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 Streit
- 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
Eurhythmia: 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 Bailey

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 McFlock 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