

Clovis Unified School District  
Supplemental Literature for Grade 2

Title	Author	Summary
26 Fairmont Ave.	dePaola, Tomie	Children's author-illustrator Tomie De Paola describes his experiences at home and in school when he was a boy.
Abe Lincoln for Class President	Strasser, Todd	Abe Lincoln gets sent into a time machine and doesn't remember anything. If they don't get Abe Lincoln back to the past, time will be totally changed. Brian doesn't want Abe to go back.
Abraham Lincoln	Mara, Wil	A brief overview of the life of the man who was President of the United States during the difficult years of the Civil War and who issued the Emancipation Proclamation freeing the slaves.
Adelita	dePaola, Tomie	After the death of her mother and father, Adelita is badly mistreated by her stepmother and stepsisters until she finds her own true love at a grand fiesta.
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day	Viorst, Judith	The plight of a boy who had a bad day is described. All sorts of misfortunes confront him during the day. His mother consoles him by saying, "Some days are like that."
Amelia Bedelia	Parrish, Peggy	Idioms are introduced to young children in this early reader through the antics of the bumbling charming, eager-to-please housekeeper, Amelia Bedelia.
Armadillo Rodeo	Brett, Jan	Bo, an adventurous, near-sighted armadillo, leaves his mother and brothers to follow a girl heading to a rodeo wearing new red boots which Bo mistakes for another armadillo.
Arrow to the Sun	McDermott, Gerald	A Pueblo Indian boy is the son of the Sun God and wishes to meet his father. He is shaped into an arrow and shot toward the Sun. He meets several tests while on his quest and then returns to Earth to teach man of the Sun's spirit.
Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad in the Sky	Ringgold, Faith	With Harriet Tubman as her guide, Cassie retraces the steps escaping slaves took on the Underground Railroad in order to reunite with her younger brother.
Baby Sister for Frances	Hoban, Russell	When things change around the house after her baby sister is born, Frances decides to run away--but not too far.
Because of Winn Dixie	DiCamillo, Kate	The summer ten-year-old Opal and her father move to Naomi, Florida, is the same summer Opal adopts Winn-Dixie, the scrappy dog abandoned in the town grocery store. One afternoon Winn-Dixie wanders off, and Opal finds her dog snacking on peanut butter at the house of the woman deemed a witch by Opal's bothersome playmates. In their regular visits, Opal reads <i>Gone with the Wind</i> to Gloria. In turn, this "witch" acts as a mother-figure to Opal, teaching her about being tolerant of others and their mistakes.
Best School Year Ever, The	Robinson, Barbara	The six horrible Herdmans, the worst kids in the history of the world, cause mayhem throughout the school year.
Best Teacher in the World, The	Maccarone, Grace	Bunny's favorite teacher, Mrs. Darcy, teaches Bunny not to be afraid to ask questions.
Biggest Bear	Ward, Lynd K.	Johnny goes hunting for a bearskin to hang on his family's barn and returns with a small bundle of trouble.
Boxcar Children #33 Pizza Mystery, The	Warner, Gertrude Chandler	When their favorite pizza restaurant almost goes out of business, the Alden children try to help their friends stay open while they find out who is behind all their problems.
Bremen Town Musicians	Grimm, Brothers	The Bremen-town musicians consist of a donkey, dog, cat, and a rooster on their way to Bremen-town to become musicians.

Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Television Dog	Alder, David A.	Cam and Eric go to meet Poochie, the TV dog. Amidst the confusion, the dog disappears. Can Cam's photographic memory rescue Poochie?
Catwings Return	LeGuin, Ursula K.	Wishing to visit their mother, two winged cats leave their new country home to return to the city, where they discover a winged kitten in a building about to be demolished.
Cendrillion	San Souci, Robert D.	In this Creole variant of the familiar Cinderella tale set in the Caribbean, a Caribbean fairy godmother sets the record straight on what "really" happened in the famous tale. California author.
Chalk Box Kid, The	Bulla, Clyde Robert	Nine-year-old Gregory's house does not have room for a garden, but he creates a surprising and very different garden in an unusual place.
