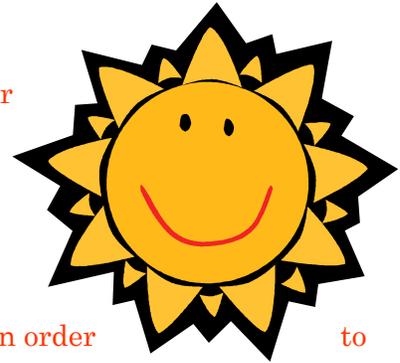




Incoming First and Second Grade Suggested Summer Reading List 2014

The following list includes a variety of fiction and nonfiction books for young readers. It's important to allow your child to make his own choices about what to read; however, we want to encourage children to find a "just right" book.



Applegate, Katherine. *Never Race a Runaway Pumpkin*. HarperCollins, 2009.

Roscoe is determined to guess the weight of a giant pumpkin in order to win books for his school library and candy for himself, but he is overwhelmed by superstitions, especially about a certain black kitten. Series

Archer, Peggy. *Name That Dog! Puppy Poems from A to Z*. Dial Books, 2010. A collection of humorously illustrated poems about dogs, their names and their unique personalities.

Barnett, Mac. *Extra Yarn*. With a supply of yarn that never seems to run out, Annabelle knits for everyone and everything in town. Caldecott Honor Book, 2013.

Barrows, Annie. *Ivy + Bean*. Chronicle Books, 2006. 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

Bell, Cece. *Rabbit and Robot: The Sleepover*. Candlewick, 2012. 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.

Binder, Eric. *If All the Animals Came Inside*. Rhyming text and wild illustrations explore the fun and mayhem that could ensue if all the animals were to come inside a little boy's house.

Buzzeo, Toni. *One Cool Friend*. Elliot, a very proper young man, feels a kinship with the penguins of the aquarium, and wants to take one home with him.

Chabon, Michael. *The Astonishing Secret of Awesome Man*. Balzer + Bray 2011. A young superhero describes his awesome powers, which he then demonstrates as various foes arrive on the scene.

Chaconas, Dori. *Cork & Fuzz: The Swimming Lesson*. Viking, 2011. Cork the muskrat wants his best friend Fuzz, a possum, to visit his home, but first he must teach Fuzz to swim and not be afraid of the water. Series



DiCamillo, Kate. *Bink & Gollie, Two for One*. Candlewick, 2012. Best friends and yet complete opposites, Bink and Gollie, attend the State Fair and realize their differences only serve them to unite as friends forever.

DiCamillo, Kate. *Mercy Watson Thinks Like a Pig*. Candlewick, 2008. Two sisters move in next door to where Mercy the pig lives and, frustrated when Mercy continues to eat their flowers, they decide to call for the help of an Animal Control Officer, Francine Poulet, to handle the case. Series

Fox, Mem. *Two Little Monkeys*. A rhyming tale about two little monkeys who are hiding from a leopard.

Gibson, Amy. *Around the World on Eighty Legs*. Scholastic, 2011. An illustrated collection of poems that provides information about animals around the world.

Giff, Patricia Reilly. *Flying Feet*. Wendy Lamb, 2011. 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

Grogan, John. *Bad Dog, Marley!* HarperCollins, 2007. Marley, a rambunctious puppy, causes lots of trouble in his new home and feels very sad about it. He then proves beyond a doubt that he is a valuable member of the household.

