



Books to Read Before Entering First Grade

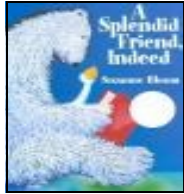


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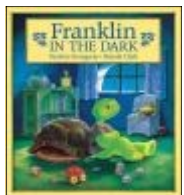
Bailey: *Stanley's Party* c2003 *dogs, humor*

When a dog's owners leave for the evening, he gets into a lot of mischief.



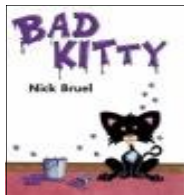
Bloom: *A Splendid Friend Indeed* c2005 *friendship*

A polar bear and a goose learn to get along and be friends.



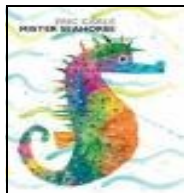
Bourgeois: *Franklin in the Dark* c1986 *fear, fiction*

A turtle afraid of small dark places, and therefore of crawling into his shell, asks a variety of animals for advice, only to find out that each has a fear of its own.



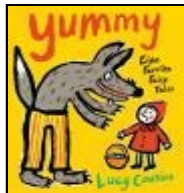
Bruel: *Bad Kitty* c2005 *alphabet*

Finding that there is no food in the house, a kitty chooses to be very bad.



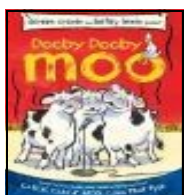
Carle: *Mister Seahorse* c2004 *animals, fiction*

Mrs. Seahorse lays her eggs, after which Mr. Seahorse carries the eggs through the sea, greeting other fish fathers.



Cousins: *Yummy: Eight Favorite Fairy Tales* c2009 *fairy tales*

Simple text and bold illustrations tell eight classic fairy tales.



Cronin: *Dooby, Dooby, Moo* c2004 *animal humor*

Duck organizes the farm animals for a talent show at the county fair. The first prize is a trampoline.

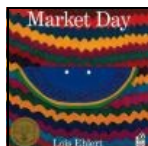




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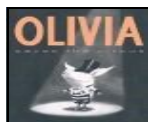


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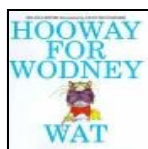
Ehlert: *Market Day: A Story Told with Folk Art* c2000 *stories in rhyme, fiction*

while keeping a diary, the young fly records how hard it is to be an insect.



Falconer: *Olivia series* *pigs, fiction*

Olivia is a feisty pig who has too much energy for her own good.



Lester: *Hooway for Wodney Wat* c1999 *fantasy, abilities awareness*

Students in Rodney's class make fun of him, because he can't pronounce his name properly; but it is his speech problem that helps to punish the class bully.



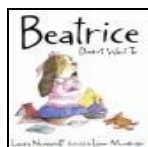
Lionni: *Swimmy* c1991 *fish stories*

A small black fish, finds a way to protect a school of small red fish from their natural enemies.



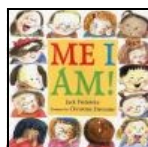
McKinley: *One Smile* c2002 *kindness*

While walking through the park with her mother, a child smiles at a discouraged stranger and sets off a chain of events that spreads kindness and comes full circle.



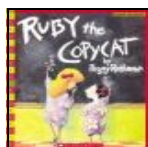
Numeroff: *Beatrice Doesn't Want To* c2004 *realistic fiction, humor*

Beatrice Doesn't Like to Read, but a librarian changes her attitude during a story session in this humorous, well illustrated bo



Prelutsky: *Me I Am* c2007 *poetry*

A book of poem for children celebrating being an individual.



Rathmann: *Ruby the Copycat* c1991 *school, fiction*

Ruby wants to fit in on her first day at school, so she begins to copy her classmate Angela; but then Ruby's teacher shows her how much fun it is to just be herself.



Shannon: *A Bad Case of Stripes* c1998 *individuality, fiction*

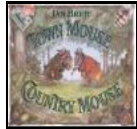
A girl who is always concerned about what others think of her wakes up one day to discover she is covered with stripes.



