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Grade-Level Science Books – Grade 2 Leveling Chart

Book Title	Summary	Level
Unit A		
Juan’s Vegetable Garden	Juan plants a vegetable garden and watches it progress throughout an entire year.	J
Mr. Hobson’s Garden	Mr. Hobson helps the neighborhood children turn an empty lot into a beautiful garden.	I
All About Eggs	Birds, fish, and butterflies all lay eggs, but in different places.	G
Unit B		
Fishy Facts	Fish have different ways to protect themselves from larger, hungry fish.	J
A Science Project for George	George decides to do a science project about penguins.	L
River Home	A girl learns how people are working to save the salmon.	L
Unit C		
Standing Up Country: a Land of Surprises	Children explore the great rock formation of the southwest United States, such as Bryce Canyon, Monument Valley and the Grand Canyon.	L
California Fire!	A fire in California consumes part of a community. Firefighters must extinguish the fire before its heat energy consumes more of the Earth.	L
Saving Our Animals	Children learn why some animals have become endangered and how scientists are protecting the condors.	K
Unit D		
Sunset Surprise	A mother takes her daughter to the beach to watch the setting Sun – and the rising Moon.	J
When the Sun Fell From the Sky	A Native American folktale recounts how night came to be. The Sun fell from the sky and darkened the Earth. The people must return the Sun to the sky and restore day.	H
Night Animal, Day Animal	Animals have different habits. Some are awake during the day and meet their needs then. Other animals are nocturnal.	M

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Unit E		
Fossil Fuels Keep Us Warm	Readers learn how fossil fuels are mined, used, and conserved.	K
Thomas Alva Edison	This biography describes how Edison’s lifelong interest in how things worked led to inventions that changed the world.	L
Sending a Message	Communication had been slow until Samuel Morse invented the telegraph. This invention would change the world and help speed communication, especially between long distances.	M
Unit F		
When Zeke is Home Alone	Zeke the cat learns about gravity, levers, pulleys, and other simple machines.	K
Ride a Floating Train	Children learn how magnets can be used as the source of energy to make trains travel faster and smoother.	M
Dreams on Wheels	Jamie must ride in a wheelchair, but that doesn’t stop him from dreaming about becoming a champion racer.	M