Second Grade Reading List
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!

Hale, Shannon. *Itty-Bitty Kitty-Corn*, 2021. JE, Lexile 490, AR BL 2.4
Kitty, who looks like a kitten yet feels she is actually a unicorn, begins to doubt herself as others ridicule her, until she meets a unicorn that helps her discover and embrace who she is.

Hay, Sam. *Star in the Jar*, 2018. JE, Lexile 500, AR BL 2.1
When a little boy stumbles across a lost star, he decides to take care of it, putting it in a jar and carrying it with him everywhere. But when the sky calls out for its missing star, can the little boy and his sister figure out a way to return the star to its friends in the sky...even if it means saying goodbye forever?

Martin, Stephen W. *Fluffy McWhiskers: Cuteness Explosion*, 2021. JE, Lexile 530, AR BL 2.3
Fluffy McWhiskers is so cute that anyone who sees her instantly explodes, making it difficult for the little cat to find a single friend.

Tiny T. Rex and his friend Pointy are planning a campout in the backyard, but they are both worried that the dark will be altogether too dark, so they plan on bringing a night light with them--but when the night light does not work they bravely open their eyes and discover the stars above.

Easy Readers:

Ferry, Beth. *Fox & Rabbit*, 2021. JRDR, AR BL 2.3
Easygoing Fox and anxious Rabbit seem like total opposites. But, somehow, they make the perfect pair! On this first adventure, the pair will discover some new favorite things like sunsets, dandelions, and cotton candy. And they'll face new fears like heights, swimming, and (poisonous!) frogs. Thankfully, there's nothing Fox and Rabbit can't do together!
Manushkin, Fran. **Katie's Spooky Sleepover**, 2016. JRDR, Lexile 490, AR BL 2.2
Katie's friends have come for a sleepover, and telling a scary story seems like a good idea—until she has a dream about a monster under her bed, and she wakes up to find her lucky kimono missing.

Munsch, Robert. **The Fire Station**, 2022. JRDR, Lexile 440, AR BL 2.6
Sneaking on the back of a fire truck, siblings Sheila and Michael get more than they bargained for when they find themselves in the midst of a big smoky emergency, leaving them unrecognizable to their parents!

**Graphic Novels:**

Shaskan, Stephen. **Pizza and Taco. Super-Awesome Comic!**, 2021. JGN, Lexile 300, AR BL 2.6
Best friends Pizza and Taco put their drawing skills and wild imaginations to good use by writing a comic book together.

Snyder, Laurel. **Charlie & Mouse are Magic**, 2022. JRDR, Lexile 490, AR BL 2.2
A boy named Mouse is mixing up a magic potion: put a drop on your nose and make a wish—and in these four stories Mouse, his brother Charlie, and their father find out if the magic potion works and their wishes come true.

Song, Mika. **Donut Feed the Squirrels: A Norma and Belly book**, 2020. JGN, Lexile 340, AR BL 2.0
Belly and Norma are the best of squirrels . . . or so they think! After discovering donuts for the first time, they are determined to get some for themselves, even if they have to outsmart the food truck driver to do it!

**Fiction:**

Bidania, V. T. **Astrid and Apollo and the Fishing Flop**, 2020. JFIC, Lexile 500, AR BL 2.9
Hmong-American twins Astrid and Apollo are on their very first fishing trip, but while Astrid catches three fine fish, Apollo’s line keeps snagging on non-fish things, and when a summer storm brings the trip to a sudden end, Apollo admits he is disappointed with the experience—until he gets a look at the funny pictures their dad has taken.