

Second Grade Reading List 2020
Akron-Summit County Public Library

Picture Books:

Dunlap, Cirocco. **Crunch, the Shy Dinosaur**, 2018. JE Lexile 540 AR BL 2.2

Crunch is a lovely and quiet brontosaurus who has hidden himself in some shrubbery and is rather shy. He would like to play, but it will require some gentle coaxing from you! If you are patient and encouraging, you will find yourself with a new friend!

Mabbitt, Will. **I Can Only Draw Worms**, 2019. JE Lexile 450 AR BL 1.6

Teaches the reader to count to ten using worms that have great adventures or everyday experiences, described but not illustrated due to the author/illustrator's inability to draw anything but worms.

Verde, Susan. **Hey, Wall**, 2018. Lexile 520 AR BL 2.3

Armed with pencils, paints, dreams, and Grandma Addy's memories of how beautiful the neighborhood once was, Angel and others paint the big wall that had been cold, empty, and cheerless.

Easy Readers:

Barnett, Mac. **Hi, Jack!**, 2019. Lexile 190 AR BL 1.2

Meet Jack- He lives in a tree house. His interests include snacks, petty theft, and lipstick graffiti. Jack also loves his friends, he just has a funny way of showing it sometimes . . .

Thomas, Jan. **My Toothbrush is Missing**, 2018. Lexile 320 AR BL 1.4

Dog's toothbrush is missing. Has anybody seen it? Maybe . . . *But w hat does a toothbrush look like?* Donkey wonders. Featuring Jan Thomas's wonderfully wacky humor, rowdy repetitions, and hilarious characters, this book is sure to have young readers laughing out loud!

Fiction:

Birney, Betty G. **Humphrey's Pet Show Panic**, 2018. Lexile 580 AR BL 3.3

When A.J. brings Humphrey to the town pet show, he's sure Humphrey will win a prize. But Humphrey isn't convinced. There are all kinds of animals in the show--from dogs and cats to parrots and even something called a bearded dragon!

Faruqi, Saadia. **Yasmin the Superhero**, 2019. Lexile 480 AR BL 2.4

Superhero Yasmin! She's got the cape. She's got the mask. Now she just needs a villain to defeat! While she's looking for one, she meets lots of friends and neighbors who need her help, but no villains. Then Yasmin discovers that she might not need a villain to wield her super powers!

Hanlon, Abby. **Tiny Tough**, 2019. Lexile 560 AR BL 3.0

Dory's sure that her big sister's friendship troubles have to do with pirates, but she'll have to navigate those rocky waters without her imaginary first mate Mary, who's found an exciting new pal of her own.

Warner, Sally. **Ellray Jakes Stands Tall!**, 2016. Lexile 650 AR BL 4.2

Eight-year-old EllRay Jakes, the shortest kid in class and still chosen last at recess, hones his basketball skills with Mr. Havens and earns the respect of his third-grade classmates.

Non-fiction:

The Bat by Elise Gravel, 2020. JNF 599.4 G775b. No level yet.

Hilarious illustrated nonfiction about bats perfect for beginning readers. Conversational text and silly illustrations will have you up all night reading about the only flying mammal on Earth!

Now You Know What You Eat by Valorie Fisher, 2019. JNF 641.3 F536n

Valorie Fisher dives deep into the science of what we eat and where ingredients come from by exploring what happens behind the scenes of favorite, everyday foods like pizza, honey, milk, maple syrup, vegetable soup, and more!