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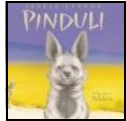


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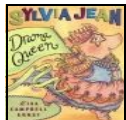
Brett: *Town Mouse, Country Mouse* c1994 *fable* ♦

After trading houses, the country mice and the town mice discover there's no place like home. ♦



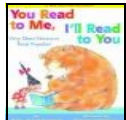
Cannon: *Crickwing, Pinduli, Stلالuna, Verdi*, insects, fiction ♦

Picture books about unappreciated and fascinating creatures ♦



Ernst: *Sylvia Jean, Drama Queen* c2005 *fantasy animals, humor* ♦

Although Sylvia Jean owns plenty of costumes, she struggles to come up with a costume for the big party. ♦



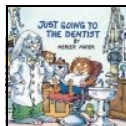
Hoberman: *You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Stories to Read Together* c2001 *stories in rhyme* ♦

This collection of short, rhythmic stories and cheerful art is designed to be read out loud by both child and adult. ♦



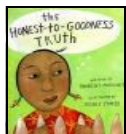
Hoffman: *Amazing Grace* c1991 *diversity, fiction* ♦

Although a classmate says that she cannot play Peter Pan in the school play because she is black, Grace discovers that she can do anything she sets her mind to do. ♦



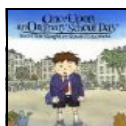
Mayer: *Little Critter stories* *fantasy, animals* ♦

Little Critter is a small creature who is amazingly like a young human boy. His adventures take place with different members of his family who expose him to daily life experiences. ♦



McKissack: *The Honest-to-Goodness Truth* c2000 *character, ethnic diversity* ♦

A young girl promises not to ever lie but then discovers that there are times that one actually should not tell the entire truth. ♦



McNaughton: *Once Upon an Ordinary School Day* c2004 *school story* ♦

Mr. Gee, the new teacher, changes "ordinary" when he challenges all the children to use their imaginations. ♦

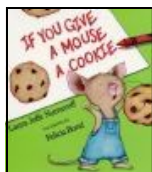




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Numeroff: *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* and sequels c1985 *cumulative tales* ◆

When a mouse requests a cookie, a cycle of events occurs that brings the reader full circle. ◆



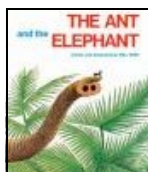
Orloff: *I Wanna Iguana* c2004 *letters, fiction* ◆

Alex and his mother write notes back and forth in which Alex tries to persuade her to let him have a baby iguana for a pet. ◆



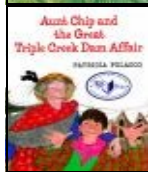
Pallotta: *Dory Story* c2000 *sea story, fiction* ◆

Danny's ocean adventures are completely enchanting, even if they take place in the bathtub. ◆



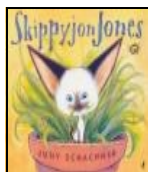
Peet: *The Ant and the Elephant* c1972 *animals, fiction* ◆

Of all the animals the elephant rescues, only the tiny ant returns the favor.. ◆



Polacco: *Aunt Chip and the Triple Creek Dam Affair* c1996 *TV, reading, fiction* ◆

Since the invasion of television, no one can remember how to read. ◆



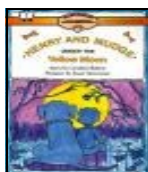
Schachner: *Skippyjon Jones* c2003 *humor* ◆

This Siamese kitten spends his "time-out" imagining himself as "El-Skippito" who comes to the rescue of some Chihuahuas. ◆



Steig: *Brave Irene* c1986 *fiction* ◆

Brave Irene, the dressmaker's daughter, ventures out into a fierce snow-storm to deliver the beautiful ball gown her mother has made for the duchess. ◆



Rylant: *Henry and Mudge stories* *family, dogs, humor* ◆

A young boy named Henry and his dog Mudge share many adventures with Henry's parents and other important people in his life. ◆



Sharmat: *Nate the Great series* *mystery* ◆

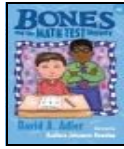
Solve each mystery alongside the most popular sleuth in the business. ◆



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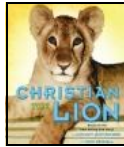


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Adler: *Bones* series *mystery*

Everyone needs bones — Detective Jeffrey Bones that is. With his bag of detective tools in hand, read how Jeffrey can solve any mystery.