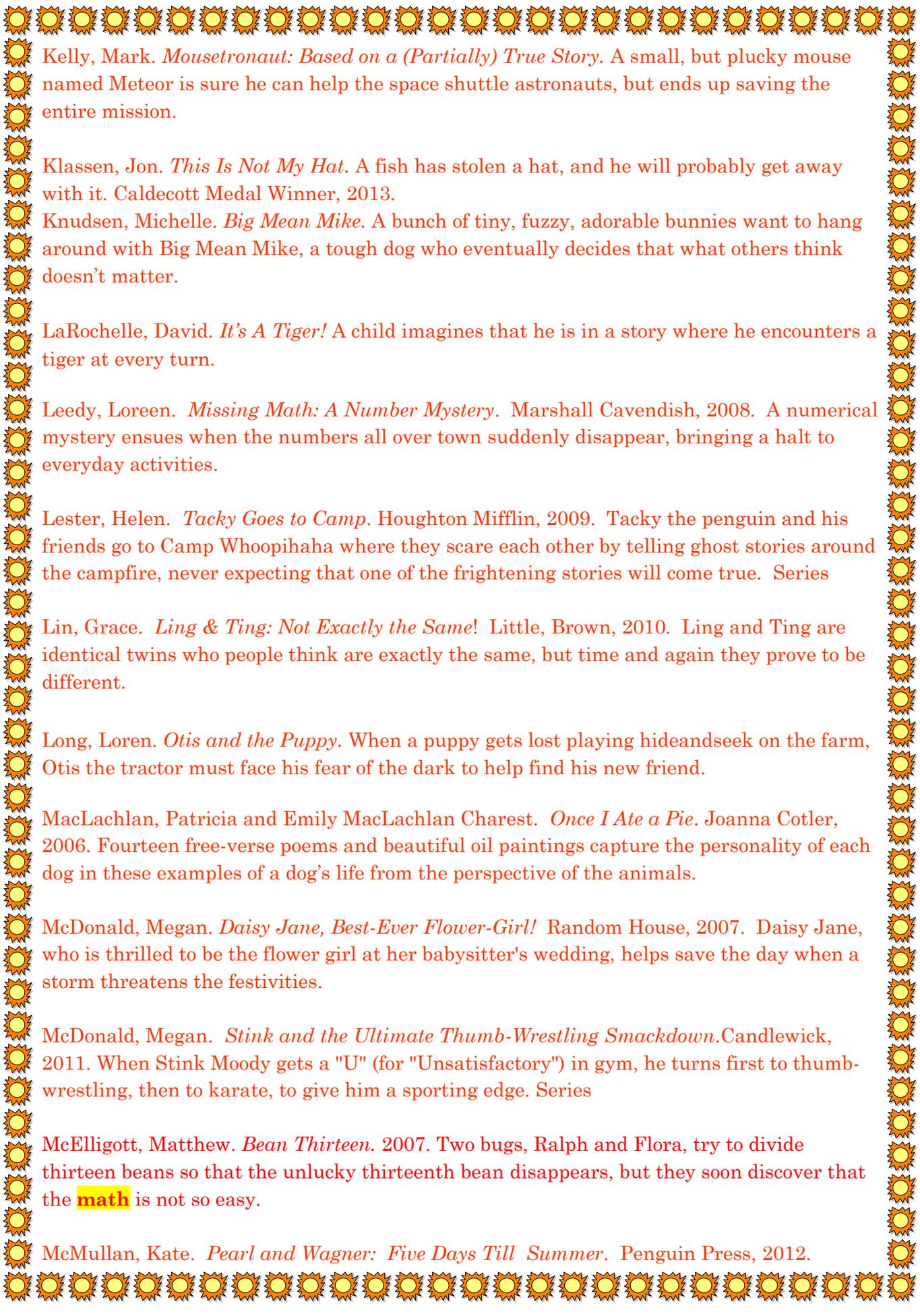
Heiligman, Deborah. *The Boy Who Loved Math: The Improbable Life of Paul Erdos*, 2013. A biography about Paul Erdos

Henkes, Kevin. *Penny and Her Song*. Greenwillow, 2012. Penny comes home from school eager to share her very own song, but must wait until the time is right to teach it to her parents and the babies.

Holm, Jennifer. *Squish, #1: Super Amoeba*. Random House, 2011. 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

Howe, James. *Houndsley and Catina: Plink and Plunk*. Candlewick, 2009. 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

Kaplan, Michael. *Betty Bunny Loves Chocolate Cake*. Dial Books, 2011. 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.



Kelly, Mark. *Mousetronaut: Based on a (Partially) True Story*. A small, but plucky mouse named Meteor is sure he can help the space shuttle astronauts, but ends up saving the entire mission.

Klassen, Jon. *This Is Not My Hat*. A fish has stolen a hat, and he will probably get away with it. Caldecott Medal Winner, 2013.

Knudsen, Michelle. *Big Mean Mike*. A bunch of tiny, fuzzy, adorable bunnies want to hang around with Big Mean Mike, a tough dog who eventually decides that what others think doesn't matter.

LaRochelle, David. *It's A Tiger!* A child imagines that he is in a story where he encounters a tiger at every turn.

Leedy, Loreen. *Missing Math: A Number Mystery*. Marshall Cavendish, 2008. A numerical mystery ensues when the numbers all over town suddenly disappear, bringing a halt to everyday activities.

Lester, Helen. *Tacky Goes to Camp*. Houghton Mifflin, 2009. Tacky the penguin and his friends go to Camp Whoopihaha where they scare each other by telling ghost stories around the campfire, never expecting that one of the frightening stories will come true. Series

Lin, Grace. *Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same!* Little, Brown, 2010. Ling and Ting are identical twins who people think are exactly the same, but time and again they prove to be different.

Long, Loren. *Otis and the Puppy*. When a puppy gets lost playing hideandseek on the farm, Otis the tractor must face his fear of the dark to help find his new friend.

