Summer Reading List
Grades 1&2
2016

Adderson, Caroline. **Jasper John Dooley: Star of the Week.** Jasper John Dooley's turn to be Star of the Week at school gets ruined when a new baby at Ori's house takes attention away from Jasper's Show and Tell, prompting him to build himself a baby brother out of wood. (Series)

Adler, David. **The Babe and I.** While helping his family make ends meet during the Great Depression by selling newspapers, a boy meets Babe Ruth.

Adler, David. **Young Jam Jansen And The Pizza Shop Mystery.** When Cam, her friend Eric, and her father stop for pizza while they are at the mall, Cam must rely on her photographic memory to locate her missing jacket. (Series)

Adoff, Arnold. **EATS.** Poetry about food.

Allard, Harry. **Miss Nelson is Missing.** Pretty and sweet Miss Nelson doesn’t come to school one day, but instead sends “The Swamp” in her place to teach her students a new kind of lesson. (Series)

Amato, Mary. **Chicken of the Family.** Henrietta's two older sisters try to convince her she is really a chicken, so Henrietta sets off for the farm to find her real family, and discovers how much fun being a chicken can be.

Amato, Carol. **The Giant Panda : The Hope For Tomorrow.** Teaches young readers basic facts about panda bears.

Ardizzone, Edward. **Tim and Charlotte** One stormy night, Tim and Ginger rescue a little girl, washed up on the beach. Who was she and where did she come from? One of many of Tim’s seaside adventures. (Series).

Arnold, Tedd. **Hi! Fly Guy.** When Buzz captures a fly to enter in The Amazing Pet Show, his parents and the judges tell him that a fly cannot be a pet, but Fly Guy proves them wrong. (Series)

Arnold, Tedd. **The Twin Princes.** Twin chicken princes take part in a contest to determine which one will inherit the throne.

Aruego, Jose. **Weird Friends: Unlikely Allies in the Animal Kingdom.** Describes how different animal species help each other survive.

Auch, Mary Jane. **The Plot Chickens.** Henrietta the chicken loves to read so much that she decides to write a book herself, but she has trouble finding someone to publish a book written by a chicken, and then, when she publishes it herself and it gets a terrible review in “The Corn Book,” Henrietta is devastated.

Barber, Tiki. **Teammates.** A story of teamwork and perseverance based on the childhoods of National Football League stars and twin brothers Tiki and Ronde Barber.

Baker, Barbara. **Digby and Kate 1,2,3.** Digby the dog and Kate the cat are the best of friends and even if they don't always see things the same way, they do agree that being together is the most fun of all. (Series)
Barrows, Annie. **Ivy + Bean**. When seven-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected. *(Series)*

Becker, Aaron. **Quest**. A continuation of the book, *Journey*, this wordless story follows a girl on her adventure to save a kingdom armed with only a crayon, a map, and a friend.

Becker, Bonny. **A Birthday for Bear**. Despite Bear's efforts to ignore his birthday, Mouse will not rest until his friend celebrates. *(Series)*

Bell, Cece. **Rabbit and Robot: The Sleepover**. Rabbit has his best friend Robot coming to spend the night. Rabbit has everything planned out, but Robot has different ideas about his friend's plans which ultimately result in an enjoyable time together.

Bemelmans, Ludwig. **Madeline**. Madeline awakens one night suffering from appendicitis. *(Series)*

Best, Cari. **Beatrice Spells Some Lulus and Learns to Write a Letter**. Beatrice enjoys learning to spell, and gets really excited about it after some encouragement from her grandmother, but she has trouble convincing her classmates that spelling is not boring.

Bishop, Nic. **Nic Bishop Spiders**. Includes foldout pages, photographs, and text provide basic information about various kinds of spiders.

Bottner, Barbara. **Miss Brooks Loves Books! (and I Don’t)**. A first-grade girl—who does not like to read--stubbornly resists her school librarian's efforts to convince her to love books until she finds one that might change her mind.