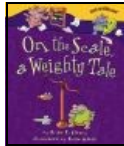
Bourke: *Christian the Lion: Based on the True Story of Anthony (Ace) Bourke, John Rendall and Christian the Lion* c2009 *nonfiction*

Details the experiences of Anthony Bourke and John Rendall, who bought a lion cub from a department store, raised him as a pet, reintroduced him to the wild in Kenya and years later received a warm welcome from the grown lion.



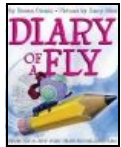
Bunting: *One Green Apple* c2006 *historical fiction, ethnic diversity*

Farah is new to the U.S. and her class. She feels alone until she goes on a field trip and realizes things are alike everywhere.



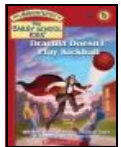
Cleary: *Math is Categorical* series *stores in rhyme, mathematics*

Mathematical functions are explained in rhyming text and simple, silly cartoons.



Cronin: *Diary of a Fly* c2007 *animal fiction*

A young fly discovers, day by day, that there is a lot to learn about being an insect, including the dangers of flyswatters and that heroes come in all shapes and sizes.



Dadey: *Adventures of the Bailey School Kids* series *schools, fiction*

There are some pretty weird grown-ups living in Bailey City.



DeFelice: *One Potato, Two Potato* c2006 *fairy tale*

A very poor, humble couple live so simple a life they share everything, until the husband discovers a pot with magical powers buried under the very last potato in the garden.



DiCamillo: *Mercy Watson* series *animal, fantasy, humor*

Welcome to the wry and endearing world of Mercy Watson, the beloved "pig wonder" of the Watson household.

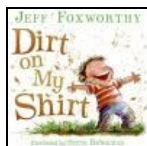




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Foxworthy: *Dirt On My Shirt* c2008 *poetry*
Comedian Jeff Foxworthy presents more than thirty illustrated poems for children on such topics as friends, bugs, family members and pretending.



Holm: *Babymouse* series c2005 *graphic fiction, friendship, imagination*
An imaginative mouse learns life lessons while living her life.



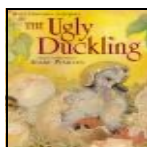
Hopkinson: *Abe Lincoln Crosses a Creek: A Tall, Thin Tale (Introducing His Forgotten Frontier Friend)* c2008 *historical fiction*
In Knob Creek, Kentucky, in 1816, seven-year-old Abe Lincoln falls into a creek and is rescued by his best friend.



Johnson: *Just Like Josh Gibson* c2007 *sports fiction, historical fiction*
A grandmother recounts the story of the day she was allowed to play in a baseball game, even though she was a girl.



Kerrin: *Martin Bridge: Ready for Takeoff!* c2005 *fiction*
Martin means well, but his ideas don't always turn out as expected. In three stand-alone chapters, Martin deals with issues at home and school.



Pinkney: *The Ugly Duckling* c1999 *fairy tale*
This adaptation of the Hans Christian Andersen classic portrays an unhappy year for an ugly duckling who eventually grows up and transforms into a beautiful swan.



Sachar: *Marvin Redpost* series *fiction*
MarStilton: *The Geronimo Stilton* series *mice, fantasy, mystery*
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Tunnell: *Mailing May* c1997 *historical fiction*
Five-year-old May wishes to visit her grandmother, but the train is too expensive. May's father and cousin concoct a clever means of sending the child after all.



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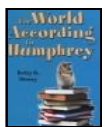


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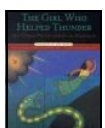
Abbot: *Secrets of Droon* series *fantasy*

Take along with a trio of best friends who stumble upon the magical world of Droon. ♦



Birney: *The World According to Humphrey* c2005 *fiction, humor*

Humphrey, a classroom hamster, surveys his surroundings and finds ways to help the children in the class. ♦



Bruchac: *The Girl Who Helped Thunder and Other Native American Folktales* c2008 *folklore*

A collection of illustrated Native American folktales. ♦



Clements: *Lunch Money* c1994 *school, humor*

Hart is a popular boy who sometimes "goofs off". When he hits the music teacher with a rubber band, he is put in charge of the holiday concert. Both Hart and his teacher learn lessons. ♦



