

Incoming 2nd Grade Summer Reading Project

Dear Second Grade Families,

Congratulations on a great first grade year! We are looking forward to you entering second grade. Below you will find your summer reading project. First, pick two books to read from the list provided. You will complete a book report worksheet for each book. Please try to use each book report worksheet once. Projects are due on the first day of school. If you have any questions, please call the office.

Have a wonderful summer and we'll see you in August.



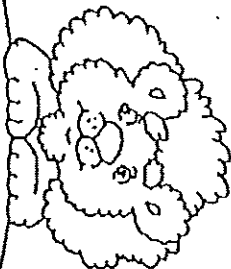
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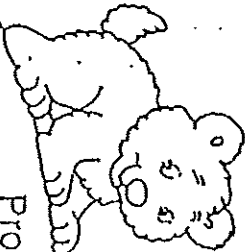
Setting



Title and Author



Main Characters



Problem



Solution

Name _____ Date _____

★ Book Report Fun!

Title	Author
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★ Setting

★ Problem/Conflict

★ Characters

★ Main Events

★ Conclusion

★ Did you like the book?

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Non-Fiction Book NAME: _____
Review Chart

Name of Book	
Author of Book	
What is the book about?	
Write new terms you learned reading this book.	
Write a fact you learned from this book.	
Write another fact you learned from this book.	

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Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.

- Adderson, Caroline. ***Left Behind***. Kids Can Press, 2013. When Jasper John's Nan leaves for a week-long cruise to Alaska, he can only think about how he will miss her and all the fun things they do together. *Series*
- Adler, David A. ***A Picture Book of Sam Houston***. Holiday House, 2012. A brief overview of the life and accomplishments of Texas politician Sam Houston.
- Adler, David A. ***Young Cam Jansen and the Speedy Car Mystery***. Viking, 2010. At her school's Green Fair, Cam and her friends are learning to keep the earth green when a student's remote controlled car goes missing! Was it stolen? It's up to Cam and her photographic memory to figure it out! *Series*
- 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.
- 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*
- Beard, Alex. ***The Jungle Grapevine***. Abrams Books, 2009. Reminiscent of *Chicken Little*, this cleverly illustrated book demonstrates how rumors get started and quickly get out of hand.
- Best, Cari. ***Beatrice Spells Some Lulus and Learns to Write a Letter***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2013. Beatrice enjoys learning to spell, and gets really excited about it after some encouragement from her grandmother, but she has trouble convincing her classmates that spelling is not boring.
- 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.
- Branford, Anna. ***Violet Mackerel's Natural Habitat***. Atheneum, 2013. As the youngest in her family, seven year old Violet identifies with small creatures in the natural world, but when she tries to help a special ladybug, she learns an important lesson about animal habitats. *Series*
- Brendler, Carol. ***Winnie Finn, Worm Farmer***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2009. Zany and whimsical drawings bring this story about Winnie, the worm farmer, to life. Winnie needs a new wagon, so she looks for ways to win first prize at the county fair; however, there are no prizes for worm farmers.

