

Book List

Grades K-2

AUGUST: HABITS

Moose on the Loose by John Hassett and Ann Hassett

A curious moose named Max decides to discover what city life and people are all about. Max's adventure leads to a helicopter rescue.

Piggy Pie Po by Audrey Wood

Spunky Piggy Pie Po tries different tasks and activities, finding he can do many things. However, he is still learning to tie his shoelaces.

Listen, Buddy by Helen Lester

Buddy the bunny has big ears, but he finds there are consequences for not getting into the habit of listening.

The Kids Book of Great Canadians by Elizabeth MacLeod

Children can learn good habits from the stories of 150 Canadian athletes, astronauts, musicians, explorers, and others.

A Promise Is a Promise by Robert Munsch and Michael Kusugak

After Allashua disobeys her mother and goes ice fishing in the sea, she has to be clever to escape from the Qallupilluit.

Tikki Tikki Tembo by Arlene Mosel

In this retelling of a Chinese folktale, a boy falls into a well. It takes a while to get help, though, because his name is so long it's difficult to pronounce it. According to legend, this tale is why Chinese parents now give their children short names.

SEPTEMBER: PRINCIPLES

Edwardo: The Horriblest Boy in the Whole Wide World by John Burningham

When adults told Edwardo he was horrible, he lived up to their expectations. But he changed when one adult praised him.

The Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss

A little boy's steadfast conviction keeps him tending the carrot seed he planted, which sprouts despite everyone telling the boy it wouldn't.

The Ways I Will Love You by Rachel Boehm

A mother tells her baby the different ways she will love and care for him as he grows.

Buttercup's Lovely Day by Carolyn Beck

Buttercup, the cow, tells readers about everything she enjoys about her agrarian life, including a skunk that visits her and chewing cud.

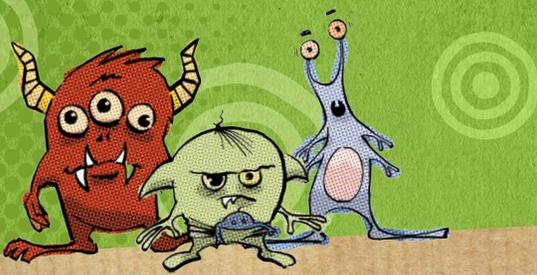
Lily and the Paper Man by Rebecca Upjohn

At first, Lily is afraid of the scruffy man selling papers on the street. She soon notices that, despite the cold, he has no hat or socks, and Lily wonders how the Paper Man stays warm.

OCTOBER: PARADIGMS

The Orphan Seal by Fran Hodgkins

This book shares the true story of a harbor seal pup that was rescued and rehabilitated through an aquarium's seal-rescue program.



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***The Pumpkin Mystery* by Carol Wallace**

A cat and dog chase rabbits away from the pumpkin patch, but the pumpkins still don't grow well. They soon discover the bunnies know something about growing.

***This School Year Will Be the Best!* by Kay Winters**

A teacher asks her students to share their hopes for the new school year.

***Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave* by Laban Carrick Hill**

The story of Dave, an enslaved potter who focused on his art and poetry (which was inscribed in the clay), shows what can be accomplished even in adverse circumstances.

***A Song for Acadia* by Mary Alice Downie and George Rawlyk**

When his father becomes sick, Timothy Parsons moves from Boston to Nova Scotia to live with his Acadian relatives who teach him a new language and about farm work. When the English and French go to war, Timothy must decide whether to stay in Canada or return to Boston.

NOVEMBER:

BE PROACTIVE®

***Who Sank the Boat?* by Pamela Allen**

This rhyming story with a repeated refrain asks children to figure out what happened when a cow, donkey, sheep, pig, and mouse went rowing in the bay and their boat sank.

***Moonbear's Shadow* by Frank Asch**

After his shadow keeps him from catching a fish, a little bear conducts various experiments with light and objects.

***Chickens to the Rescue* by John Himmelman**

At Greenstalk Farm, there's no job that's too large for the family's chickens.

***Put It on the List!* by Kristen Darbyshire**

This humorous tale tells of a chicken family whose members keep ignoring the mother's direction to write needed items on the shopping list, resulting in the household running out of, among other things, bandages and toilet paper.

***Richard Scarry's What Do People Do All Day?* by Richard Scarry**

This story explains to children what adults do, including sailing boats, growing food, erecting buildings, and keeping house.