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Dahl, Roald	Charlie Bucket is so poor that he can only afford one candy bar a year, wins candy for life and a tour of Willie Wonka's top-secret chocolate factory. There are four other prizewinners, each a selfish child with a nasty personality. The story is filled with excitement, fantasy, humor, and moral lessons. This selection is the first of a series about Charlie Bucket.
Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator	Dahl, Roald	Taking up where Charlie and the Chocolate Factory leaves off, Charlie, his family, and Mr. Wonka find themselves launched into space in the great glass elevator.
Charlotte's Web	White, E.B.	Wilbur the pig is desolate when he discovers that he is destined to be the farmer's Christmas dinner until his spider friend, Charlotte decides to help him.
Chato's Kitchen	Soto, Gary	Chato, a low-riding gato (cat), and his pal Novio Boy plan a dinner for the new mouse neighbors, intending to dine on them for the main course. Their plan is foiled, however, by the quick-thinking mice. Awarded the Pura Belpre award, the scratchboard illustrations are controversial because one of the cats is wearing a red bandanna.
Chicken Sunday	Polacco, Patricia	The children of the neighborhood want to thank Miss Eula for her delicious Sunday chicken dinners by buying her a beautiful Easter hat. When they are accused of throwing eggs at Mr. Kodinski's shop, they have to find a way to clear their names and earn money for the hat.
Chrysanthemum	Henkes, Kevin	A young mouse named Chrysanthemum loves her beautiful name until classmates at school make fun of it. Fortunately, the music teacher understands and helps Chrysanthemum realize that her name is wonderful after all.
Cinderella	Werner, Jane	The original Little Golden Book from the 1940s featuring Walt Disney's <i>Cinderella</i> . This enchanting fairy tale is beautifully rendered with vintage artwork bringing Cinderella and her cruel stepsisters to life.
Cindy Ellen	Lowell, Susan	Cindy Ellen loses one of her diamond spurs at the square dance in this wild western retelling of the classic Cinderella story.
Class Clown	Hurwitz, Johanna	At first, Lucus Cott enjoys his reputation of being the third-grade class clown. His pranks are usually "good intentions gone wrong," and he vows that he will become a perfect student. However, it is with some difficulty that he learns there is a right and wrong way to use his humor. <b>TEACHER'S PET</b> and <b>CLASS PRESIDENT</b> are from the same series.
Days of the Blackbird	dePaola, Tomie	In this elegant tale, Tomie dePaola imagines how the Days of the Blackbird in northern Italy came to be. Gemma and her father, the Duke of Gennaro, live in a house with a courtyard that fills with birds of all colors through the spring and summer. When the Duke falls ill at the end of summer, Gemma begs the birds to stay to raise his spirits with their song. However, as snow and fierce winds begin to swirl down on the village, the birds must fly south to stay warm, and eventually only one loyal bird remains.
Emily's Runaway Imagination	Cleary, Beverly	Set in the 1920s, in small-town America, Fourth-grader Emily Barlett's runaway imagination keeps her busy! Whether it's getting the farm pigs drunk on rotten apples or bleaching the plow horse to keep him really white, Emily's adventures will keep readers laughing.

Erandi's Braids	Antonio Hernandez Madrigal	Erandi is excited. Tomorrow is her birthday, and Mama has promised her a present. But tomorrow brings unexpected worries. Their fishing net is full of holes and beyond repair. Suddenly Mama needs money to buy a new one. Erandi knows that the hair buyers have come up from the city to buy the beautiful thick black braids of the village women.
Flat Stanley	Brown, Jeff	After a bulletin board falls on Stanley while he is sleeping, he finds that being flat has its advantages.
Frederick Douglass Fights for Freedom	Davidson, Margaret	Traces the life of the black abolitionist, from his early years in slavery to his later success as a persuasive editor, orator, and writer.
Frog & Toad Are Friends	Lobel, Arnold	Five tales recounting the adventures of two best friends - Frog and Toad.
Fudge-A-Mania	Blume, Judy	Pete describes the family vacation in Maine with the Tubmans, highlighted by the antics of his younger brother Fudge.