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- Burleigh, Robert. ***One Giant Leap***. Philomel, 2009. An illustrated retelling of Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin's lunar landing in 1969.
- Byars, Betsy. ***Boo's Dinosaur***. Holt, 2006. When young Boo is followed home by a dinosaur that only she can see, it causes a bit of trouble for her older brother, Sammy.
- 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*
- Cocca-Leffler, Maryann. ***Princess K.I.M. and the Lie That Grew***. Whitman, 2009. In an attempt to impress her new classmates, Kim lies about her name and claims that she comes from a royal family, but she gets herself into real trouble after her classmates beg to meet Kim's grandmother--the Queen.
- Collins, Ross. ***Dear Vampa***. Katherine Tegen, 2009. A young vampire writes a letter to his grandfather bemoaning his new neighbors.
- Coy, John. ***Hoop Genius: How a Desperate Teacher and Rowdy Gym Class Invented Basketball***. Carolrhoda Books, 2013. In 1891 James Naismith invented basketball as a game of skill to keep the unruly students in his gym class engaged.
- Cronin, Doreen. ***Diary of a Fly***. Joanna Cotler, 2007. A young fly discovers, day by day, that there is a lot to learn about being an insect, including the dangers of flyswatters and that heroes come in all shapes and sizes.
- Davis, Jill. ***Orangutans Are Ticklish: Fun Facts From an Animal Photographer***. Schwartz & Wade, 2010. Provides interesting facts about animals and explores what it takes to photograph them, with animal photographer Steve Grubman sharing some of his favorite, and scariest, encounters.
- dePaola, Tomie. ***26 Fairmount Avenue***. Putnam's, 1999. Children's author and illustrator Tomie De Paola describes his experiences at home and in school when he was a boy. Newbery Honor 2000. *Series*
- DiCamillo, Kate. ***Bink & Gollie: Best Friends Forever***. Candlewick Press, 2013. Bink & Gollie are back with three new adventures. *Series*
- 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*
- DiPucchio, Kelly S. ***Grace for President***. Hyperion, 2008. After finding out there has never been a female U.S. president, Grace decides to run in her school's mock election where she learns about the American electoral system and sets out to be the best person for the job even though her opponent, Thomas, seems to be winning all the boys' votes.

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- Egan, Tim. ***Dodsworth in Tokyo***. Houghton Mifflin, 2013. Dodsworth and his misbehaving duck continue their journeys with a trip to Tokyo. Again Dodsworth must come to the rescue of the duck as he causes a series of mishaps. *Series*.
- English, Karen. ***Nikki & Deja: Election Madness***. Clarion, 2011. Deja, excited by the announcement that Carver School is going to elect its first ever student body president, is confident she can nab the third grade nomination with her best friend Nikki as her campaign manager; but her tendency to rush into things and boss people around alienates Nikki when she needs her the most. *Series*
- Ernst, Lisa Campbell. ***The Gingerbread Girl***. Dutton, 2006. After their first gingerbread disaster, the lonely old couple decides to bake again and create a gingerbread girl who proves herself to be one smart cookie.
- Feder, Sandra. ***Daisy's Perfect Word***. Kids Can Press, 2012. Daisy loves to collect words. When she learns that her teacher will be moving away she decides her gift will be "the perfect word."
- Ferris, Jeri Chase. ***Noah Webster & His Words***. Houghton Mifflin, 2012. Recounts the life of Noah Webster who gave us *Webster's Dictionary of the American Language* as well as important contributions to American education.
- Fleischman, Paul. ***The Matchbox Diary***. Candlewick Press, 2013. A heartwarming story of a little girl visiting her Italian great-grandfather who learns of his life through a diary of saved objects kept in matchboxes. This story will inspire families to share their own family stories.
- Florian, Douglas. ***Shiver Me Timbers! Pirate Poems & Paintings***. Beach Lane Books, 2012. Pirate fans will enjoy this humorous collection of poems about the adventures of some very colorful "scalawags and scoundrels!"
- Fucile, Tony. ***Let's Do Nothing!*** Candlewick, 2009. Young friends Frankie and Sal, believing they have "done it all," decide to do nothing for a while; but Frankie has a little trouble with the concept and it is not long before the boys realize there is no way to do nothing.
- Geras, Adele. ***Little Ballet Star***. Dial Books, 2007. Every little girl dreams of becoming a ballet star and Tilly is no exception. In this story, Tilly visits her Aunt Gina behind-the-scenes of a real ballet. It is Tilly's birthday, and she unexpectedly finds herself performing in front of a live audience.
- Gibbons, Gail. ***Ladybugs***. Holiday House, 2012. A colorful, illustrated introduction to ladybugs, describing their physical characteristics, lifecycle, diets and their benefits to the environment.
- 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*