Brendler, Carol. **Winnie Finn, Worm Farmer**. Zany and whimsical drawings bring this story about Winnie, the worm farmer to life. Winnie needs a new wagon, so she looks for ways to win first prize at the county fair; however, there are no prizes for worm farmers.

Brown, Margaret Wise. **Goodnight Moon**. A little rabbit getting ready for bed bids goodnight to everything around him. A bedtime classic.

Bunting, Eve. **Our Library**. A raccoon and his friends go to great lengths to make sure they will always have a library from which to borrow books.

Burningham, John. **John Patrick Norman McHennessy: The Boy Who Was Always Late**. John Patrick Norman McHennessy sets out every morning for school, but every day something happens to make him late.


Burton, Virginia Lee. **Mike Mulligan and His Steamshovel**. Classic featuring Mike and his steamshovel.

Byars, Betsy. **My Brother, Ant**. A boy talks about his younger brother, Ant. *(Series)*

Cannon, Janell. **Crickwing**. A lonely cockroach named Crickwing has a creative idea that saves the day for the leaf-cutting ants when their fierce forest enemies.

Cazet, Denys. **Minnie and Moo Go Dancing**. Two cow friends get dressed up to attend a party at the farmer’s house. *(Series)*
Chabon, Michael. *The Astonishing Secret of Awesome Man.* A young superhero describes his awesome powers, which he then demonstrates as various foes arrive on the scene.

Chaconas, Dori. *Cork & Fuzz: Short and Tall.* The friendship between Cork, a muskrat, and Fuzz, a possum, is in trouble when Cork decides that, since he is older, he has to be taller than Fuzz. *(Series)*

Child, Lauren. *But Excuse Me, That is My Book.* When Lola’s favorite book is not on the shelf, her older brother Charlie, tries to find another book she will enjoy. *(Charlie and Lola Series)*

Chin, Jason. *Gravity.* Minimal text and enthralling illustrations provide an introduction to the concept of gravity and what would happen without gravity. Additional specific, easy to understand information is included in the afterward.

Clement, Rod. *Grandpa’s Teeth.* Soon after Grandpa’s teeth disappear from a glass of water near his bed, officer Rate has the whole town under investigation.

Cocca-Leffler, Maryann. *Princess K.I.M. and the Lie that Grew.* In an attempt to impress her new classmates, Kim lies about her name and claims that she comes from a royal family, but she gets herself into real trouble after her classmates beg to meet Kim’s grandmother—the Queen.

Coerr, Eleanor. *The Josefina Quilt.* Faith brings her pet hen, Josefina, on the wagon train to California and creates a patchwork quilt telling the story of their trip.

Cox, Lynne. *Elizabeth, Queen of the Seas.* Elizabeth, an elephant seal in New Zealand, causes havoc on the roadway when she persists on living in town versus her natural habitat, the ocean.

Coy, John. *Hoop Genius: How a Desperate Teacher and Rowdy Gym Class Invented Basketball.* In 1891 James Naismith invented basketball as a game of skill to keep the unruly students in his gym class engaged.

Cronin, Doreen. *Click, Clack & Moo, Cows that Type.* Farmer Brown’s cows can type and are demanding electric blankets, or else no milk! *(Series)*

Cronin, Doreen. *Diary of a Fly.* 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. *(Series)*

Cushman, Doug. *Aunt Eater Loves a Mystery.* Aunt Eater the anteater solves a series of mysteries. *(Series)*

Dakos, Kalli. *Don't Read This Book, Whatever You Do: More Poems About School.* Poems reflect life in lively classrooms and are based on the author's experiences as an elementary school teacher.

Danziger, Paula. *Amber Brown.* *(Series)*

Daywalt, Drew. *The Day the Crayons Came Home.* One day, Duncan is happily coloring with his crayons when a stack of postcards arrives in the mail from his former crayons, each of which has run away or been left behind, and all of which want to come home.

Davies, Nicola. *Tiny Creatures: The World of Microbes.* This engaging introduction to microbes explains how some of the smallest things on Earth have really big jobs.

DeFelice, Cynthia. **One Potato, Two Potato.** 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.