Go Fish	Stolz, Mary	The story tells of a day in the life of a young African American, Thomas, and his grandfather. Readers follow along as the two read, fish, and play cards while conversing about life and sharing stories from their African ancestors. This book is part of a series by this author.
Goldilocks and the Three Bears	Brett, Jan	The classic story of the little girl who goes into the home of the three bears while they are out walking in the woods is depicted in this illustrated version of the story.
Graves Family, The	Polacco, Patricia and Plimpton, George A.	When the spooky Graves family moves to town and tries to fit in with the "normal" residents of Union City, everyone is in for a few surprises.
Green Frogs, The	Heo, Yumi	A folktale about two green frogs that always disobey their mother, explaining why green frogs cry out whenever it rains.
Halloween Echo	Clymer, Susan	
Hannah	Whelan, Gloria	Because she is blind, nine-year-old Hannah finds that her world is confined to the family home and weekly visits to church. Set in 1887 Michigan, when the Braille method of reading and writing is new to America, Hannah's life is profoundly changed by a teacher who boards with her family and convinces them to allow Hannah to attend school and learn Braille.
Hat, The	Brett, Jan	Lisa puts her winter clothes on the line to air. When the wind blows a sock away, Hedgie the hedgehog finds it, sticks his nose in, and then finds it is stuck on his prickles. When the other animals laugh at him, he tells them it's his new hat, and soon they are all wearing a new article of clothing on their heads.
Headless Horseman, The	Gelsey, James	Scooby and his friends are up against one of their spookiest frights ever -- the Headless Horseman! Scooby and Shaggy are scared out of their wits.
Horrible and the Ant Invasion	Kline, Suzy	It's a busy time in Room 2B--an ant observation project is beginning, Miss Mackle is teaching square dancing, and class pictures are being taken. Then one of the fish from the 2B fish tank goes belly-up! Is Harry to blame?
How to Eat Fried Worms	Rockwell, Thomas	Billy will win \$50 if he wins the bet he made that he will eat 15 worms, one per day. This story reflects contemporary language.
If You Sailed on the Mayflower	McGovern, Ann	Imagine being a Pilgrim on the Mayflower, anxiously awaiting arrival in a new land. This popular book in the If You series answers a variety of questions about Pilgrim life--both on the ship and on shore--helping readers understand what it was like to have lived at that time.
It Could Always be Worse	Zemach, Margot	This Yiddish folktale and 1977 Caldecott Honor Book tells of a poor man who lives in a noisy house and yearns for a peaceful life. When he goes to his Rabbi for advice, he learns an important lesson about one's perspective. Detailed paintings reflect his chaotic existence.
James and the Giant Peach	Dahl, Roald	This classic tale of fantasy and wonder appeals to readers of all ages. Everyone is rooting for James

		as the magic peach grows in his yard, enabling him to escape "the aunts."
John Henry- An American Legend	Keats, Ezra Jack	Describes the life of the legendary steel-driving man who was born and who died with a hammer in his hand.
Josefina Story Quilt	Coerr, Eleanor	While traveling west with her family in 1850, a young girl makes a patchwork quilt chronicling the experiences of the journey and reserves a special patch for her pet hen Josefina.
Keep the Lights Burning Abby	Roop, Connie and Peter	In the winter of 1856, a storm delays the lighthouse keeper's return to an island off the coast of Maine, and his daughter Abbie must keep the lights burning by herself.
Keeping Quilt, The	Polacco, Patricia	Great-Grandma Anna comes to America from Russia during her childhood and brings with her a quilt that her mother had made for her. Over the ensuing years, the quilt is handed down through five generations. The quilt is used for the wedding canopy as well as to welcome new babies into the world. This book incorporates Jewish beliefs with family traditions.
Legend of Indian Paintbrush, The	dePaola, Tomie	Little Gopher follows his destiny, as revealed in a Dream-Vision, of becoming an artist for his people and eventually is able to bring the colors of the sunset down to the earth.
Legend of the Bluebonnet	dePaola, Tomie	A retelling of the Comanche Indian legend of how a little girl's sacrifice brought the flower called bluebonnet to Texas.
