

Parents and Students,

Below is a curated list of book recommendations for Rising *Second Grade* students, in case you are looking for a place to start with book selection. Please keep in mind these specific titles are **ONLY** suggestions and are **NOT** required. Our Lower School students are at liberty to choose the titles that interest them.



- **Ellray Jakes** by Sally Warner. EllRay, a third grader with a penchant for getting into trouble, deals with pressure from parents and peers alike in this comical and true-to-life series.
- **Giraffe Problems** by Jory John. From the team behind the spot-on *Penguin Problems* comes this story about being proud of your individual strengths and using them to help others. Giraffe hates his neck because it's "too necky," but a new friend helps shift his perspective.
- **Sarabella's Thinking Cap** by Judy Schachner. From the popular author of *Skippyjon Jones* comes this tale of Sarabella, a girl with her head in the clouds. A lovely story for daydreamers who don't necessarily fit the standard educational mold.
- **A Hundred Billion Trillion Stars** by Seth Fishman This story tackles the mind-boggling concept of huge numbers. A wonderful book for science, math, or read-aloud.
- **Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race** by Margot Lee Shatterly. This book tells the story of four mathematicians who played a critical role in NASA's early space launches

- **Mac B., Kid Spy Series** by Mac Barnett. Mac Barnett tells his childhood story—as a spy for the Queen of England. It’s a spoof, of course, but there are real themes here, too. This series would be a great fit for those advanced but reluctant readers, or as a fun read aloud (especially if you’re a kid of the 80s and treasured your Gameboy as much as the author).