DePaola, Tomi. **Strega Nona.** Strega Nona’s magic pasta pot causes problems for Big Anthony. **(Series)**

DiCamillo, Kate. **Bink & Gollie: Best Friends Forever.** Bink & Gollie are back with three new adventures. **(Series)**

DiCamillo, Kate. **Louise: the Adventure of a Chicken.** A restless chicken has exciting and fearsome adventures, and winds up bringing her fellow chickens along through her stories.

DiPucchio, Kelly S. **Grace for President.** After finding out there has never been a female U.S. president, Grace decides to run in her school's mock election, where she learns about the American electoral system and sets out to be the best person for the job even though her opponent, Thomas, seems to be winning all the boys’ votes.

Dotlich, Rebecca Kai. **Bella & Bean.** When Bean constantly distracts her while she tries to write, Bella finds her poems taking unexpected and silly twists, until she realizes she has written a lovely, wonderful poem about her best friend.

Egan, Tim. **Dodsworth in Tokyo.** Dodsworth and his misbehaving duck continue their journeys with a trip to Tokyo. Again Dodsworth must come to the rescue of the duck as he causes a series of mishaps. **(Series)**

English, Karen. **Nikki & Deja: The Newsy Newsletter.** When Nikki and her best friend, Deja, start a newsletter about what is happening on their street and in their school, they focus more on writing exciting stories than on finding the truth. **(Series)**

Ernst, Lisa Campbell. **The Gingerbread Girl.** After their first gingerbread disaster, the lonely old couple decides to bake again and create a gingerbread girl who proves herself to be one smart cookie.

Ernst, Lisa. **Stella Louella’s Runaway Book.** As Stella tries to find her library book to return, she finds a lot of people who have enjoyed her book. **(Any by this author)**

Ferris, Jeri Chase. **Noah Webster & His Words.** Recounts the life of Noah Webster who gave us *Webster’s Dictionary of the American Language* as well as important contributions to American education.

Fleischman, Paul. **The Matchbox Diary.** A heartwarming story of a little girl visiting her Italian great-grandfather who learns of his life through a diary of saved objects kept in matchboxes. This story will inspire families to share their own family stories.

Florian, Douglas. **Shiver Me Timbers! Pirate Poems & Paintings.** Pirate fans will enjoy this humorous collection of poems about the adventures of some very colorful “scalawags and scoundrels!”

Fleming, Denise. **Beetle Bop.** Illustrations and rhyming text reveal the great variety of beetles and their swirling, humming, crashing activities.

Fleming, Denise. **The Cow Who Clucked.** When a cow loses her moo she searches to see if another animal in the barn has it.

Frazee, Marla. **Why Did the Chicken Cross the Road?** The pictures practically speak for themselves when fourteen contemporary children’s book illustrators offer their unique answers to this age-old question.
Fucile, Tony. Let’s Do Nothing! Young friends Frankie and Sal, believing they have “done it all,” decide to do nothing for a while, but Frankie has a little trouble with the concept and it is not long before the boys realize there is no way to do nothing.

Geisel, Theodor Seuss. (Dr. Seuss). The Lorax. The Once-ler describes the results of local pollution problem (Any by this author).

Gibbons, Gail. The Milk Makers. One of the many nonfiction books by this author that give simple information about a great variety of subjects. (Series)

Gibbons, Gail. The Vegetables We Eat. A clear, informative introduction to eight groups of vegetables, categorized by the part of the plant that is eaten.

Giff, Patricia Reilly. Flying Feet. Charlie has always lived in his big brother’s shadow, so when the Zigzag center organizes a “Come as a Character” day, Charlie hopes it will be his chance to shine as he shows off his latest invention. (Series)

Fucile, Tony. Let’s Do Nothing! Young friends Frankie and Sal, believing they have “done it all,” decide to do nothing for a while; but Frankie has a little trouble with the concept and it is not long before the boys realize there is no way to do nothing.

