

K-2 2024-2025

What is Name That Book?

Name That Book is an HISD competition sponsored by the Department of Library Services. Two teams are formed made up of students in grades K-2 and 3-5. Each team works together to read and study a list of 25 books. At the district competition in March, teams are given quotes or clues and work together to name the book that the quote came from. This year, the competitions will have to be virtual, taking place over Teams. If you love to read, have a good memory for detail, and can dedicate time to reading and rereading the books on the list, you may enjoy Name That Book!

How do I try out for Name That Book?

Begin by reading the 10 highlighted tryout books on the book list. The list includes all 25 titles, but we will start by choosing 10 to use for the initial qualifying test. We choose 6-8 students to join Name That Book. I do not recommend buying books unless you really want them! Both the Houston Public Libraries and the Bellaire Library have a Name That Book section, and you should be able to find most of the books there or as a digital e-book, though there may be a wait list. Once students have returned the tryout form, they will be allowed to check out one book at a time from the Lovett library, as often as needed to prepare for tryouts, as soon as they are in stock. All of the picture books also have read-aloud videos on Youtube. Listening is just as good, if not better, for some students!

K-2 try-outs will take place on Monday, November 11 from 3:00-3:45. I will read quotes aloud and students will record their answer on an answer sheet. I will assist them with this if there are any issues! I do not want them to be stressed out about that part! Results will be emailed to parents by the end of the day on Wednesday, October 30, and a paper letter will be sent home as well. You must complete the form on the back and return it to Mrs. Warner by Friday, November 8 to be able to try out.

What will the time commitment be?

Students selected for the team will have one meeting each week from 3:00-3:45 beginning on Monday, December 2. Please know that there will also be a significant amount of reading time at home. Students will be expected to read some books multiple times.

2024-2025 NTB K-2 LIST

Books in bold will be used for tryouts.

(Y) indicates available as a read-aloud on YouTube (M) indicates available on MackinVia app in Clever

100 Mighty Dragons All Named Broccoli (Y)	David LaRochelle
Beneath (Y)	Cori Doerrfeld
Big (Y)	Vashti Harrison
Butt or Face? (Y)	Kari Lavelle
Cicada Symphony (Y)	Sue Fliess
Friends Beyond Measure (Y)	LaLena Fisher
How to Make a Peanut Butter Sandwich in 17 Easy Steps	Bambi Edlund
Jumper: A Day in the Life of a Backyard Jumping Spider (Y)	Jessica Lanan
Just One Flake (Y)	Travis Jonker
More Than Words (Y)	Roz MacLean
Mr. S (Y)	Monical Arnaldo
Our Pool (Y)	Lucy Ruth Cummins
Papa's Magical Water-Jug Clock	Jesus Trejo
Simon and the Better Bone	Corey Tabor
Every Dog in the Neighborhood (Y,M)	Philip Christian Stead
Viking Strong (Y)	Doug Cenko
Counting in Dog Years	Betsy Franco
Knight of Little Import	Hannah Bastel
Make Way: The Story of Robert McCloskey (M)	Angela Burke Kunkel
First Friend: How Dogs Evolved from Wolves to Become Our Best Friends	Kersten Hamilton
Anna Hibiscus	Atinuke
Detective Duck: The Case of the Strange Splash	Henry Winkler
The Story of Gumluck the Wizard	Adam Rex
The Great Puptective	Alina Tysoe
Officer Clawsome: Lobster Cop	Brian Smith

K-2 Name That Book Tryout Registration

When: Monday, November 11, 3:00-3:45 Where: Lovett Library Who: K – 2nd grade students who wish to try out for Name That Book
The K-2 NTB qualifying test will cover the 10 books written in bold on the book list. If you will be ready to take the test, please fill out the slip below and return it to Mrs. Warner no later than Friday, November 8. For those who qualify for the team, practices will be every Monday from 3:00-3:45 starting on December 2. This year's competition will likely be in early March, and it will be all virtual.
Once this form is returned, your child may check out one NTB book at a time from the Lovett library, as soon as they are in stock.
For the book list and complete information, see our NTB web site: https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/118416.
(You may keep this half for your information.)
Yes! I will be ready to take the K-2 Name That Book qualifying test on November 11. I understand that if my child is a car rider, they will need to be picked up at 3:45 in the front office.
Student Name
Homeroom Teacher Grade
Parent Name Parent email
My child will: be picked up as a car rider in the front lobby at 3:45 go to extended day
Return this slip to Mrs. Warner by Friday, November 8. No make-up tests will be given except due to illness. This is a student-only event. The 6-8 highest scoring students will be invited to join the Name That Book team. Notifications of results will be sent home by Wednesday, November 13.

If you have any questions, please email me at If you awarner@houstonisd.org.

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