

## **Second Grade**

### **Alexander and the Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day, Judith Viorst**

Alexander is very upset about his family's decision to relocate, and decides to speak out.

### **Amelia Bedelia, Peggy Parish**

The classic tale of Amelia Bedelia, the literal minded housemaid and her comical quests

### **The Boxcar Children, Gertrude Chandler Warner**

The Aldens begin their adventure by making a home in a boxcar. Their goal is to stay together, and in the process, they find a grandfather.

### **Charlotte's Web, E. B. White**

The tale of how a little girl named Fern, with the help of a friendly spider, saved her pig Wilbur from the usual fate of nice, fat little pigs.

### **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs, Judi Barrett**

If food dropped like rain from the sky, wouldn't it be marvelous! Or would it? It could, after all, be messy. And you'd have no choice. What if you didn't like what fell?

### **Corduroy, Don Freeman**

A toy bear in a department store wants a number of things, but when a little girl finally buys him, he finds what he has wanted most of all.

### **Flat Stanley, Jeff Brown**

After a bulletin board falls on Stanley, he finds that being flat has its advantages!

### **Freckle Juice, Judy Blume**

Nicky has freckles: they cover his face, his ears, and the whole back of his neck. Sitting behind him in class, Andrew once counted eighty-six of them, and that was just a start!

### **Hot Day on Abbot Avenue, Karen English**

After having an argument, two friends spend the day ignoring each other, but the lure of a game of jump rope helps them forget about being mad.

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

Martin Luther King Jr. grew up fascinated by big words. He would later go on to use these words to inspire a nation and call people to action by using words, not weapons, to fight injustice.

### **Miss Nelson is Missing, Harry Allard**

The students in room 207 take advantage of their teacher's good nature until she disappears and they are forced to work with a vile substitute.

**Molly the Brave and Me, Jane O’Conner**

Beth admires her friend Molly’s courage, but on a visit to Molly’s country home Beth surprises herself with her own bravery.

**A New Coat for Anna, Harriet Ziefert**

Even though there is no money, Anna’s mother finds a way to make her a winter coat.

**Polar Bear Night, Lauren Thompson**

After wandering out at night to watch a magical star shower, a polar bear cub returns home to snuggle with her mother in their warm den.

**The Rainbow Fish, Marcus Pfister**

The most beautiful fish in the entire ocean discovers the real value of personal beauty and friendship in this inspirational story.

**Something Beautiful, Sharon Wyeth and Chris K. Soentpiet**

A young girl learns to find beauty in her sometimes gritty urban neighborhood, showing how the way one sees makes a difference that affects others.

**Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt, Deborah Hopkinson and James Ransome**

Clara is born into slavery but learns an important skill when she becomes a seamstress. Her quilting ability allows Clara to put together directions to escape north to freedom when she overhears a conversation about a route to Canada.

**Today Was a Horrible Day, Patricia Giff**

The story follows the humorous mishaps of a second grader who is learning to read