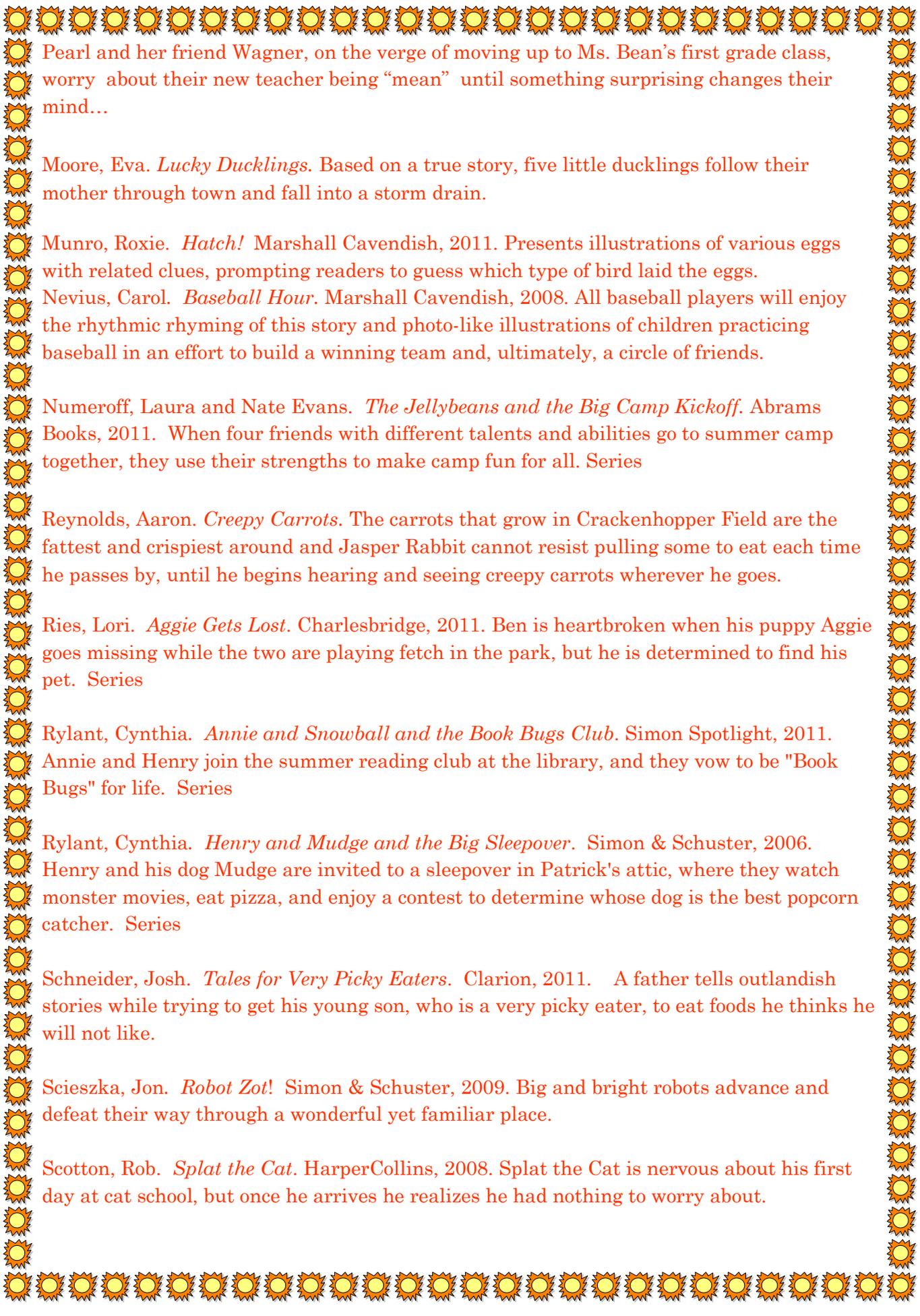
MacLachlan, Patricia and Emily MacLachlan Charest. *Once I Ate a Pie*. Joanna Cotler, 2006. Fourteen free-verse poems and beautiful oil paintings capture the personality of each dog in these examples of a dog's life from the perspective of the animals.

McDonald, Megan. *Daisy Jane, Best-Ever Flower-Girl!* Random House, 2007. Daisy Jane, who is thrilled to be the flower girl at her babysitter's wedding, helps save the day when a storm threatens the festivities.

McDonald, Megan. *Stink and the Ultimate Thumb-Wrestling Smackdown*. Candlewick, 2011. When Stink Moody gets a "U" (for "Unsatisfactory") in gym, he turns first to thumb-wrestling, then to karate, to give him a sporting edge. Series

McElligott, Matthew. *Bean Thirteen*. 2007. Two bugs, Ralph and Flora, try to divide thirteen beans so that the unlucky thirteenth bean disappears, but they soon discover that the **math** is not so easy.

McMullan, Kate. *Pearl and Wagner: Five Days Till Summer*. Penguin Press, 2012.



