

## BOOKS 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADERS WILL ENJOY READING

### Fiction

Adler, David. **Pass the Ball, Mo!** (ER ADLER)

With the big game coming up, Mo Jackson, the shortest member of the basketball team, is determined to learn how to pass the ball in time to help his team win.

Benton, Jim. **Franny K. Stein: lunch walks among us.** (CHAPTER BENTO)

Franny K. Stein is a mad scientist who prefers all things spooky and creepy, but when she has trouble making friends at her new school she experiments with fitting in--which works until a monster erupts from the trashcan.

Birney, Betty G. **Humphrey's Big Birthday Bash.** (CHAPTER BIRNE)

The students in Room 26 are throwing a birthday party, and Humphrey is surprised when he finds out who it's for!

Burks, James. **Bird & Squirrel: all tangled up.** (JUV GN BURKS)

When Bird and Squirrel are charged with taking care of Bird's daughter, Birdie, the three decide to have some fun and venture out into the forest in search of the elusive Bigfoot.

Butler, Dori. **Case of the Library Monster.** (CHAPTER BUTLE)

Buddy the dog discovers a strange, blue-tongued creature in the school library, and investigates what it is and how it got there.

Catalanotto, Peter. **Monkey & Robot.** (ER CATAL)

Best friends Monkey and Robot, who laugh and jump up and down when they are happy, enjoy a variety of activities.

Cronin, Doreen. **The Trouble with Chickens : a J.J. Tully mystery.** (JUV MYS CRONI)

A hard-bitten former search-and-rescue dog helps solve a complicated missing chicken case. First in a series.

Coven, Wanda. **Heidi Heckelbeck Has a Secret.** (CHAPTER COVEN)

After being homeschooled her whole life, Heidi Heckelbeck enters a real school in second grade, where she encounters a mean girl named Melanie who makes her feel like an alien. First in a series.

Cummings, Tony. **The Notebook of Doom: the rise of the balloon goons.** (CHAPTER CUMMI)

Alexander has just moved into Stermont, but the elementary school is being torn down, his new classroom is located in the hospital morgue, a notebook he finds is full of information about monsters--and everywhere he turns there are spooky balloon men determined to attack him.

DiCamillo, Kate. **Bink and Gollie.** (CHAPTER DICAM)

Two roller-skating best friends--one tiny, one tall--share three comical adventures involving outrageously bright socks, an impromptu trek to the Andes, and a most unlikely marvelous companion. First in a series.

DiCamillo, Kate. **Mercy Watson Thinks Like a Pig.** (CHAPTER DICAM)

After Mercy the pig snuggles to sleep with the Watsons, all three awaken with the bed teetering on the edge of a big hole in the floor. First in a series.

Funke, Cornelia. **Pirate Pig.** (CHAPTER FUNKE)

On Butterfly Island, sailer Stout Sam and his deckhand Pip must rescue their treasure-sniffing pig from nasty pirate Barracuda Bill.

Greene, Stephanie. **Princess Posey and the First Grade Parade.** (CHAPTER GREEN)

Posey's fear of starting first grade is alleviated when her teacher invites the students to wear their most comfortable clothes to school on the first day. First in a series.

Griffiths, Andy. **The Cat on the Mat is Flat.** (CHAPTER GRIFF)

A collection of nine humorous stories in rhyme.

Hale, Shannon. **The Princess in Black.** (CHAPTER HALE)

Who says princesses don't wear black? When trouble raises its blue monster head, Princess Magnolia ditches her flouncy dresses and becomes the Princess in Black! First in a series.

Harper, Charise Mericle. **Just Grace.** (CHAPTER HARPE)

Misnamed by her teacher, seven-year-old Just Grace prides herself on being empathetic, but when she tries to help a neighbor feel better, her good intentions backfire.

Hines-Stephens, Sarah. **Backyard Bowwow.** (CHAPTER DCPET)

When Bizarro Krypto crash lands on Earth, he can't believe his eyes. Humans own dogs as pets! On his planet, everything is the exact opposite--canines rule the world! Before returning home, he promises to make things right-- or may be wrong.

Hirsch, Andy. **Trees : kings of the forest.** (JUV GN HIRSH)

In Trees we follow an acorn as it learns about its future as Earth's largest, longest-living plant. Starting with the seed's germination, we learn about each stage until the tree's maturation, different types of trees, and the roles trees take on in our ecosystem.

Holub, Joan. **Heroes in Training: Zeus and the thunderbolt of doom.** (CHAPTER HOLUB)

When ten-year-old Zeus is kidnapped, he discovers he can defend himself with a magical thunderbolt. First in a series.

Kirby, Stan. **Captain Awesome to the Rescue!** (CHAPTER KIRBY)

When second-grader Eugene and his family move to a new neighborhood and he starts at a new school, he has a chance to bring out his superhero alter ego, Captain Awesome, to find the kidnapped class hamster. First in a series.