DECEMBER: BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND®

***Chester's Masterpiece* by Mélanie Watt**

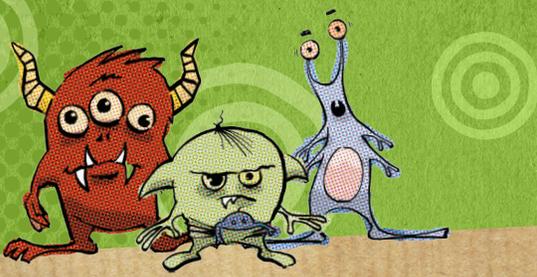
Chester is ready to write his own book, so he hides his creator's art supplies and ignores her notes about what makes a good story.

***Thump, Quack, Moo: A Whacky Adventure* by Doreen Cronin**

Farmer Brown's animals pitch in to help build a corn maze. But under the cover of night, Duck changes the project, which the surprised farmer discovers on opening day.

***Albert's Alphabet* by Leslie Tryon**

Albert, Pleasant Valley School's carpenter, must build an outdoor alphabet along the school walking path before 3 o'clock. With time and materials running low, Albert gets creative.



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***Astronaut Handbook* by Meghan McCarthy**

Students learn about what it takes to travel in space at astronaut school.

***Let's Try It Out with Towers and Bridges* by Seymour Simon and Nicole Fauteux**

This book's activities help children discover how things work.

***A Treasure at Sea for Dragon and Me: Water Safety for Kids (and Dragons)* by Jean E. Pendziwol**

A girl teaches a dragon about water safety as they play on the beach.

JANUARY: PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST®

***Jody's Beans* by Malachy Doyle**

When Jody's grandfather comes for a visit, the two plant bean seeds together. Jody follows her grandpa's advice as she tends them through three seasons.

***The Perfect Baby* by Tony Bradman**

Lucy dislikes her new baby brother who cries and smells. She convinces her parents to exchange William at the hospital, where the doctor gives them a series of increasingly inappropriate babies, including a snake and an octopus.

***The Delicious Bug* by Janet Perlman**

Two chameleons named Willy and Wally argue over a bug they both tried to eat and find themselves having to learn to work together to get out of trouble.

***A Monster in My Cereal* by Marie-Francine Hébert**

A monster on Poppy's cereal box helps make her problems—such as her father—literally go away.

***Heartsong (Ceól Cridhe)* by Maxine Trottier**

Written in English and Gaelic, this book tells about the creation of a fiddle that is passed down through four generations.

FEBRUARY: RELATIONSHIP BANK ACCOUNT®

***Grandfather Tang's Story: A Tale Told with Tangrams* by Ann Tompert**

A grandfather tells his granddaughter the story of two shape-changing fox fairies that compete with each other until a hunter reminds them of their friendship.

***Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type* by Doreen Cronin**

Farmer Brown's cows find a typewriter and begin typing up hilarious notes, including a demand for electric blankets.

***A Gift for Gita* by Rachna Gilmore**

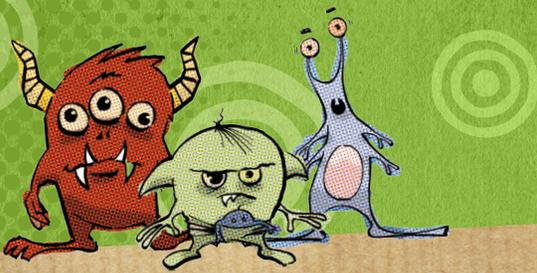
Gita and her family have been living in North America for a few years and have made friends in the area. When her father announces he has been offered a job that would allow them to return to India, where they also have family and friends, Gita must wade through big emotions.

***Pierre's Friends* by Andrea Beck**

Pampered pooch, Pierre, devises a plan to find his friends Sparky and Lou, who live in a park, and bring them home with him.

***Augustine* by Mélanie Watt**

Shy penguin Augustine moved all the way from the South Pole to the North Pole and has to find a way to break the ice at a new school.



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***No Dragons for Tea: Fire Safety for Kids (and Dragons)* by Jean E. Pendziwol**

A little girl invites a new friend over for tea and ends up teaching the fire-breathing dragon about fire safety.

***My Nose, Your Nose* by Melanie Walsh**

This book explores diversity, helping children see what they have in common despite their differences.

***A Pig Called Pete Meets ... a Cat Called Kitty* by Alan Bowater**

When flying pig Pete finds out his new friend, Kitty, can't fly, he must decide whether flying or friendship matters more.

MARCH:

THINK WIN-WIN®

***Pharaoh's Boat* by David Weitzman**

Ancient Egypt's skilled shipwrights build a huge boat for the pharaoh to sail to a new world.

***Scaredy Squirrel Makes a Friend* by Mélanie Watt**

Scaredy Squirrel decides to make the perfect friend and comes up with the perfect plan to introduce himself. But his plans go awry when a dog shows up.