Hale, Shannon. The Princess in Black. While having hot cocoa with the Duchess Wigtower, Princess Magnolia must sneak away to fight monsters as her alter ego the Princess in Black. (Series.)

Hall, Katy and Eisenberg, Lisa. Kitty Riddles. A combination of 34 puns with ink-and-watercolor slapstick cartoons will please (okay, a-mews) cat lovers and show new readers that the sounds of words are part of the fun.

Henkes, Kevin. Penny and Her Marble. Penny finds a marble in Mrs. Goodwin’s yard and takes it home, as guilt overcomes Penny. Readers of this early chapter book will delight with Penny’s choice and the ending in another delightful tale of Penny. (Series)

Henkes, Kevin. The Year of Billy Miller. Seven-year-old Billy Miller starts second grade with a bump on his head and a lot of worries, but by the end of the year he has developed good relationships with his teacher, his little sister, and his parents and learned many important lessons.

Hicks, Betty. Goof-Off Goalie. Ten-year-old Goose is best at goofing off, but when he decides to become the goalie for their soccer team, his friend Henry sets up a practice schedule and enlists their other friends to help Goose improve his skills. Series

Hills, Tad. Duck and Goose. Duck and Goose learn to work together to take care of a ball that they think is an oversized egg.

Hobbie, Holly. Toot and Puddle. (Series)

Hoberman, Mary Ann. You Read to Me, I’ll Read to You: Very Short Stories to Read Together. This delightful choreography of rhythm, rhyme, and repetition begs to be read aloud in tandem by children and adults, or by any pairing of beginning readers. (Series)

Holm, Jennifer. Squish, #1: Super Amoeba. The young amoeba Squish, inspired by his favorite comic book hero, Super Amoeba, tries to navigate his way through school and save his friends and the world from the evils that lurk in the halls. (Series)
Hopkinson, Deborah. **Abe Lincoln Crosses a Creek: A Tall, Thin Tale (introducing his forgotten frontier friend)**. In Knob Creek, Kentucky, in 1816, seven-year-old Abe Lincoln falls into a creek and is rescued by his best friend, Austin Gollaher.

Hopkinson, Deborah. **Fannie in the Kitchen**. Fannie Farmer is a mother’s helper in the Shaw house, where the daughter gives her the idea of writing down precise instructions for measuring and cooking, which eventually became one of the first modern cookbooks.

Howe, James. **Houndsley and Catina: Plink and Plunk**. Houndsley likes canoeing and his friend Catina likes bicycling, but each has to help the other learn to enjoy these activities in order to do them together. *(Series)*

Hughes, Shirley. **Alfie Get in First**. Alfie accidentally locks his mother and baby sister outside and can’t reach the latch. The neighborhood is involved in getting the door open. *(Series)*

Janeczko, Paul B., ed. **Firefly July: A Year of Very Short Poems**. Thirty-six short poems from spring to winter with mixed media illustrations sure to keep the reader engaged again and again.

Johnson, Tony. **Levi Strauss Gets a Bright Idea: A Fairly Fabricated Story of a Pair of Pants**. Retells, in tall-tale fashion, how Levi Strauss went to California during the Gold Rush, saw the need for a sturdier kind of trouser, and invented jeans.

Kaplan, Michael. **Betty Bunny Loves Chocolate Cake**. From her first bite, young Betty Bunny likes chocolate cake so much that she claims she will marry it one day, and she has trouble learning to wait patiently until she can have her next taste.

Karas, G. Brian. **On Earth**. The earth and its cycles are simply and beautifully illustrated in this poetic text. Difficult concepts are explained through children’s real life experiences.

Keller, Laurie. **The Scrambled States of America**. The states become bored with their positions on the map and decide to change places for a while.

Kennedy, Senator Edward M. **My Senator and Me: A Dog’s Eye View of Washington D.C.** Illustrated by David Small and narrated by Splash, the Portuguese Water Dog, this is a clear and concise introduction to the American political process.

Kerley, Barbara. **What To Do About Alice?: How Alice Roosevelt Broke the Rules, Charmed the World, and Drove Her Father Teddy Crazy!** An illustrated biography of Alice Roosevelt Longworth that focuses on her experiences while her father was president of the United States.