Pearl and her friend Wagner, on the verge of moving up to Ms. Bean's first grade class, worry about their new teacher being "mean" until something surprising changes their mind...

Moore, Eva. *Lucky Ducklings*. Based on a true story, five little ducklings follow their mother through town and fall into a storm drain.

Munro, Roxie. *Hatch!* Marshall Cavendish, 2011. Presents illustrations of various eggs with related clues, prompting readers to guess which type of bird laid the eggs.

Nevius, Carol. *Baseball Hour*. Marshall Cavendish, 2008. All baseball players will enjoy the rhythmic rhyming of this story and photo-like illustrations of children practicing baseball in an effort to build a winning team and, ultimately, a circle of friends.

Numeroff, Laura and Nate Evans. *The Jellybeans and the Big Camp Kickoff*. Abrams Books, 2011. When four friends with different talents and abilities go to summer camp together, they use their strengths to make camp fun for all. Series

Reynolds, Aaron. *Creepy Carrots*. The carrots that grow in Crackenhopper Field are the fattest and crispiest around and Jasper Rabbit cannot resist pulling some to eat each time he passes by, until he begins hearing and seeing creepy carrots wherever he goes.

Ries, Lori. *Aggie Gets Lost*. Charlesbridge, 2011. 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 pet. Series

Rylant, Cynthia. *Annie and Snowball and the Book Bugs Club*. Simon Spotlight, 2011. Annie and Henry join the summer reading club at the library, and they vow to be "Book Bugs" for life. Series

Rylant, Cynthia. *Henry and Mudge and the Big Sleepover*. Simon & Schuster, 2006. Henry and his dog Mudge are invited to a sleepover in Patrick's attic, where they watch monster movies, eat pizza, and enjoy a contest to determine whose dog is the best popcorn catcher. Series

Schneider, Josh. *Tales for Very Picky Eaters*. Clarion, 2011. 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.

Scieszka, Jon. *Robot Zot!* Simon & Schuster, 2009. Big and bright robots advance and defeat their way through a wonderful yet familiar place.

Scotton, Rob. *Splat the Cat*. HarperCollins, 2008. Splat the Cat is nervous about his first day at cat school, but once he arrives he realizes he had nothing to worry about.

Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman and Mitchell Sharmat. *Nate the Great and the Hungry Book Club*. Delacorte, 2009. Rosamond, who starts a book club, claims there is a monster on the loose that is ruining pages of her cookbook, which leads Nate the Great and his dog Sludge to investigate as undercover detectives. Series

Silverman, Erica. *Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: Spring Babies*. Harcourt, 2010. Cowgirl Kate and her horse Cocoa watch over the new calves, a puppy, and some baby barn owls. Series

Stimpson, Colin. *Jack and the Baked Beanstalk*. Candlewick, 2012. As Jack and his mom struggle to save their burger café, which is overshadowed by a new super-highway, Jack trades their last pennies for some “magic baked beans” which lead him to a lonely, but amiable, giant.

Thomas, Shelley Moore. *A Cold Winter’s Good Knight*. Dutton, 2008. The Good Knight must remind three little dragons to mind their manners when they arrive at the castle on the night of a fancy ball. Series

Tullet, Harve. *Press Here*. A whimsical dance of color and motion at the touch of a finger!

Van Leeuwen, Jean. *Amanda Pig and the Wiggly Tooth*. Dial Books, 2008. When Amanda Pig has her first loose tooth, she is reluctant to pull it. Series

Vernick, Audrey. *Brothers at Bat: The True Story of an Amazing All-Brother Baseball Team*. Clarion, 2012. Colorful and action-filled illustrations add to this non-fiction picture book story of twelve baseball playing brothers -- the Acerra brothers.

Willems, Mo. *Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs*. A retelling of the fairy tale classic with three hungry Dinosaurs who happen to be visiting from Norway.

Willems, Mo. *Let’s Go for A Drive!* Elephant Gerald and Piggie want to go for a drive, but Gerald keeps thinking of things they must bring along.

Woodson, Jacqueline. *Each Kindness*. Nancy Paulsen Books, 2012. 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.

Yee, Wong Herbert. *Mouse and Mole: A Winter Wonderland*. Houghton Mifflin, 2010. Series

Judaica Content Books

Hannah’s Way by Linda Glaser

Zayde Comes to Live by Sheri Sinykin

The Elijah Door: A Passover Tale by Linda Leopold Strauss





Sadie and the Big Mountain by Jamie Korngold
The Schmutzy Family by Madelyn Rosenberg
A Song for My Sister by Lesley Simpson
Speak Up, Tommy! By Jacqueline Dembar Greene

***Many children's picture books are available in Hebrew. A child who is familiar with the story can "read" a book in Hebrew and eventually identify Hebrew words. Such books are available through Amazon.com or through http://www.israelbookshop.com/judaica-gifts/Hebrew_Children.html.