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1st and 2nd Grade

Beginning Readers

Curry, Parker **Your Friend, Parker**

Parker and Gia do everything together. When they have to separate for Parker's family trip, Parker keeps Gia filled in with a series of letters about all the fabulous stops along the way!

Fenske, Jonathan **Nothing Fits a Dinosaur**

Faced with getting ready for bed, a young boy imagines that he is a dinosaur and finds that none of his pajamas fit anymore! Cheerful rhymes make this a fun early reader.

Flintham, Thomas **Game Over, Super Rabbit Boy!**

Action, adventure, and video games star in this first book of the Press Start! series combining short chapters and comic book layout.

Iwai, Melissa **Gigi and Ojiji**

Gigi has big plans for what she and her grandfather will do together when he moves from Japan to live with her and her family. Although her plans don't work out exactly as she hoped, Gigi and Ojiji have lots to teach each other.

Manushkin, Fran **The Peanut Butter and Jelly Mystery**

Katie's lunch has gone missing and Katie and her friend Pedro search for the culprit. For more confident young readers, the *Katie Woo and Pedro Mysteries* offer an introduction to chapter books.

Snyder, Laurel **Charlie & Mouse**

Imagination, play, and family feature front and center in these early chapter books about two brothers.

Tabor, Corey R. **Fox at Night**

Repetition and sight words help new readers explore the night with Fox. It's scary out there in the dark, but getting to know the nocturnal creatures around him helps Fox love the night.

Willems, Mo **We Are in a Book!**

Elephant and Piggie realize that someone is watching them – the reader! They flex their book-character-power by making readers say silly things out loud until, at last, it comes: THE END!

Children's Graphic Novels

Feuti, Norman **Beak & Ally**

Ally and Beak are unlikely friends – can a shy alligator and a noisy bird really get along? Their adventures are a great introduction to graphic novels for comics-loving kids.

Madan, Vikram **Owl and Penguin**

Expressive pictures and an easy narrative make this a great early graphic novel full of friendship and fun.

Ruzzier, Sergio **Fish and Wave**

Visual literacy is important, too! Fish is looking for a new friend, and even though he thinks Wave is a little scary at first, easy text and beautiful watercolor panels show how they learn to get along.



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Picture Books

Blackall, Sophie **Negative Cat**

While he may not be great at reading, this boy is an expert at convincing his family that they need a cat! Max the cat isn't exactly what they expected, but they find that reading just may be the way to turn Max's negativity into a positive.

Denise, Christopher **Knight Owl**

Young Owl's small size makes training to be a knight more challenging, but his nocturnal nature and clever mind make him perfect for night watches – especially when a dragon wants to make him a midnight snack!

Goade, Michaela **Berry Song**

On an island at the edge of the sea, a young Tlingit girl and her grandmother sing to their ancestors and those in the future as they pick berries to feed their family.

Ho, Joanna **Eyes that Kiss in the Corners**

With a celebration of diversity and beautiful similes, a young Asian American girl learns to appreciate how her eyes are different from the eyes of her friends.

Klassen, Jon **I Want My Hat Back**

Bear's hat is missing, and no one has seen it – not even a certain suspicious rabbit. Sly humor and understated storytelling invite kids to read between the lines.

Lê, Minh **Drawn Together**

Age and language divide a young boy from his grandfather, but they share the magic and adventure of art as they communicate through drawing.

Salati, Doug **Hot Dog**

It's hot! A sweaty dachshund and his savvy owner ditch the steamy city sidewalks for some salty relief at the beach. Winner of the 2023 Caldecott Medal, this story features vibrant art and a lyrical text – perfect to share or enjoy alone.

Shea, Bob **Chez Bob**

Bob the alligator needs a plan! He's hungry, but he's also lazy. Instead of hunting for food, he opens a birdseed restaurant in his snout to lure the birds to him. When his trap becomes the center of a thriving bird community, can he actually eat... his friends?

Torres, Jennifer **Lola Out Loud:
Inspired by the Childhood of
Activist Dolores Huerta**

Before Dolores Huerta became a labor activist fighting for farmworkers, she was a little girl who learned from her mother: "when you see a problem, fix it!"