Ketteman, Helen. **Bubba, the Cowboy Prince: A Fractured Texas Tale**. In this story loosely based on “Cinderella,” the setting is Texas, the fairy godmother is a cow, and the hero, named Bubba, is the stepson of a wicked rancher.

Ketteman, Helen. **The Great Cake Bake**. When her town hosts a Fourth of July cake competition, Donna Rae tries to bake the best cake ever, but with every patriotic confection she makes, something goes wrong.

Kimmel, Eric A. **Anansi and the Talking Melon**. Having eaten his way into Elephant’s melon, Anansi is too full to crawl out and delights in playing tricks on Elephant and other animals.
Kirby, Stan. **Captain Awesome and the New Kid.** Looking for super-silly superhero adventures? It’s Captain Awesome and Nacho Cheese Man to the rescue! In title number three Eugene and Charlie continue their hijinks and discover the “new kid” is Super Dude. (Series.)

Knudsen, Michelle. **Library Lion.** A lion starts visiting the local library, but runs into trouble as he tries to both obey the rules and help his librarian friend.

Krauss, Ruth. **The Carrot Seed.** Boy plants and tends a seed that grows into a carrot.

Larson, Kirby and Nethery, Mary. **Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, and Survival.** Bobbi the dog and Bob Cat show us how friendship and perseverance kept them together through the rough times of Hurricane Katrina.

Leaf, Munro. **The Story of Ferdinand.** Ferdinand does not want to be in the bullfights.

Lester, Helen. **Batter up, Wombat.** An Australian wombat joins the Champs baseball team, and even though he is disastrously ignorant about the game, his innate talents save everyone when a tornado suddenly strikes.

Lester, Helen. **Tacky the Penguin.** Tacky the penguin does not fit in with his sleek and graceful companions, but his odd behavior comes in handy when hunters come with maps and traps. (Series)

Lies, Brian. **Bats at the Ballgame.** Two teams of bats enjoy a nighttime game of baseball. Cheering the home team are the bat fans enjoying the snacks of "mothdogs" and the like.

Lies, Brian. **Bats At the Beach.** On a night when the moon can grow no fatter, bats pack their moon-tan lotion and baskets of treats and fly off for some fun on the beach.

Lies, Brian. **Bats at the Library.** Bored with another normal, inky evening, bats discover an open library window and fly in to enjoy the photocopier, water fountain, and especially the books and stories found there.

Lin, Grace. **Ling & Ting: Twice as Silly.** Identical twins Ling & Ting like to be silly, tell jokes and laugh together. (Series)

Lo, Ginnie. **Auntie Yang’s Great Soybean Picnic.** A Chinese American girl’s Auntie Yang discovers soybeans, a favorite Chinese food, growing in Illinois, leading her family to a soybean picnic tradition that grows into an annual community event.

Lobel, Arnold. **Frog and Toad Are Friends.** Short, delightful tales about best friends. (Series)

Lowell, Susan. **Little Red Cowboy Hat.** A Southwestern version of "Little Red Riding Hood" in which Little Red rides her pony, Buck, to Grandma's ranch with a jar of cactus jelly in the saddlebag.

Lyon, George Ella. **All The Water In The World.** A lyrical, illustrated look at the water cycle, showing how water rises to the clouds and is rained back down again to be used by plants, people, and every living thing.

Lyons, Kelly Starling. **Ellen’s Broom.** Ellen, a young girl growing up in the Reconstruction Era, learns the significance of love and tradition as she encourages her parents to “Jump the Broom” to finalize their marriage vows.

MacLachlan, Patricia. **All The Places to Love.** A young boy describes the favorite places that he shares with his family on his grandparent's farm and in the nearby countryside.
Mattick, Lindsay. **Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World’s Most Famous Bear.**
A fictionalized account of Captain Harry Coleburn's relationship with a bear cub in 1914, which he rescued while on his way to care for soldiers' horses during World War I, and became the inspiration for A.A. Milne's Winnie-the-Pooh.