Leo the Late Bloomer	Kraus, Robert	Distressed by his inability to read, write, talk, and even eat neatly, the young tiger Leo feels even worse when his father expresses concern about his son's being left behind while everyone else seems to have mastered those skills. Leo's mother reassures his father with her statement, "Leo is just a late bloomer." Her words have proved comforting to many children who have identified with the young tiger.
Lily and Miss Liberty	Stevens, Carla	A little girl makes crowns and sells them to help raise money for the pedestal needed for mounting France's gift of the Statue of Liberty to this country.
Little House	Burton, Virginia L.	Sitting on a hill surrounded by apple trees, a little house watches as the seasons and years go by. As distant city lights move closer, it becomes surrounded by the city and is eventually rescued by a descendent of the original family. Detailed drawings highlight the passage of time and change.
Little Sister, The	Martin, Ann M.	Many little girls are sure to relate to Karen's excitement when she is asked to be a flower girl in Ms. Coleman's wedding.
Martin and the Tooth Fairy	Chardiet, Bernice and Maccarone, Grace	When Martin receives more money from the Tooth Fairy than his friends at school, he offers to put their teeth under his pillow for a percentage of the profits.
Marvin Redpost	Sachar, Louis	Even though they have all come to school in holey clothes, Marvin and his third grade class manage to impress their surprise visitor--the President of the United States.
Mitten, The	Brett, Jan	Several animals sleep snugly in Nicki's lost mitten until the bear sneezes.
Mr. Lincoln's Way	Patricia Polacco's	A bully overcomes his prejudice when an African American principal invites him to help attract birds to the school atrium.
Mr. Popper's Penguins	Richard & Florence Atwater	The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing an Antarctic penguin changes the life and fortunes of Mr. Popper, a house painter obsessed by dreams of the Polar regions.
Muggie Maggie	Cleary, Beverly	Maggie resists learning cursive writing in the third grade, until she discovers that knowing how to read and write cursive promises to open up an entirely new world of knowledge for her.
My Father's Dragon	Gannett, Ruth Stiles	A young boy determines to rescue a poor baby dragon that is being used by a group of lazy wild animals to ferry them across the river on Wild Island.
Nate the Great	Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman	Nate the Great, boy detective and pancake lover, is on a case - who stole Annie's painting of her dog, Fang? Garbed in deerstalker hat, trench coat, and rubbers (his mother insists), Nate follows all leads. With a deadpan style reminiscent of Sam Spade, Nate follows the clues and solves his case - and eats a lot of pancakes on the way.

Nobody Listens to Andrew	Guilfoile, Elizabeth	When his family and friends finally get around to listening to Andrew, they find he really does have something important to say.
Nutcracker Ballet	Stine, Megan and Olsen, Ashley	When their friend Miranda wins the role of Clara in the school's ballet performance of "The Nutcracker," Mary-Kate and Ashley soon have a mystery when Miranda's lucky ballet slippers are stolen.
On My Way	dePaola, Tomie	Children's author-illustrator Tomie De Paola describes his experiences at home and in school when he was a boy.
One Fine Day	Hogrogian, Nonny	After the old woman cuts off his tail when he steals her milk, the fox must go through a long series of transactions before she will sew it back on again.
Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great	Blume, Judy	A summer in Tarrytown, N.Y., is a lot of fun for ten-year-old Sheila even though her friends make her face up to some self-truths she doesn't want to admit.
Pink and Say	Polacco, Patricia	Racism and prejudice are set aside when Say Curtis remembers his meeting with Pinkus Aylee, a black soldier, during the Civil War. While recovering from battle wounds, Pink teaches Say to read. The two are captured by Southern troops, and only one survives to pass down this story of friendship and caring.
Polar Express	Van Allsburg, Chris	A young boy travels to the North Pole on a train that comes to his home on Christmas Eve. He is chosen by Santa to receive the first gift of Christmas, but he loses it (a bell) on the trip home. The bell reappears, however, the next morning under his Christmas tree.
