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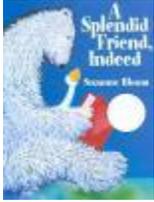
## Before Entering First Grade



### **Read Alouds**

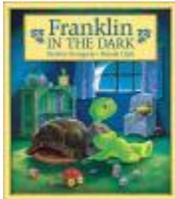
**Bailey:** *Stanley's Party* c2003 *dogs, humor*

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



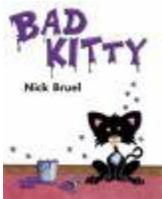
**Bloom:** *A Splendid Friend Indeed* c2005 *friendship*

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



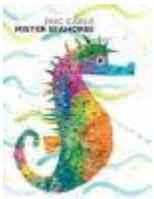
**Bourgeois:** *Franklin in the Dark* c1986 *fear, fiction*

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.



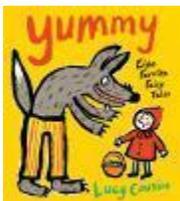
**Bruel:** *Bad Kitty* c2005 *alphabet*

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



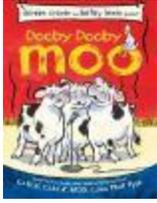
**Carle:** *Mister Seahorse* c2004 *animals, fiction*

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

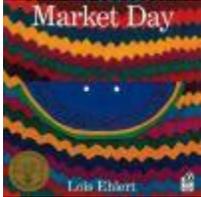


**Cousins:** *Yummy: Eight Favorite Fairy Tales* c2009 *fairy tales*

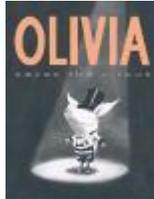
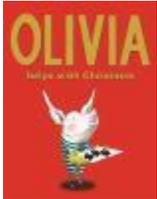
Simple text and bold illustrations tell eight classic fairy tales.



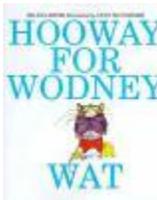
**Cronin: *Dooby, Dooby, Moo*** c2004 *animal humor*  
 Duck organizes the farm animals for a talent show at the county fair. The first prize is a trampoline.



**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.

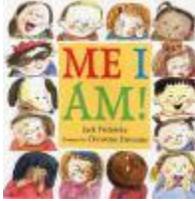


**McKinley: *One Smile*** c2002 *kindness*  
 While walking through the park with her mother, a child smiles at a discouraged stranger and sets off a chain of events that spreads kindness and comes full circle.

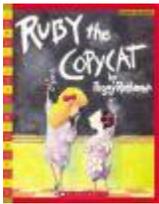


**Numeroff: *Beatrice Doesn't Want To*** c2004 *realistic fiction, humor*

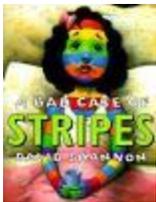
Beatrice Doesn't Like to Read, but a librarian changes her attitude during a story session in this humorous, well illustrated book.



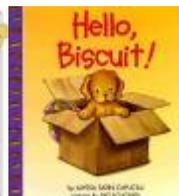
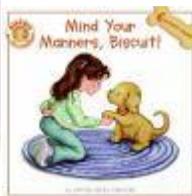
**Prelutsky: *Me I Am* c2007 poetry**  
A book of poem for children celebrating being an individual.



**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.

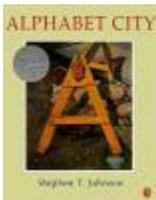


### ***Independent Reading***

**Capucilli: *Biscuit series dog stories***  
Biscuit, the adorable little tan puppy, has many adventures.



**Gelman: *More Spaghetti I Say* c1993 stories in rhyme, humor**  
Minnie the monkey is too busy eating spaghetti all day, in all ways to play with her friend Freddie.



**Johnson: *Alphabet City* c1995 alphabet**  
Photographs of objects in an urban setting present the letters of the alphabet.