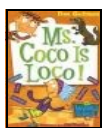
Fleming: *The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School* c2007 *fiction, school*

Mr. Jupiter becomes the 4th grade teacher of an unruly class with surprising results. ♦



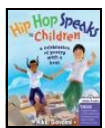
Grimes: *Talkin' About Bessie* c2002 *biography, ethnic diversity*

How Bessie Coleman became the first African-American woman to become a licensed pilot as told by her family and friends. ♦



Gutman: *My Weird School*, *school humor*

A fun series of books about school life that appeal to reluctant readers. ♦

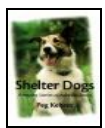


Hip Hop Speaks to Children: *A Celebration of Poetry with a Beat* c2008 *poetry* ♦



Hurwitz: *Fourth Grade Fuss* c2004 *school story*

Julio and his friends enjoy their fourth grade activities - the yard sale, ice skating, and a surprise party; but the students get serious when they have to study for end-of-the-year statewide tests. ♦



Kehret: *Shelter Dogs: Amazing Stories of Adopted Strays* c1999 *animals, non-fiction*

Tells the story of 8 dogs who were saved from the animal shelter and went on to better lives. ♦





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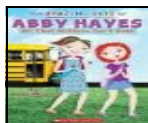
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Klingel: *Go Fly a Kite! (And Other Sayings We Don't Really Mean)*

c2008 *idioms, figures of speech*

Explains the meaning of many common idiomatic expressions used in English.



Mazer: *Amazing Days of Abby Hayes* *fiction*



Myers: *Blues Journey* c2003 *poetry, ethnic diversity*

Presents blues lyrics that chronicle the history of the African-American experience, and includes information about the development of blues music.



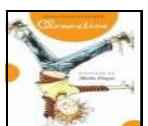
Noble: *The Last Brother (Tales of Young America series)* c2006 *historical fiction*

Gabe becomes a bugler in the Civil War to protect his only surviving brother.



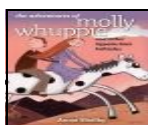
Osborne: *Magic Tree House* series *time travel, fiction*

Explore the world with Jack and Annie.



Pennypacker: *Clementine* c2006 *fiction, series*

Clementine is a funny, energetic, third grader with a talent for getting in trouble and a heart of gold.



Shelby: *Adventures of Molly Whuppie and Other Appalachian Folktales* c2007

A collection of fourteen that combine traditional Appalachian folktales with contemporary themes.



Van Draanen: *Shredderman* series *fiction*

Discover how Nolan Byrd goes from being the number one nerd at Cedar Valley Elementary to a world famous superhero.



Wiles: *Each Little Bird Sings* c2005 *family life, grief, fiction*

Comfort Snowberger is well acquainted with death since her family runs the funeral parlor in their small southern town, but even so the ten-year-old is unprepared for the series of heart-wrenching events that begins on the first day of Easter vacation with the sudden death of her beloved great-uncle Edisto.



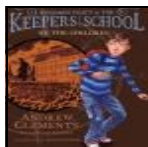
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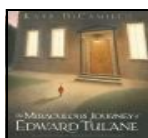
Alvarez: *How Tia Lola Learned to Teach* c2010 *divorce, family life, fiction*
Juanita and Miguel's great aunt, Tía Lola, comes from the Dominican Republic to help take care of them after their parents divorce, and soon she is so involved in their small Vermont community that when her visa expires, the whole town turns out to support her.



Clements: *We the Children* series c2010 *mystery*
Sixth-grader Ben Pratt's life is full of changes that he does not like but when the school janitor gives him a tarnished coin with some old engravings and then dies, Ben is drawn into an effort to keep the school from being destroyed.



Collins: *Gregor the Overlander* c2003 *fantasy*
Gregor and his two-year sister fall down a shaft in the basement and find a world of giant insects and rats. They become part of a huge battle.



DiCamillo: *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* c2006 *fantasy*
Edward Tulane is a selfish, thoughtless toy rabbit until he loses the little girl who loves him.



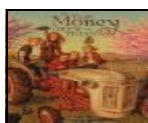
Giff: *Storyteller* c2010 *families, historical fiction*
Forced to spend months at an aunt's house, Elizabeth feel a connection to her ancestor Zee, whose picture hangs on the wall, and who reveals her story of hardships during the Revolutionary War as Elizabeth comes to terms with her own troubles.