Ramona Quimby, Age 8	Cleary, Beverly	The further adventures of the Quimby family as Ramona enters the third grade.
Random House Book of Poetry	Prelutsky, Jack	This volume of poetry contains a poem for every occasion, interest level, and teaching unit in the elementary school curriculum. The poems are arranged by theme, and each theme is introduced by an original Prelutsky poem. The poetry is by both American and English poets.
Return of the Home Run Kid	Christopher, Matt	Sylvester Coddmyer III is having a dismal baseball season until he takes advice from a mysterious ex-ballplayer named Cheeko and starts to play more aggressively.
Ring of Truth, The	Bateman, Teresa	After the king of the leprechauns bestows on him the Ring of Truth, Patrick O'Kelley no longer expects to win a blarney contest.
Robert and the Snake Escape	Seuling, Barbara	Robert and his best friend Paul have lots of fun on a weekend skiing vacation, but when they return, they have to try to find their missing third grade class pet, Sally the snake.
Rumplestiltskin	Brothers, Grimm	A strange little man helps the miller's daughter spin straw into gold for the king on the condition that she will give him her first-born child.
Santa Clause Doesn't Mop Floors	Dadey, Debbie Jones, & Marcia Thornton	Mr. Dobson, the janitor, quits after Eddie and Howie smear peanut butter all over the stair railing. Mrs. Jeepers is gone and Mrs. Ewing is the third grade substitute teacher. Principal Davis tells the third grade they must clean the school until a new janitor arrives. Finally Mr. Jolly comes to the rescue.
Sarah Plain and Tall	MacLachlan, Patricia	When their father invites a mail-order bride to come live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by their new mother and hope that she will stay.
School Spirit	Johana Hurwitz	The school board has threatened to close Edison-Armstrong School, and fifth-graders Julio, Lucas, Cricket, and Zoe decide to form the Save Our School Committee. When bossy Jennifer Harper, a sixth grader, takes over the committee, Julio decides he must do something on his own to help. In between searching for a worthwhile project, he accidentally sets off the fire alarm, frightens his grandmother by walking on the window ledge of their apartment, and comes up with the best birthday gift for his brother. In the end, Jennifer gets all the credit for saving the building, which is disappointing to Julio, who worked so hard, but not unrealistic.

Second Grade- Friends Again	Cohen, Miriam	Jacob and Honey are two friends who think they will be friends forever. But, in the story both friends do mean things to each other and get in fights. Jacob and Honey learn that it is hard to be a good friend sometimes and that everyone needs a friend.
Shiloh	Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	When Marty finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, he tries to hide the dog from his family and from its real owner, who is a mean-spirited man. Convinced that he's Shiloh's last chance, Marty risks his own safety for the puppy's sake and strikes a bargain with an unlikely partner. This book is the first in a trilogy containing; SHILOH SEASON and SAVING SHILOH.
Smokey Mountain Rose	Schroeder, Alan	In this variation on the Cinderella story, based on the Charles Perrault version but set in the Smoky Mountains, Rose loses her glass slipper at a party given by the rich feller on the other side of the creek.
Song Lee and the Hamster Hunt	Kline, Suzy Weaver	When Song Lee's hamster escapes from its cage in Room 2B, the class members and other students in South School become involved in the search for him.
Sootface	Souci, Robert D. San	Although she is mocked and mistreated by her two older sisters, an Indian maiden wins a mighty invisible warrior for her husband with her kind and honest heart.
Star Spangled Banner	Qualey, Marsha and Key, Francis Scott	Provides a history and words to all four verses of the song called "The Star-Spangled Banner," which became the national anthem of the United States in 1931.
Starting School	Janet Ahlberg	The first four months of school for eight first graders are chronicled in wonderful watercolor detail. Numerous pictures show the small school obstacles that each five-year-old must overcome.
Stone Fox	Gardiner, John Reynolds	In order to save his grandfather's Wyoming farm, Little Willy enters the National Dog Sled Races hoping to win the money to pay her back taxes. His formidable opponent is Stone Fox, who has never lost a race. The courageous Little Willy and his gallant dog, Searchlight, give the race their best try. California author.