McCloskey, Robert. **Make Way For Ducklings.** Two ducks raise their family in the city of Boston.

McDermott, Gerald. **Jabuti the Tortoise: A Trickster Tale from the Amazon.**
All the birds enjoy the song-like flute music of Jabuti, the tortoise, except Vulture who is jealous because he cannot sing. He tricks Jabuti into riding on his back toward a festival planned by the King of Heaven. *(Series)*

McElligott, Matthew. **The Lion’s Share.** Ant is honored to receive an invitation to lion's annual dinner party, but is shocked when the other guests behave rudely and then accuse her of thinking only of herself.

McKay, Hilary. **Lulu and the Duck in the Park.** Lulu loves animals. When Lulu finds a duck egg that has rolled out of its nest, she takes it to class to keep it safe. Lulu isn't allowed to bring pets to school, but she's not really breaking the rules because it's just an egg. Surely nothing bad will happen... *(Series)*

McKissack, Patricia. **The Honest-to-Goodness Truth.** After promising never to lie, Libby learns it’s not always necessary to blurt out the whole truth either.

Meddaugh, Susan. **Martha Blah Blah.** When the current owner of the soup company breaks the founder's promise to have every letter of the alphabet in every can of soup, Martha, the talking dog, takes action. *(Series)*

Miller, Zeitlow Pat. **Sophie’s Squash.** Sophie goes to the farmer’s market and chooses a squash which she names Bernice and treats as a friend. What happens when Sophie has to give Bernice up?

Minarik, Else. **Little Bear.** Adventures of Little Bear and his family. *(Series)*

Napoli, Donna Jo. **Albert.** Albert seems to have opted out of life until one day, when he puts his hand out through the grill of the window to check the weather, a pair of cardinals builds a nest and deposits four eggs in it.

Napoli, Donna Jo. **How Hungry Are You?** An ever-increasing group of children go on a picnic, finding a way to divide the food that they all have contributed.

Nixon, Joan Lowery. **Gus and Gertie and the Lucky Charms.** The fine-feathered heroes Gus and Gertie return for another slapstick easy-to-read mystery as they arrive at the Animals’ Winter Olympics with dreams of winning gold as Antarctica’s first synchronized swimming team.

O’Connor Jane. **Fancy Nancy.** A young girl who loves fancy things helps her family to be fancy for one special night.

O’Connor, Jane. **Fancy Nancy and the Boy from Paris.** Nancy is delighted that the new boy in her class is from Paris and sets out to become his friend, then discovers that this Parisian is not quite as fancy as she had thought. *(Series)*

O’Flatharta, Antoine. **Hurry and the Monarch.** On her way from Canada, a monarch butterfly lands on Hurry the tortoise in Wichita Fall, Texas. Through their friendship, Hurry witnesses the life cycle of a monarch. This story has strong Texas connections and the illustrations depict the beauty of the Monarch and Texas springtime.

Osborne, Mary Pope. *(Magic Tree House Series).*
Parish, Peggy. **Amelia Bedelia 4 Mayor.** A series of misunderstandings leads literal-minded Amelia to run for mayor. *(Series)*

Parish, Herman. **Amelia Bedelia Means Business.** Amelia Bedelia wants a new bike, but her parents will only pay for half of the bike. Amelia Bedelia needs to find a job to earn enough money for the bike of her dreams. *(Series)*

Pinkney, Andrea Davis. **Martin & Mahalia: His Words, Her Songs.** A beautiful intertwining of the lives of Martin Luther King, Jr. and singer Mahalia Jackson, both civil right activists as their journeys brought them together in 1963’s March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

Potter, Alicia. **Mrs. Harkness and the Panda.** In 1936 Ruth Harkness completes her husband’s difficult mission to bring the first live panda back to the United States.

Prelutsky, Jack. **For Laughing Out Loud.** Collection of humorous poetry.