Going: *The Liberation of Gabriel King* c2005 *race relations, friendship*
Gabriel, a white boy who is being bullied, and Frita, an African-American girl facing prejudice, decide to overcome their many fears together as they enter fifth grade in Georgia in 1976.



Hahn: *All the Lovely Bad Ones* *ghost stories*
Travis and his sister Corey decide to boost business at their grandmother's Vermont inn by staging a few "hauntings" that soon draw tourists from across the country, but when their antics awaken a dark force, they must find a way to put to rest the ghosts they have disturbed.



Hawkins: *The Year the Money Grew on Trees* c2008 *farm life, fiction*
In early 1980s New Mexico, thirteen-year-old Jackson Jones recruits his cousins and sisters to help tend an elderly neighbor's neglected apple orchard for the chance to make big money and, perhaps, to own the orchard.





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Lowry: *The Willoughbys* c2008 *family life, humorous stories*

A tongue-in-cheek take on classic themes in children's literature, in which the four Willoughby children set out to become "deserving orphans" after their neglectful parents embark on a treacherous around-the-world adventure, leaving them in the care of an odious nanny.



Lupica: *Two-Minute Drill* c2007 *dyslexia, football stories*

Brainy Scott, a great kicker who otherwise struggles with football, and star quarterback Chris, who has dyslexia, team up to help each other succeed in both football and school.



Maya Angelou c2007 *poetry*

A brief profile of African American poet Maya Angelou accompanies some of her better known poems.



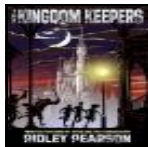
Nelson: *Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, US Marshal* c2009 *biography, ethnic diversity*

An illustrated biography of Bass Reeves, a former slave who was recruited as a deputy United States marshal, based on his ability to communicate with the Native Americans in the area that was to become Oklahoma.



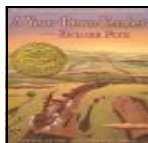
Paulsen: *Hatchet* c1987 *survival, fiction*

After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the Canadian wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given to him by his mother and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.



Pearson: *Kingdom Keepers* series *suspense fiction*

When Disney comes looking for five teenagers to serve as actors for a new technology-Daylight Hologram Images (DHIs), there is more to it than meets the eye.



Peck: *A Year Down Yonder* c2000 *humor, historical fiction*

In 1937, during the Great Depression, Mary Alice lives with her very unusual grandmother in rural Illinois.



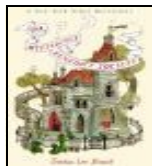
Smith: *Bone* c2004 *graphic novel*

Three cousins leave their home of Boneville. On their journey they meet royalty, dragons, and monsters as they try to return home.

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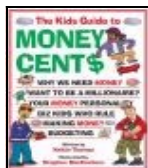


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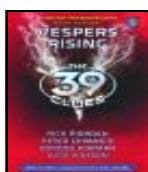
Stewart: *The Mysterious Benedict Society* c2007 fiction, adventure

Four children are secretly spies as students in the Learning Institute for the Enlightened. They have to avoid being brainwashed by Mr. Curtain, one of the owners of the school. This is a mystery you will be eager to see unfold.



Thomas: *The Kids Guide to Money Cents* c2004 , *personal finance, nonfiction*

Text and cartoon illustrations introduce kids to the concept of money.

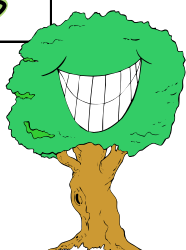
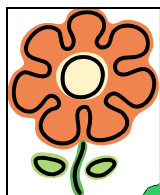
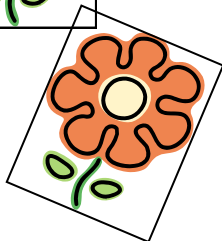
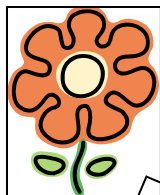


Various authors: *39 Clues* series *mystery*

Follow Amy Cahill and her brother, Dan, as they travel the world to hunt for the 39 Clues.



Various authors: Dear America series *historical fiction*



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