Stories Julian Tells, The	Cameron, Ann	Julian can lead his young brother Huey into a pack of trouble in a flick of an eye. Relationships with their father are central in the six stand-alone stories. Other titles in this series are STORIES HUEY TELLS, MORE STORIES JULIAN TELLS.
Strega Nona	dePaola, Tomie	Strega Nona, a witch with a special gift, can cure illnesses, help girls find husbands, and get rid of warts. Big Anthony, her helper, misuses a bit of her magic, with terrible consequences, and learns a lesson.
Strega Nona Takes a Vacation	dePaola, Tomie	Strega Nona sends home gifts of candy and bubble bath while on vacation, but when Bambolona grabs the candy, Big Anthony is left with a lot of bubbles.
Superfudge	Blume, Judy	Peter describes the highs and lows of life with his younger brother Fudge.
Sylvester & the Magic Pebble	Steig, William	In a moment of fright, Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock but then can not hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again.
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing	Blume, Judy	Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever increasing problem.
Tar Beach	Ringgold, Faith	With hopes for a better life, young Cassie imagines that she can fly over Harlem and toward happiness. Quilt paintings illustrate Cassie's fanciful journeys and her unwavering hope. California author/illustrator.
Tarantula Shoes	Birdseye, Tom	After moving from Arizona to Kentucky with his parents, his five-year-old twin brother and sister, and his pet tarantula, Fang, an eleven-year-old works creatively to earn the money for a special pair of basketball shoes that will help him feel accepted.
Teacher's Pet	Clements, Andrew	Jake remembers the terrible days in third grade when everybody thought he was the teachers' pet.

Thank You, Mr. Falker	Polacco, Patricia	Trisha has looked forward to learning to read. But it isn't until she is in fifth grade that she finds a dedicated teacher who helps her to understand and overcome her problem with reading. This powerful literacy story is based on the author's actual experience.
Thanksgiving Story	Dalgliesh, Alice	A Pilgrim family's struggle to survive in their harsh new homeland culminates in a thanksgiving feast.
Tops and Bottoms	Stevens, Janet (adapter)	Lazy Bear and clever Hare make a deal to plant crops and split the profits—Bear can have the tops, and Hare will have the bottoms. But when it's time for harvest, Hare gets the carrots, radishes, and beets, and Bear just gets the tops.
Tortoise and the Hare, The	Aesop	Recounts the race between the boastful hare and the persevering tortoise.
Triplet Trouble	Dadey, Debbie	Meet the Tucker Triplets! Mr. Parker's class is in for triple trouble and laughs! Mr. Parker's class is going to a museum. Some of the kids think that the day might be boring, but not Alex. She has a plan for fun - and trouble! The Tucker Triplets and Sam are in for an adventure.
Turkey Girl, The	Pollock, Penny	In this Indian variant of a familiar story, some turkeys make a gown of feathers for the poor girl who tends them so that she can participate in a sacred dance, but they desert her when she fails to return as promised.
Watch the Stars Come Out	Levinson, Riki	A grandmother tells her granddaughter of her voyage from Europe to the United States at the turn of the twentieth century. Well-researched information is reflected in the superb paintings that illustrate this immigration story.
Wayside School	Sachar, Louis	Slapstick humor about the out-of-the-ordinary, 30-stories-high Wayside School. The teacher's trials and the students' antics make for a humorous read-aloud book. This is a sequel to <b>SIDEWAYS STORIES FROM WAYSIDE SCHOOL</b> .
Witches, The	Dahl, Roald	The Grand High Witch has a fiendish plan for getting rid of all the children in England. This terrible plan is overheard by the young boy narrator of the story. Fortunately his grandmother knows a lot about witches. But can the boy and his grandmother overcome the witches?
Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears	Verna Aardema	An African folktale about an obnoxious mosquito that causes uproar in the jungle. The action of the mosquito begins a chain of events leading to the death of an owlet, and to Mother Owl's reluctance to wake the sun. In the end, the mosquito is punished and we learn why the mosquito buzzes in people's ears asking, "Zeee! Is everyone still mad with me?"