Rappaport, Doreen. **Martin’s Big Words: the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** A Caldecott Honor Award Winning picture book biography relates the life and times of Martin Luther King, Jr., an important person in American history who used his words in the place of his fists.

Rathmann, Peggy. **Officer Buckle and Gloria.** Dog Gloria becomes a star when she accompanies Officer Buckle on visits to elementary schools. Caldecott Award.

Rayner, Mary. **Mrs. Pig’s Bulk Buy.** Mrs. Pig teaches her children a ketchup lesson.

Rey, H.A. and Margaret. **Curious George.** George the curious monkey has many adventures. *(Series)*

Reynolds, Peter. **The Dot.** “Just make a mark and see where it take you.” This sage advice, offered by her teacher, sets the young heroine on a journey of self-expression, artistic experimentation, and success.

Reynolds, Peter. **Ish.** Ramon loses confidence in his ability to draw, but his sister gives him a new perspective on things.

Ries, Lori. **Aggie Gets Lost.** Ben is heartbroken when his puppy Aggie goes missing while the two are playing fetch in the park, but he is determined to find his lost pet.

Rosenstiehl, Agnes. **Silly Lilly In What Will I Be Today?** Each day of the week Silly Lilly tries out a new career through play in this fun graphic novel for beginning readers.

Rosenstock, Barb. **The Noisy Paint Box: The Colors and Sounds of Kandinsky’s Abstract Art.** Describes how Wassily Kandinsky’s creative life was profoundly shaped by a neurological condition called synesthesia which caused him to experienced colors as sounds and sounds as colors. **Caldecott Honors 2015**

Ryder, Joanne. **Little Panda: The World Welcomes Hua Mei at the San Diego Zoo.** This photo essay describes the first year in the life of the first giant panda cub ever to survive in captivity in America.

Rylant, Cynthia. **Henry and Mudge and the Tall Tree House.** Henry is excited when his Uncle Jake builds him a tree house but worries that his dog Mudge will not be able to enjoy it. *(Series)*

Rylant, Cynthia. **The High-Rise Private Eyes: The Case of the Desperate Duck.** In this case, animal detectives Bunny and Jack help Mabel the duck find out who stole the sugar cubes from her tea room. *(Series)*
Santat, Dan. **The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend**. Tired of waiting to be “imagined,” Beekle courageously embarks on a journey to find his special friend in the “real” world. **Randolph Caldecott Medal Winner, 2015.**

Sauer, Tammi. **Chicken Dance**. Marge and Lola set out to get tickets to the Elvis Poultry concert by winning a farmyard talent contest. What transpires is hilarious!

Schachner, Judy. **Skippyjon Jones Lost in Spice**. Skippyjon Jones, the Siamese cat that thinks he is a Chihuahua dog, has an adventure on Mars. **(Series)**

Schneider, Josh. **Tales for Very Picky Eaters**. A father tells outlandish stories while trying to get his young son, who is a very picky eater, to eat foods he thinks he will not like.

Schorter, Roni. **The Boy Who Loved Words**. Selig loves and collects words in this charming story of a boy who finds his life’s purpose through his passion for words.

Schwartz, David. **How Much is a Million?** Text and pictures try to make possible the conceptualization of a million, a billion, and a trillion

Schwartz, David. **If You Hopped Like a Frog**. An introduction to the concept of ratio, by comparing what humans would be able to do if they had bodies like different animals.

Scieszka, Jon. **Baloney (Henry P.)** A transmission received from outer space in a combination of different Earth languages tells of an alien schoolboy's fantastic excuse for being late to school again.

Sendak, Maurice. **Where the Wild Things Are**. Young boy travels to an island of monsters.

Sharmat, Marjorie. **Nate the Great and the Case of the Fleeing Fang**. Nate the Great tracks down Annie’s missing dog. **(Series)**

Shulevitz, Uri. **How I Learned Geography**. As he spends hours studying his father's world map, a young boy escapes the hunger and misery of refugee life. Based on the author's childhood in Kazakhstan, where he lived as a Polish refugee during World War II.

