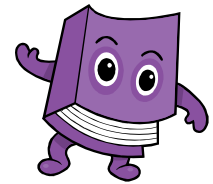


Pleasant View School

Second Grade Summer Reading Program



First choose at least **TWO** books from the reading list below to read over the summer. Then pick one project to do for each of the books that you have read. You may choose to do two different projects or the same for both books. These projects may be turned in any day during **the first two weeks** of school but the official due date is Friday **August 19th**. A reading grade will be given for these assignments.

Reading List

The World According to Humphreys by Betty G. Birney's

You can learn a lot about life by observing another species. That's what Humphrey was told when he was first brought to Room 26. And boy is it true! There are always adventures in the classroom and each weekend he gets to sleep over with a different student, like Lower-Your-Voice-A.J. and Speak-Up Sayeh. Humphrey learns to read, write, shoot rubber bands (only in self-defense, of course), and much more. With a lock-that-doesn't-lock and an adventurous spirit, Humphrey's life would be perfect if only the teacher, Mrs. Brisbane, wasn't out to get him? With a fresh voice and an engaging, hamster's-eye view of school, families, and treats to hide in a cheek pouch, Betty G. Birney's Humphrey will elicit laughter and a new appreciation for classroom hamsters everywhere. —[http://www.bettybirney.com/taken from humphrey.html](http://www.bettybirney.com/taken-from-humphrey.html)

Freckle Juice by Judy Blume

"Freckle Juice" by Judy Blume is a funny easy chapter book in the genre of realistic fiction. Main character Andrew Marcus wants freckles after noticing his classmate Nicky has them. In fact, Andrew wants freckles so bad that he buys a secret recipe for freckle juice from Sharon for fifty cents, his five-week allowance. But freckle juice does not work as expected. Andrew has to draw fake freckles with a blue marker. At school, Andrew's teacher gives him a "freckle remover" to remove the blue freckles. Children in second grade and third grade will enjoy reading this humorous story. <http://www.agatebooks.com/grade-2-3/>

Of Thee I Sing: A Letter to My Daughters by Barack Obama

Aimed at young children, *Of Thee I Sing: A Letter to My Daughters* offers brief glimpses of how the contributions of a single person can touch lives, inspire others and sometimes, change the course of history. Written before he became president, Obama here chooses a baker's dozen Americans to illustrate traits such as courage, creativity and intelligence that he sees in his daughters and encourages young people to find and develop in themselves. Those chosen - including George Washington, Jackie Robinson, Billie Holliday, Cesar Chavez, Helen Keller & Sitting Bull - capture ethnic diversity and include a good balance of men and women. <http://www.amazon.com/Thee-Sing-Letter-My-Daughters/dp/037583527X>

Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by Doreen Rappaport

In this elegant pictorial biography of Martin Luther King Jr., author Doreen Rappaport combines her spare, lyrical text with King's own words for an effective, age-appropriate portrayal of one of the world's greatest civil rights leaders. From King's youth, when he looked up to his preacher father and vowed one day to "get big words, too," to his death at a garbage workers' strike ("On his second day there, he was shot. He died."), Rappaport imbues the story with reverence. [http://www.amazon.com/Martins-Big-Words-Martin-Luther/dp/1423106350/ref=pd sim b 35](http://www.amazon.com/Martins-Big-Words-Martin-Luther/dp/1423106350/ref=pd_sim_b_35)

Night of the Moon: A Muslim Holiday Story by Hena Khan

The new crescent appears, marking the first day of the month of Ramadan. Yasmeen, a seven-year-old Pakistani-American girl, is confused because "it's only the seventeenth." Her mother explains that the Islamic calendar is a lunar calendar. At sunset, the family enjoys a special dinner. The following week, her family prepares food to be distributed at a mosque. One night, Yasmeen sees that the moon is full, and realizes that the observance is half over. Other events include a family barbecue and a celebration of the "Night of the Moon" at the community center, where stalls sell clothes, jewelry, toys, snacks, and gifts. Then Ramadan is over, and the next day is Eid. Yasmeen awakes to her brother's greeting of "*Eid mubarak*," and the children receive gifts of money. Paschki's beautiful paintings incorporate Islamic tile art, adding to an authentic sense of the culture. Suitable both for independent reading and reading aloud, this book also serves as an excellent resource for teachers and librarians.—*Fawzia Gilani-Williams, Oberlin Public Library, OH*
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Suggested Book Projects

Students must complete one of the following projects for each if the books they have read.

❖ **Before-and-After**

Students may write a brief report about what they *think* a book will be about -- based on the book's cover -- before they actually read it. After reading the book, students write a brief explanation of the book as it actually is. This can be done on a sheet of note book paper,

❖ **Once Upon a Timeline**

Students create a timeline showing a chain of important events from a book read. This assignment can be completed on a sheet of unlined paper or a poster board. The choice is yours. Make sure to include the title and author of the book.

❖ **Brown Paper Bag**

Students will take a brown grocery bag and cover the front of it with unlined paper or construction paper. The student will then decorate it to look like the cover of their book. Make sure to include the title and author on the cover. On the opposite side of the bag, students will write a brief summary of their book. Then students will pick 3 to 5 things to place inside of their bag to help explain the book.