinks about what it really means to show kindness to others and how small gestures can make a big difference to someone else who may be having a tough time.

## Suggested Authors

Arnosky, Jim  
Cronin, Doreen

Lester, Helen  
Prelutsky, Jack

Rylant, Cynthia  
Stevens, Janet

## Suggested Series

Hayes, Geoffrey

*Benny and Penny*

Follow the adventures of Benny and Penny, two mice, as they pretend to be brave pirates, calm each other's bedtime fears, and go on treasure hunts in this action-filled graphic novel series.

Klein, Abby

*Ready Freddy!*

Discover how first – grader Freddy Thrasher overcomes his humorous predicaments. Look for the word “fin” cleverly hidden in every picture.

Lord, Cynthia

*Shelter Pet Squad*

In this series, Shelter Pet Squad kids find the perfect pet homes for animals in need.

Manushkin, Fran

*Katie Woo*

Share the ongoing adventures of Katie Woo and her friends as they care for the class pet, find a job for career day, and save the Earth!

McDonald, Megan

*Stink*

Judy Moody's little brother, Stink, gets involved in some hilarious adventures and even writes a comic strip for the end of each chapter.