Sidman, Joyce. **Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature**. An illustrated exploration of various examples of spirals appearing in nature, looking at snail shells, flower petals, elephant tusks, crashing waves, and more.

Silverman, Erica. **Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa**. Cowgirl Kate and her cowhorse Cocoa, who is always hungry, count cows, share a story, and help each other fall asleep. **(Series)**

Smothers, Ethel Footman. **Hard-Times Jar**. Emma, the daughter of poor migrant workers, longs to win a real book. When she turns eight and must attend school for the first time, she is amazed to discover a whole library in her classroom.

Steig, William. **Sylvester and Magic Pebble**. In a moment of fright, Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn into a rock but then can not hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again. Caldecott Medal 1970.

Stevens, Janet. **The Great Fuzz Frenzy**. When a tennis ball lands in a prairie dog town, the residents find that their newfound frenzy for fuzz creates a fiasco.
Stewart, Melissa. *Feathers: Not Just for Flying*. This is a beautifully illustrated description of the many kinds of feathers and their uses.

Stewart, Sarah *The Gardener*. Lydia Grace writes a series of letters to her family when she goes to live with her Uncle Jim in the city but takes her love of gardening with her.


Sturges, Philemon. *She'll be Comin' Round the Mountain*. New words to the traditional tune describe a camper-driving, “hootin’” and “shouting” guest and the party that will begin when she arrives.

Sutcliffe, Jane. *Jesse Owens*. This is a biography of track-and-field athlete Jesse Owens, from his childhood in Alabama to his athletic career which culminated in his winning four gold medals at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, Germany.

Teague, Mark. *Dear Mrs. LaRue: Letters from Obedience School*. Gertrude LaRue receives typewritten and paw-written letters from her dog Ike, entreating her to let him leave the Igor Brotweiler Canine Academy and come back home. *(Series)*

Thomas, Shelley Moore. *Good Night, Good Knight*. A good knight helps three dragons who are having trouble getting to sleep. *(Series)*

Tolhurst, Marilyn. *Somebody and the Three Blairs*. Humans and bears reverse roles in this Goldilocks variation.

Travers, Matt. *Mudball*. During a rainy Minneapolis Millers baseball game in 1903, Little Andy Oyler has the chance to become a hero by hitting the shortest and muddiest home run in history.

Vernick, Audrey. *Brothers at Bat: The True Story of an Amazing All-Brother Baseball Team*. Colorful and action-filled illustrations add to this non-fiction picture book story of twelve baseball playing brothers -- the Acerra brothers.

Vernick, Audrey. *First Grade Dropout*. Humor and empathy abound when an embarrassed first grader decides to quit school.

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Weatherby, Brenda. *The Trucker*. Wesley dreams his toy semi-flatbed truck grows big enough for him to have a trucking adventure but wakes to find he is in the back of his father’s truck.

Willems, Mo. *That Is Not a Good Idea!*. A wolf and a goose meet on the street and decide to have dinner together. But, what, or who, are they going to eat?

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Winter, Jeanette. *Henri’s Scissors*. In a small weaving town in France, a young boy named Henri-Emile Matisse drew pictures everywhere, and when he grew up, he moved to Paris and became a famous artist who created paintings that were adored around the world. But late in life a serious illness confined him to a wheelchair, and
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Woodson, Jacqueline.  **Each Kindness.** It is only after Maya, the new girl, moves away that Chloe regretfully realizes that she and her friends have been unkind by excluding her from their games.

Woodson, Jacqueline.  **Pecan Pie Baby.** When Mama's pregnancy draws attention away from Gia, she worries that the special bond they share will disappear forever once the baby is born.

Whybrow, Ian.  **Badness for Beginners: A Little Wolf and Smellybreff Adventure.** Little Wolf and his brother Smellybreff get lessons in badness from their Mom and Dad. They just can’t be naughty enough to suit their parents.

Yee, Wong Herbert.  **Mouse and Mole: Fine Feathered Friends.** When spring arrives, Mole and Mouse find that compromising and sharing is the way to bird watch with a good friend.  **(Series)**

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