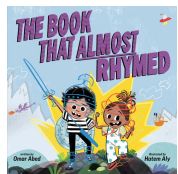




Children's Booklist 2025: Read-alouds for Gr. K-1

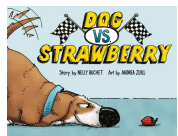
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The Book That Almost Rhymed

by Omar Abed

When his sister keeps interrupting his story with wild ideas that don't even rhyme, a big brother suddenly realizes she's actually improving his yarn—and doing it with an impressive surprise of her own.



Dog vs. Strawberry

by Nelly Buchet

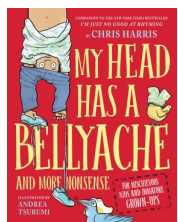
When Dog is handed a strawberry from the fruit bowl, she attempts to race the strawberry, but when her opponent doesn't move, she won't give up until mom walks in on a sticky situation.



The Squish

by Breanna Carzoo

In an effort to prevent ever getting squished again, Sandcastle tries to be bigger, taller and stronger, but wonders if that's enough to stop all the squishes until it discovers the value of resiliency, rebuilding and reaching out to others.



My Head Has a Bellyache

by Chris Harris

Filled with mind-bending verbal and visual riddles and comedic chaos, this hilarious book of poetry introduces a whole cast of colorful characters, including the Nail-Clipping Fairy, Orloc the Destroyer, and the Elderly Caveman.



Penelope Rex and the Problem with Pets

by Ryan T. Higgins

When Mittens comes into her life, Penelope Rex, who's not even sure she wants a pet, is determined to make the best of it; however, this 600-lb saber tooth tiger causes some very big, very messy problems but also works his way into her heart.



Come Over to My House

by Eliza Hull

A cast of friendly characters invite friends over to play -- there's fun to be had, food to eat and families to meet! "Come over to my house. Come over and play! I'll show you around, you can stay the whole day. We'll swing on the swing-set and splash in the pool. Then I'll race you inside where my bedroom is cool."



You're Going to Love This Book!

by Jory John

Daring readers not to have fun, this unique and uproarious picture book has everything--comedy, drama, action, heart—and what's even better, it has homework, a trip to the dentist and raisins.



What Can a Mess Make?

by Bee Johnson

From delicious meals and cozy forts to impromptu band performances and elegant tea parties, two sisters discover a mess can lead to many special moments, in this picture book that inspires readers to embrace imagination and creative play—and make some messes themselves.

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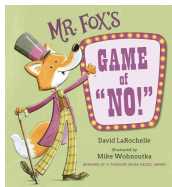


Mr. Norton's New Hat

by Huw Lewis-Jones

After a mouse makes a house in Horace Norton's hat, Horace discovers more animals moving in with him, from birds in his bicycle basket to squirrels in his shoes, in a story about kindness with fun-to-read

accumulative text.

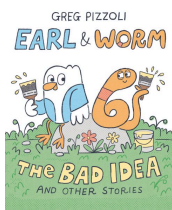


Mr. Fox's Game of "No!"

by David LaRochelle

Can you beat Mr. Fox at his Game of No? The rules are simple: every time he asks a question, you must respond with 'NO.' If you accidentally say 'YES,' then it's back to the beginning of the book for you, where you

must start all over again.



The Bad Idea and Other Stories

by Greg Pizzoli

Earl, a cheerful bird who loves playing saxophone, and Worm, a quiet bookworm, overcome their differences with lemonade, creativity, and sharing their stories, becoming the best of friends.



Jeff Goes Wild

by Angela Rozelaar

Follows one little cat named Jeff as he imagines himself as a ferocious tiger in the jungle where he can be free from the rules of indoors!



Very Good Hats

by Emma Straub

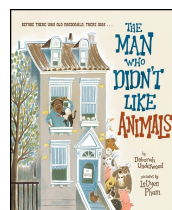
Energetic and entertaining, this picture book shows children that anything, including acorns, raspberries, pudding cups, books and more, can be a hat if you believe it is!



Sunday

by Marcelo Tolentino

Martin and his family spend every Sunday together and every Sunday they have the same routine. Not this Sunday...instead, Martin invents a world adventure with his dog, Maize, braving extreme cold alongside penguins on ice caps, facing a dragon, confronting pirate ships, and crossing an arid desert on a camel's back. When he returns from his travels...he recounts his magical journey to Grandma, who marvels at his courage and wonders where he will go next.



The Man Who Didn't Like Animals

by Deborah Underwood

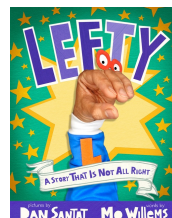
There once was a man who loved his tidy home and who didn't like animals. Then one day, a cat appeared. The man and the cat both liked napping and watching the rain and eating dinner precisely at six. Well, maybe this one animal could stay. Next came a dog...



Summer is Here

by Renâee Watson

Celebrating iconic childhood joys, this beautiful ode to a summer day, from sunrise to sunset, follows one young girl who has the perfect day swimming, jumping rope and eating ice cream, in an exploration of joy, family, friendship, sunshine and wonder.



Lefty : a Story That Is Not All Right

by Mo Willems

Learn about a time when being left-handed could get people in trouble and more facts, in an innovative picture book by New York Times best-selling author and Caldecott Medal-winning illustrator Mo Willems.



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