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- 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.
- Harper, Jessica. ***Uh-Oh, Cleo.*** Putnam's, 2008. What starts out as a perfectly ordinary day in the Small house turns into Stitches Saturday when Cleo gets a cut on the head after her twin brother, Jack, accidentally pulls down their toy house. *Series*
- Hayes, Geoffrey. ***Benny and Penny in Just Pretend.*** Candlewick, 2008. Benny Mouse insists that his little sister, Penny, leave him alone while playing, until he thinks she is in danger. Suddenly he realizes his affection for her and joins her in a game of pretend. *Series*
- Heiligman, Deborah. ***The Boy Who Loved Math: The Improbable Life of Paul Erdos.*** Roaring Brook Press, 2013. A brief biography of mathematician Paul Erdos.
- Henkes, Kevin. ***Penny and Her Marble.*** Greenwillow Books, 2013. Penny finds a marble in Mrs. Goodwin's yard and takes it home, as guilt overcomes Penny. Readers of this early chapter book will delight with Penny's choice and the ending in another delightful tale of Penny. *Series*
- Henkes, Kevin. ***The Year of Billy Miller.*** Greenwillow Books, 2013. Seven-year-old Billy Miller starts second grade with a bump on his head and a lot of worries, but by the end of the year he has developed good relationships with his teacher, his little sister, and his parents and learned many important lessons.
- Hicks, Betty. ***Goof-Off Goalie.*** Roaring Brook, 2008. Ten-year-old Goose is best at goofing off; but when he decides to become the goalie for their soccer team, his friend Henry sets up a practice schedule and enlists their other friends to help Goose improve his skills. *Series*
- Hoberman, Mary Ann, ed. ***Forget-Me-Nots: Poems to Learn by Heart.*** Little, Brown, 2012. A collection of more than 120 poems for children to learn, including selections from classic and contemporary poets, with tips and tricks from former Children's Poet Laureate Mary Ann Hoberman on memorization and recitation.
- 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*
- Hopkins, Joseph H. ***The Tree Lady: The True Story of How One Tree Loving Woman Changed a City Forever.*** Beach Lane Books, 2013. An illustrated look at the life of Kate Sessions, who planted a nursery in San Diego, California, after making a deal with the city.
- 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*

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- Jacobson, Jennifer. ***Andy Shane: Hero at Last!*** Candlewick, 2010. Andy wants two things very much . . . to win the contest for the best decorated bicycle in the "Home Sweet Home parade" and to be a hero; but his best friend Dolores stands in the way of at least one goal.
- Jeffers, Oliver. ***The Incredible Book Eating Boy.*** Philomel, 2006. Henry loves to eat books until he begins to feel quite ill and decides that maybe he could do something else with the books he has been devouring.
- Johnston, Tony. ***Levi Strauss Gets a Bright Idea: A Fairly Fabricated Story of a Pair of Pants.*** Harcourt, 2011. Re-tells, in tall-tale fashion, how Levi Strauss went to California during the Gold Rush, saw the need for a sturdier kind of pants, and invented jeans.
- 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 until she can have her next taste.
- Keating, Frank. ***Theodore.*** Simon & Schuster, 2006. A biography of Theodore Roosevelt that imagines the president looking back on his life, describing his childhood, his youthful journeys throughout the world, his experiences as a leader, and the value he placed on knowledge, adventure, originality, and integrity.
- Keller, Laurie. ***Do Unto Otters: A Book About Manners.*** Holt, 2007. Mr. Rabbit is worried that he might not get along with his new neighbors. A wise owl gives him the advice "Do unto otters as you would have otters do unto you" and proceeds to explain what this means.
- Kimmel, Eric A. ***Anansi's Party Time.*** Holiday House, 2008. When Anansi the spider invites Turtle to a party just to play a trick on him, Turtle gets revenge at a party of his own.
- Larson, Kirby and Mary Nethery. ***Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, and Survival.*** Walker, 2008. Bobbi the dog and Bob Cat show us how friendship and perseverance kept them together through the rough times of Hurricane Katrina.
- Lasky, Kathryn. ***Poodle and Hound.*** Charlesbridge, 2009. This book contains three stories which follow the adventures of Hound and Poodle as they discover how much they enjoy each other's company in spite of--or possibly because of--their differences. *Series*
- 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*

