First Grade Picks

Adler, David A. **Don’t Throw It to Mo!** (series). Though he is small of size, hardworking Mo plays sports with all of his heart and helps win the game. (J-Reader)

Agee, Jon. **Life on Mars.** Determined to find a life form on Mars, a brave young astronaut still manages to miss obvious clues—to readers’ delight. (J-Easy)

Collier, Bryan. **It's Shoe Time!** What happens when a girl chooses to wear shoes that do not match? Plenty of puns and fun! (J-Reader)

Fenske, Jonathan. **A Pig, a Fox, and a Box.** Fox likes to trick Pig, but they are still best friends. Cartoon artwork and repetitive text offer laughs galore. (J-Reader)

Henkes, Kevin. **Waiting.** In this imagination-stretching book, five toys lined up along a windowsill all wait for something different...and the result is magical. (J-Easy)

Kim, Aram. **No Kimchi for Me!** Yoomi is not a fan of this spicy Korean specialty but she and Grandma come up with a scrumptious plan to make it irresistible. Recipe included. (J-Easy)

Pizzoli, Greg. **Good Night Owl.** When Owl's bedtime routine is repeatedly interrupted by a mysterious noise (“Squeak!”), he takes action, with appealingly silly consequences. (J-Easy)

Sheth, Kashmira. **Tiger in My Soup.** A boy finds adventure when a growling tiger climbs out of his lunch. (J-Easy)

Willems, Mo. **The Pigeon Needs a Bath** (series). Despite his very grubby appearance, Pigeon tries to persuade readers that, in fact, the opposite is true. (J-Easy)

Won, Brian. **Hooray for Hat!** Grumpy elephant’s mood changes when he receives a package of wonderful hats. (J-Easy)

Yoon, Salina. **My Kite Is Stuck! And Other Stories** (series). Big Duck, Little Duck, and Porcupine star in humorous outdoor adventures. (J-Reader)

Looking for a series?

Arnold, Tedd. **Fly Guy.** Slapstick stories about a boy named Buzz and his insect pal. (J-Reader)

Capucilli, Alyssa. **Biscuit.** Engaging tales about a yellow puppy. (J-Reader)

Farley, Robin. **Mia.** Stories starring a tutu-wearing kitten. (J-Reader)

Gilman, Grace. **Dixie.** Tales about a girl and her devoted puppy. (J-Reader)

Henkes, Kevin. **Penny.** Sweet adventures starring a very childlike mouse. (J-Reader)

Kann, Victoria. **Pinkalicious.** The world according to a pink-loving girl. (J-Reader)

Mayer, Mercer. **Little Critter.** Spirited adventures featuring lovable animal characters. (J-Reader)

McQuinn, Anna. **Lola.** Stories about a girl and her family. (J-Easy)

O’Connor, Jane. **Jojo.** Books featuring Fancy Nancy’s Little sister. (J-Reader)

Scieszka, Jon. **Trucktown.** Trucks roll out for adventure. (J-Reader)

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. **Dog and Bear.** Easy-to-read vignettes about two friends. (J-Easy)

Shaw, Nancy. **Sheep in a....** The laugh-out-loud shenanigans of a fun-loving flock. (J-Easy)

**Splat the Cat.** The hilarious escapades of a google-eyed feline. (various authors; J-Reader)

**Willems, Mo. Elephant and Piggie.** Funny tales about two pals. (J-Reader)

Yasuda, Anita. **Dino Detectives.** Mysteries told with humor and suspense. (J-Reader)

Yolen, Jane. **How do Dinosaurs....** Funny books about everyday situations starring prehistoric protagonists. (J-Easy)