Summer Reading List
For Students Entering Grade 2

Fun Picture Books & More:

A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever by Marla Frazee
A Different Pond by Bao Phi
Alexander Hamilton: a Plan for America by Sarah Albee
All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold
April & Esme, Tooth Fairies by Bob Graham
Blue Chameleon by Emily Gravett
Born in the Wild by Lita Judge
Brave Like Me by Barbara Kerley
Bruce’s Big Move by Ryan T. Higgins
Bumblebee Bats by Jill Wheeler
The Curious Garden by Peter Brown
Egg: Nature’s Perfect Package by Steve Jenkins
Goldie and the Three Hares by Margie Palatini
I’m My Own Dog by David Ezra Stein
I See a Pattern Here by Bruce Goldstone
It’s Raining! by Gail Gibbons
Max’s Castle by Kate Banks
Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighborhood by F. Isabel Campoy & Theresa Howell
Mud Puddle by Robert Munsch
The Night Gardener by Terry Fan
Noisy Paint Book by Barb Rosenstock
Randy Riley’s Really Big Hit by Chris Van Dusen (COCBA Winner 2014)
Tooth and Claw: The Wild World of Big Predators by Jim Arnosky
Traction Man (series) by Mini Grey
What Do You Do With a Problem? by Kobi Yamada
When No One is Watching by Eileen Spinelli
We Came to America by Faith Ringgold

Shorter Chapter Books (can be read alone or shared with someone else)

Benny and Penny (series) by Geoffrey Hayes
Bink and Gollie (series) by Kate DiCamillo
Brave Norman (series) by Andrew Clements
King and Kayla (series) by Dori Hillestad Butler
Ling and Ting by Grace Lin
Lola Levine (series) by Monica Brown
Mercy Watson (series) by Kate DiCamillo
Mouse and Mole (series) by Herbert Yee Wong
Narwhal and Jelly (series) by Ben Clanton
Pearl and Wagner (series) by Kate McMullan
Waiting for the Magic by Patricia MacLachlan
Zelda and Ivy (series) by Laura McGee Kvasnosky

2020 ELEMENTARY NUTMEG NOMINEES
(grades 2-3)

Alfie: (The Turtle That Disappeared) by Thyra Heder
Anything But Ordinary Addie: The True Story of Adelaide Herrmann, the Queen of Magic
   by Mara Rockliff
Bolivar by Sean Rubin
Book Uncle and Me by Uma Krishnaswami
A Boy Called BAT by Elana K. Arnold
The Dinosaur Expert by Margaret McNamara
Flutter & Hum/Aleteo Y Zumbido: Animal Poems/Poemas de Animales by Julie Paschkis
Her Right Foot by Dave Eggers
If Sharks Disappeared by Lily Williams
Let the Children March by Monica Clark-Robinson
Lola Levine is not Mean! by Monica Brown
Otis and Will Discover the Deep: The Record-Setting Dive of the Bathysphere
   by Barb Rosenstock
Robins!: How They Grow Up by Eileen Christelow
The Story of Diva and Flea by Mo Willems
Trombone Shorty by Troy “Trombone Shorty” Andrews

Charter Oak Children’s Book Award (COCBA) 2019

I Want That Nut by Madeline Valentine
Pine and Boof The Lucky Leaf by Ross Burach
Goldfish on Vacation by Sally Lloyd-Jones
Doll-E 1.0 by Shanda McCloskey
The Truth About Bears by Maxwell Eaton III
A Boy, A Mouse and a Spider The Story of E.B. White by Barbara Herkert
The Flying Girl: How Aida de Costa Learned to Fly by Margarita Engle
The Doctor with an Eye for Eyes: The Story of Dr. Patricia Bath by Julia Finley Mosca