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- Lies, Brian. ***Bats at the Ballgame***. Houghton Mifflin, 2010. Two teams of bats enjoy a nighttime game of baseball. Cheering the home team are the bat fans enjoying the snacks of "mothdogs" and the like.
- 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.
- Lo, Ginnie. ***Auntie Yang's Great Soybean Picnic***. Lee & Low, 2012. A Chinese American girl's Auntie Yang discovers soybeans, a favorite Chinese food, growing in Illinois, leading her family to a soybean picnic tradition that grows into an annual community event.
- Lobel, Arnold. ***Frog and Toad Are Friends***. First published 1970. Be entertained by the classic, short, delightful tales about best friends Frog and Toad. *Series*
- Lyon, George Ella. ***All the Water in the World***. Atheneum, 2011. An illustrated explanation of the water cycle, showing how water rises to the clouds and is rained back down again to be used by plants, people, and every living thing.
- Lyons, Kelly Starling. ***Ellen's Broom***. Putnam's, 2012. Ellen, a young girl growing up in the Reconstruction Era, learns the significance of love and tradition as she encourages her parents to "Jump the Broom" to finalize their marriage vows.
- 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.
- Marshall, James. ***Fox On the Job***. Puffin, 1988. Fox tries several different jobs to earn money. *Series*
- McDermott, Gerald. ***Jabuti the Tortoise: A Trickster Tale from the Amazon***. Harcourt, 2001. All the birds enjoy the song-like flute music of Jabuti, the tortoise, except Vulture who, jealous because he cannot sing, tricks Jabuti into riding on his back toward a festival planned by the King of Heaven.
- 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*
- McKay, Hilary. ***Lulu and the Duck in the Park***. Albert Whitman, 2012. Lulu loves animals. When Lulu finds a duck egg that has rolled out of its nest, she takes it to class to keep it safe. Lulu isn't allowed to bring pets to school, but she's not really breaking the rules because it's just an egg. Surely nothing bad will happen... *Series*

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- 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...
- McNulty, Faith. ***If You Decide to Go to the Moon***. Scholastic, 2005. This book tells you how to get to the moon, what to do after you land, and, most importantly, how to get back home.
- Miller, Zeitlow Pat. ***Sophie's Squash***. Schwartz & Wade 2013. Sophie goes to the farmer's market and chooses a squash which she names Bernice and treats as a friend. What happens when Sophie has to give Bernice up?
- 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.
- Nees, Susan. ***Missy's Super Duper Royal Deluxe Picture Day***. Scholastic, 2013. Missy likes to do everything in a super duper royal deluxe way, including planning what she will wear for school picture day. However, her mother has other ideas for Missy's picture day outfit.
- 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. ***The Jellybeans and the Big Art Adventure***. Abrams Books, 2012. Four friends who like to do different things such as paint, play soccer, read and dance --- paint a mural on an outside wall of Mrs. Petunia Dinkley-Sneezer's candy shop that depicts them each doing what they love best. *Series*
- Parish, Herman. ***Amelia Bedelia Means Business***. Greenwillow Books, 2013. Amelia Bedelia wants a new bike, but her parents will only pay for half of the bike. Amelia Bedelia needs to find a job to earn enough money for the bike of her dreams. *Series*
- Pinkney, Andrea Davis. ***Martin & Mahalia: His Words, Her Songs***. Little Brown, 2013. A beautiful intertwining of the lives of Martin Luther King, Jr. and singer Mahalia Jackson, both civil right activists as their journeys brought them together in 1963's March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.
- Potter, Alicia. ***Mrs. Harkness and the Panda***. Albert A. Knopf, 2012. In 1936 Ruth Harkness completes her husband's difficult mission to bring the first live panda back to the United States.
- Raczka, Bob. ***Guyku: A Year of Haiku for Boys***. Houghton Mifflin, 2010. A collection of haiku poetry for boys that features poems about tree climbing, kite flying, and other related topics.
- Reynolds, Peter. ***The Dot***. Candlewick, 2003. "Just make a mark and see where it takes you." This sage advice, offered by her teacher, sets the young heroine on a journey of self-expression, artistic experimentation, and success.