***Nobody Owns the Sky: The Story of "Brave Bessie" Coleman* by Reeve Lindbergh**

This story describes how Bessie Coleman became the first licensed African American aviator.

***Three Scoops and a Fig* by Sara Laux Akin**

Sofia's family thinks she is too small to help with the special meal for her grandparents' upcoming visit, but Sofia surprises everyone when she creates a treat that becomes a family classic.

***Those Darn Squirrels!* by Adam Rubin**

Squirrels work together to raid the seeds in Old Man Fookwire's bird feeders.

***Sophie the Awesome* by Lara Bergen**

A third-grader decides her life is too boring, so she comes up with a new name. But Sophie's attempts to be seen as awesome don't pan out until she rescues a kindergartner and becomes Sophie the Hero.

***Timmerman Was Here* by Colleen Sydor**

During the Depression, a young girl feels resentment toward a boarder in her family's home. Despite herself, she comes to like him. Meanwhile, rumors fly about what Timmerman is doing while he's outside at night.

APRIL: SEEK FIRST TO UNDERSTAND, THEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD®

***The Listening Walk* by Paul Showers**

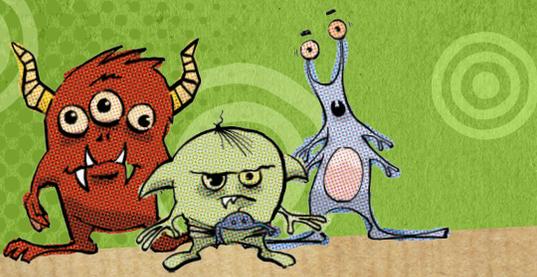
A father and daughter go for a walk and hear the sounds of the neighborhood.

***Lousy Rotten Stinkin' Grapes* by Margie Palatini**

This story is a twist on Aesop's fable "The Fox and the Grapes." All the animals try to help Fox, but he gives up in disgust. So Possum fetches the grapes and shares them with the other creatures.

***Verdi* by Janell Cannon**

Verdi, a young python, is determined not to turn green and doesn't understand why all the elder snakes are sedate and boring.



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***The Mouse Who Saved Egypt* by Karim Alrawi**

A mouse is saved by an Egyptian prince and in turn later saves Egypt from an invading army.

***Read to Tiger* by S. J. Fore**

A tiger distracts a little boy from reading until the creature figures out the story is about a circus tiger.

***Me and You* by Geneviève Côté**

A pig and bunny decide to switch places, using art supplies to try to look like each other. They soon realize they like each other for who they are.

MAY: SYNERGIZE®

***Hardscrabble Harvest* by Dahlov Ipcar**

A farmer works hard to plant and nurture his crops despite a running battle with crows, ducks, rabbits, and other animals that eat his seeds and tender plants.

***Ace Lacewing, Bug Detective: The Big Swat* by David Biedrzycki**

Ace Lacewing must locate Bugsy Goldwing's lucky bat, which went missing right before the big baseball game. However, Bugsy eventually realizes that his skill, not his bat, is responsible for his home runs.

***The Patched Heart: A Gift of Friendship and Caring* by H. E. Stewart**

Friendship and community encourage healing in this story of a hospitalized puppy whose joy in life contributes to his recovery.

***Big Bear Hug* by Nicholas Oldland**

As a giant bear meanders through the forest, he hugs a beaver, moose, bird, and tree. When he comes across a human cutting down a tree, the bear becomes angry and must find a way to stay true to himself while preventing the forest's destruction.

***Suki's Kimono* by Chieri Uegaki**

When Suki wears the blue kimono she got from her grandmother to school for show and tell, she delights her classmates by dancing and singing in it.

JUNE:

SHARPEN THE SAW®

***It's a Jungle in Here* by Deanne Lee Bingham**

Allison sees herself as different jungle animals depending on her mood. When she is angry she is a lion; when she's flamboyant, she is a peacock.

***The Giant Wheel* by Andre Usatschow**

Zoo animals sneak out of their cages at night to take a ride on a Ferris wheel from which they see visions of their old homes.

***Balancing Act* by Ellen Stoll Walsh**

Two mice create a teeter-totter by balancing a stick on a rock. But can they keep their balance when other animals want to join in the fun?

***Too Many Turkeys* by Linda White**

Belle and Fred's garden flourishes with the addition of manure from a turkey the couple adopted, and everyone wants to know the secret to their success. When wild-turkey hens try to move in, Fred has to solve the problem of too many turkeys.

***Joey Goes to Sea* by Alan Villiers**

A ginger cat named Joey is full of personality and adventurous spirit, which land him in trouble while traveling aboard a ship.