McDonald, Megan. **Stink: the incredible shrinking kid.** (CHAPTER MCDON)

The shortest kid in the second grade, James Moody, also known as Stink, learns all about the shortest president of the United States, James Madison, when they celebrate Presidents' Day at school. First in a series.

Messner, Kate. **Marty McGuire Digs Worms.** (CHAPTER MESSN)

With help from her Grandma Barb, Marty builds a habitat for worms in her school cafeteria as part of the Save the Earth Project.

O'Connor, Jane. **Nancy Clancy, Super Sleuth.** (CHAPTER OCONN)

In her chapter book debut, Nancy Clancy must find the culprit when a prized possession goes missing at school.

O'Hara, Mo. **My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish.** (JUV OHARA)

Tom's goldfish is horrifically transformed after his evil scientist big brother's experiment goes wrong, an accident that imbues the goldfish with hypnotic powers and a thirst for revenge.

Pennypacker, Sara. **Clementine.** (CHAPTER PENNY)

While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.

Peschke, Marci. **Kylie Jean Blueberry Queen.** (CHAPTER PESCH)

It's time for the Blueberry Festival, and everyone in town is busy getting ready. Kylie Jean Carter's momma is baking pies, her pa is picking berries, and Kylie is thinking about becoming the Blueberry Queen. First in a series.

Pilkey, Dav. **Dog Man: for whom the ball rolls.** (JUV GN PILKE)

The Supa Buddies have been working hard to help Dog Man overcome his bad habits. But when his obsessions turn to fears, Dog Man finds himself the target of an all-new supervillain! Meanwhile, Petey the Cat has been released from jail and starts a new life with Li'l Petey. But when Petey's own father arrives, Petey must face his past to understand the difference between being good and doing good.

Pinkwater, Daniel. **Mrs. Noodlekugel.** (CHAPTER PINKW)

Nick and Maxine have a new babysitter--the eccentric Mrs. Noodlekugel who lives in the funny little house behind their drab high-rise apartment building along with her feline butler, Mr. Fuzzface, and three myopic mice.

Rissi, Anica Mrose. **Anna, Banana and the Monkey in the Middle.** (CHAPTER RISSI)

Anna and Sadie have always been best friends so when Sadie suddenly starts being mean, Anna is very sad and seeks support from her dog Banana and classmate Isabel, as well as advice from her brother Chuck and her parents.

Schoenberg, Jane. **The One and Only Stuey Lewis.** (CHAPTER SCHOE)

Stuey Lewis makes his way through second grade facing reading problems, pulling off a great Halloween caper, joining a soccer team, and more with the help of family, friends, and a special teacher.

Siegal, Ida. **Big News!** (CHAPTER SIEGA)

Traces young Emma Perez's journey into journalism, mystery solving, and fame when she investigates a worm found in a friend's hamburger.

Sternberg, John. **Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie.** (JUV STERN)

When Eleanor's beloved babysitter Bibi moves away to care for her sick father, Eleanor must spend the summer adjusting to a new babysitter while mourning the loss of her old one.

Thomson, Melissa. **Keena Ford and the Second-Grade Mix-Up.** (CHAPTER THOMS)

Keena Ford chronicles her many mishaps as she begins second grade.

Thorpe, Kiki. **In a Blink.** (CHAPTER THORP)

When four friends are whisked out of their ordinary lives to Never Land, home to fairies and mermaids, Queen Clarion and Tinker Bell have to figure out a way for them to get home.

Trine, Greg. **Melvin Beederman, Superhero: the curse of the bologna sandwich.**  
(JUV TRINE)

After graduating from the superhero academy, Melvin heads for Los Angeles, where he teams up with Candace Brinkwater, school play actress, to nab the evil McNasty Brothers.

Vernon, Ursula. **Dragonbreath: attack of the ninja frogs.** (CHAPTER VERNO)

Danny Dragonbreath and his friend Wendell get an up-close underwater tour of the Sargasso Sea from Danny's sea-serpent cousin, encountering giant squid and mako sharks--and learn about standing up to bullies in the process.

Voake, Steve. **Daisy Dawson is on her way.** (CHAPTER VOAKE)

One day when Daisy is late for school, an encounter with a butterfly leaves her suddenly able to communicate with animals, and when Boom, a stray dog, is caught by the pound, she enlists the help of a host of other animals to rescue him.

Warner, Sally. **EllRay Jakes is Not a Chicken.** (CHAPTER WARNE)

Eight-year-old EllRay's father has promised a family trip to Disneyland if EllRay can stay out of trouble for a week, but not defending himself against Jared, the class bully, proves to be a real challenge. First in a series.

Willems, Mo. **The Story of Diva and Flea.** (CHAPTER WILLE)

In the bustling city of Paris, a small yet brave dog, Diva, and an adventurous cat named Flea become two unlikely friends.