

## Waldorf Grade 2 Book Recommendations

Following Grade 1 recommendations, here comes Grade 2! Remember that books for general self-development and foundational work for teaching were offered in a previous writing. Also note that there are too many books in all these lists to presume that anyone should read them all, but knowing what books are available can help in deciding about the one or two or three books (or more!) that might prove useful as a guide both for teachers and students.

Grade two children become much more capable. Many characteristics are much like those in children of age seven but by eight-years-old, children can do a lot! Repeating some things from Grade 1 is a good idea while introducing new things. The list has repeats for those going right to the grade of most need!

### For Curriculum Development in Waldorf Grade 2

- A Journey through Time in Verse and Rhyme* Heather Thomas
- [\*A Handbook for Steiner-Waldorf Class Teachers\*](#) Kevin Avison, ed.
- [\*Active Arithmetic\*](#) Henning Andersen
- [\*An English Manual\*](#) Dorothy Harrer
- [\*Brother Francis\*](#) Jakob Streit
- [\*Children and Nature, Making Connections\*](#) George Russell
- [\*Columban\*](#) Jakob Striet
- [\*Let's Talk and Play\*](#) Jane Eliot
- [\*Math Lessons for Elementary Grades\*](#) Dorothy Harrer
- [\*Nature Stories\*](#) Margaret Peckham
- [\*One, Two Three!\*](#) David Adams
- [\*Saint Odelia\*](#) Jakob Streit
- [\*Second Grade Development, Observation, and Assessment: Background and Manual\*](#) Else Gottgens
- [\*Spelling by Hand\*](#) Jeremy Herrmann
- [\*Teaching Mathematics for 1st and 2nd Grades\*](#) Ernst Schuberth
- [\*Teaching with the Fables\*](#) Sieglinde De Francesca
- [\*To Grow and Become\*](#) Rudolf Copple, ed.
- [\*Verses and Poems and Stories to Tell\*](#) Dorothy Harrer
- [\*Voyage in Song and Story\*](#) Jeannette Resnick
- [\*What Animals Say to Each Other\*](#) Jakob Streit
- [\*Word Mastery Primer\*](#) Hugh Renwick
- [\*Willibrord, A Wandering Saint in Dialogue with His Friends\*](#) Frans Lutters

### For Artistic Work in Waldorf Grade 2

- [25 Plays](#) David Mitchell, ed.
- [Bare Hand Knitting](#) Aleshanee Akin
- [Basic Sculptural Modeling](#) Hela Lowe
- [Creative Form Drawing](#) Rudolf Kutzli
- [Creative Pathways](#) Elizabeth Auer
- [Eurythmy: A Creative Force in Humanity](#) Sylvia Bardt
- [Five Plays for Waldorf Festivals](#) Richard Moore
- [Hawthorne Valley Harvest](#) William Ward, ed.
- [Leaving Room for the Angels](#) Reg Down
- [Painting at School](#) Dick Bruin
- [Pedagogical Theater](#) Arthur Pittis
- [Xavier Sings of His Alphabet Friends](#) Mary Lynn Channer

### For Meeting Children's Needs in the Grade 2 Waldorf Classroom

- [A Healing Education](#) Michaela Glöckler
- [Developing the Observing Eye](#) Cynthia Lange
- [Difficult Children: There Is No Such Thing](#) Henning Koehler and Joseph Bailey
- [Educating the Will](#) Michael Howard
- [From Images to Thinking](#) David Mitchell, ed.
- [Growing Up Healthy in a World of Digital Media](#) Michaela Glöckler
- [Helping Children on Their Way](#) Elizabeth Auer
- [Learning about the World through Modeling](#) Arthur Auer
- [Will-Developed Intelligence](#) Patricia Livingston and David Mitchell
- [Working with Anxious, Nervous, and Depressed Children](#) Henning Koehler and Joseph Bailly

### Readers for Waldorf Second Graders

- [Big-Stamp Two Toes the Barefoot Giant](#) Reg Down
- [Fee Fi Fum](#) Arthur Pittis
- [King Thrushbeard](#) Kelly Morrow
- [Lazy Jack](#) Kelly Morrow
- [Liputto](#) Jakob Streit
- [Puck the Gnome](#) Jakob Streit
- [Rukia Goes to School](#) Susan Cook
- [Sylvain and Jacosa](#) Kelly Morrow
- [The Cricket and the Shepherd Boy, A Christmas Tale](#) Reg Down
- [The Little Gnome Tender Root](#) Jakob Streit
- [The Lost Lagoon](#) Reg Down
- [The Prince and the Dragon](#) Kelly Morrow
- [The Sun with Loving Light](#) Stephen Bloomquist

### Read Aloud Books for Waldorf Second Graders

[\*A Donsey of Gnomes\*](#) Sieglinde De Francesca  
*At the Back of the North Wind* George MacDonald  
*Bambi* Felix Salten  
[\*Jonathan and the Tree\*](#) Gilad Goldschmidt  
[\*Little Bee Sunbeam\*](#) Jakob Streit  
*Mary's Little Donkey* Gunhild Sehlin  
[\*Matt McFlack and His Flyaway Kite\*](#) Kyra Robinov and Christina Anderson  
[\*Nine Gnome Nights\*](#) Sieglinde De Francesca  
*Pinocchio* Carlo Collodi  
*The King of Ireland's Son* Padraig Colum  
[\*The Old Shepherd's Tale\*](#) Christopher Nye  
*The Princess and Curdie* George MacDonald  
[\*The Way of Gnome\*](#) Sieglinde De Francesca  
Thornton Burgess's books:  
    *Mother West Wind's Children*  
    *The Burgess Animal Book for Children*  
    *The Burgess Seashore Book for Children*  
    *Thornton Burgess Smiling Pool Stories*  
*The Water Babies* Charles Kingsley

### Festivals in Waldorf Grade 2

[\*Gazing into the Eyes of the Future\*](#) David Tresemer  
[\*Michaelmas\*](#) David Mitchell, ed.  
[\*Traditions\*](#) Erica Jayasuriya  
[\*Waldorf Education: A Family Guide\*](#) Pamela Fenner, ed.