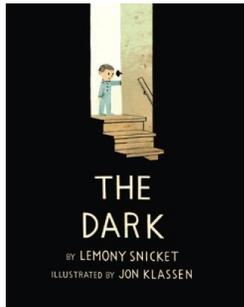


***The Cat in the Hat***—Dr. Seuss\*

Dick and Sally are bored at home on a rainy day. But when a cat in a hat comes to fix that, the brother and sister are in for a crazy day. **ER SEUSS**

***John, Paul, George & Ben***—Lane Smith

This gem tells the story of some of America’s founding Fathers and their childhoods. Fear not, any liberties taken with historical facts are cleared up at the end of the story. **EJ SMITH**



***The Dark***—Lemony Snicket

Even though the dark lives in the same house as Laszlo, he is still afraid of the dark. One night when Laszlo’s nightlight goes out, the dark helps him find a light bulb. Told in a unique style that makes the dark seem less threatening. **EJ SNICKET**

***Interrupting Chicken***—David Ezra Stein

Little Red Chicken can’t go to bed without a story. But when her Papa tries to read to her, she just has to jump in. this is a great bedtime read for anyone who insists on being silly before bed. **EJ STEIN**

***Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day***—Judith Viorst

Alexander knows from the moment that he wakes up with gum in his hair that today is going to be a bad day. He’s right. **EJ VIORST**

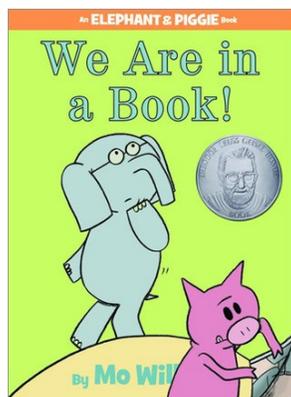
***Mr. Wuffles!***—David Wiesner

When a spaceship of really tiny green men lands in a suburban home, it is up to Mr. Wuffles (a cat) to play with them. Watercolor illustrations are set beautifully in panels that tell Mr. Wuffles’s story largely without text. **EJ WIESNER**

***We Are in a Book!***

— Mo Willems\*

Gerald and Piggy are sitting together nicely when they notice that there is someone watching them. That someone is a reader! Read along as Gerald and Piggy discover all the things readers can do. **ER WILLEMS**



# First Grade

## Recommended reading for first grade



From school days to fantastic adventures, picture books to early readers, there’s something for everyone at the Messenger Library.

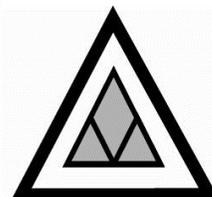
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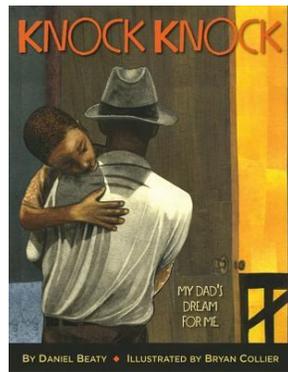
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\* This book is part of a series

**Knock Knock: My Dad's Dream For Me**—Daniel Beaty

Every morning a boy's father knock- knocks on his door. One day, the knocking stops and he and his mother are left to fill the hole the boy's father has left in their family. **EJ BEATY**



**Madeline's Rescue**

—Ludwig Bemelmans\*

Madeline is rescued by a dog named Genevieve. The girls at the school take Genevieve in and try to keep her even when they are told dogs are not allowed. **EJ BEM**

**Big Bad Bunny**—Franny Billingsley

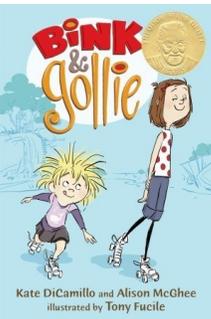
Baby Boo-Boo mouse is always called “baby” by her mama and siblings. She decides to do something to show how big and bad she can be. **EJ BILLINGSLEY**

**Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type** —Doreen Cronin\*

Farmer Brown is experiencing major troubles with his livestock. His cows have gotten their hooves on a typewriter and are writing letters to Farmer Brown asking for electric blankets. **EJ CRO**

**Diary of a Worm**—Doreen Cronin\*

This is an excerpt from the diary of a worm who isn't so different from you and me. He fights with his best friend, Spider, goes to school, and enjoys playing pranks. **EJ CRO**



**Bink & Gollie**—Kate DiCamillo\*

Bink and Gollie are two unlikely best friends whose adventures lead them to unexpected places. Who would have thought that roller skating would lead to pancakes? Or that Gollie would come to care for Bink's goldfish?

**JF DICAMILLO**

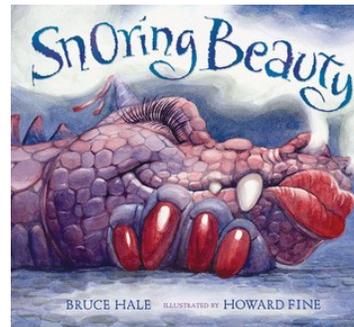
**Corduroy**—Don Freeman\*

A teddy bear named Corduroy goes on an adventure after the department store he lives in closes for the night. Join Corduroy as he searches for his missing button.

**EJ FREEMAN**

**The Cat on the Hat is Flat** —Andy Griffiths

Filled with silly rhymes, this book is perfect for anyone craving a nonsensical read. Although this may look like a chapter book, the playful illustrations make it an easier read. **JF GRIFFITH**



**Snoring Beauty**—Bruce Hale

If you think you know “Sleeping Beauty,” think again. Besides being narrated by a talking frog, this wacky retelling features a garlic-scented fairy who turns Princess Marge into a sleeping dragon. Due to hearing issues, only a quince

can rescue Marge from her curse. Best read with a parent. **J 398.2 SLE**

**The Great Big Book of Families**—Mary Hoffman

This book discusses families of all shapes, sizes and kinds. Categories like “Who's in your Family?” and “Homes” describe all kinds of living situations with detailed watercolor illustrations. **EJ HOFFMAN**

**The Beginner's Guide to Running Away from Home**

—Jennifer LaRue Huget

When life at home is too overwhelming, sometimes the only option is to run away from home. Through handmade puppet photos and playful narration, this bright book tells the story of one boy's journey from home and back again. **EJ HUGET**



**The Incredible Book Eating Boy**—Oliver Jeffers

Henry is a book eating boy. The best part of eating books is that once he eats them, he gets smarter. But what happens when you eat too many books? Henry soon realizes that his head and his stomach can't keep up with his appetite for the written word. **EJ JEFFERS**

**Fancy Nancy At the Museum**—Jane O'Connor\*

Nancy is on a class field trip to an art museum. Although the day starts out with a few hiccups, in the end she learns about some fancy new ideas. **ER OCONNOR**

**Math Curse**—John Scieszka

When Mr. Fibonacci tells the class that “you can think of almost everything as a math problem,” one student starts to think of his entire life in math terms. **EJ SCI**

**Where the Wild Things Are**—Maurice Sendak

When Max acts out at home, his mother sends him to bed without supper and calls him “wild thing!” Journey with Max to the land where the wild things live and he is king.

**EJ SENDAK**