
Before Entering First Grade



Read Alouds

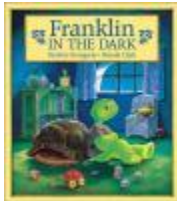
Bailey: *Stanley's Party* c2003 *dogs, humor*

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



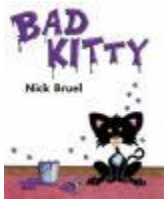
Bloom: *A Splendid Friend Indeed* c2005 *friendship*

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.



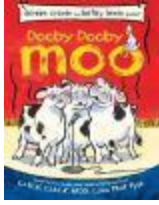
Carle: *Mister Seahorse* c2004 *animals, fiction*

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



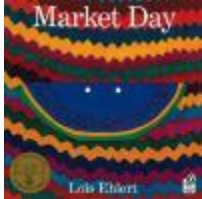
Cousins: *Yummy: Eight Favorite Fairy Tales* c2009 *fairy tales*

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.



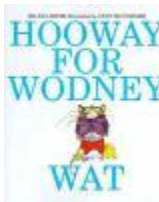
Ehlert: *Market Day: A Story Told with Folk Art* c2000 *stories in rhyme, fiction*

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.



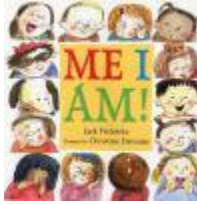
McKinley: *One Smile* c2002 *kindness*

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.

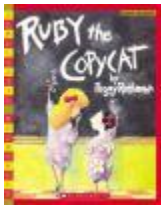


Numeroff: *Beatrice Doesn't Want To* c2004 *realistic fiction, humor*

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.

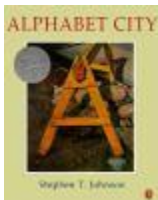


Independent Reading

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.