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- 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*
- Rosensteihl, Agnes. **Silly Lilly In What Will I Be Today?** Toon Books, 2014. Each day of the week Silly Lilly tries out a new career through play in this fun graphic novel for beginning readers.
- 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*
- Rylant, Cynthia. **The High-Rise Private Eyes: The Case of the Desperate Duck.** Greenwillow, 2005. In this case, animal detectives Bunny and Jack help Mabel the duck find out who stole the sugar cubes from her tea room. *Series*
- Sauer, Tammi. **Chicken Dance.** Sterling, 2009. Marge and Lola set out to get tickets to the Elvis Poultry concert by winning a farmyard talent contest. What transpires is hilarious!
- 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.
- Shannon, David. **Too Many Toys.** Blue Sky Press, 2008. After he finally concedes that he has far too many toys, Spencer agrees to give many of them away; but he realizes that there is one special toy that he absolutely cannot part with.
- 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*
- Sklansky, Amy E. **Out of This World: Poems and Facts about Space.** Alfred A. Knopf, 2012. A collection of poems and facts about space, accompanied by color paintings.

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- Spinelli, Eileen. ***The Best Story***. Dial Books, 2008. When a contest at the local library offers a prize for the best story, a girl tries to write one using her family's suggestions, but her story does not seem right until she listens to her heart.
- Steig, William. ***Sylvester and the Magic Pebble***. First published 1969. In a moment of fright, Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock, but then he cannot hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again! Caldecott Medal 1970
- Stewart, Melissa. ***A Place for Bats***. Peachtree, 2012. Bats from different parts of North America, acting as filters in the ecosystem, must now rely on humans to protect them from extinction. This simple, well-illustrated book shows where bats live and how we can help to save them.
- Stone, Tanya Lee. ***Who Says Women Can't Be Doctors? : The Story of Elizabeth Blackwell***. Holt, 2013. This engaging and delightfully illustrated book brings to life Elizabeth Blackwell, the first woman doctor.
- Talbott, Hudson. ***United Tweets of America***. Putnam's, 2008. A collection of detailed illustrations of state birds from all fifty United States.
- Tavares, Matt. ***Mudball***. Candlewick, 2005. During a rainy Minneapolis Millers baseball game in 1903, Little Andy Oyler has the chance to become a hero by hitting the shortest and muddiest home run in history.
- 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*
- Viorst, Judith. ***Lulu Walks the Dogs***. Atheneum, 2012. Lulu needs help from a boy named Fleischman if she is to earn money walking her neighbors' dogs, and she finds out that if she wants her business venture to succeed, she has to be nice.
- 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.
- Watkins, Angela Farris. ***My Uncle Martin's Words for America***. Abrams Books, 2011. Using words and phrases from Martin Luther King Jr.'s speeches, his niece explains the importance of his message and his contributions to the Civil Rights movement.
- Willems, Mo. ***That Is Not a Good Idea!*** Balzer + Bray, 2013. A wolf and a goose meet on the street and decide to have dinner together. But, what, or who, are they going to eat?
- Winter, Jeanette. ***Henri's Scissors***. Beach Lane Books, 2013. In a small weaving town in France, a young boy named Henri-Emile Matisse drew pictures everywhere, and when he grew up, he moved to Paris and became a famous artist who created paintings that were adored around the world. But late in life a serious illness confined him to a wheelchair, and amazingly, it was from there that he created among his most beloved works—enormous and breathtaking paper cutouts.

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- Winter, Jeanette. ***The Watcher: Jane Goodall's Life with the Chimps***. Schwartz & Wade, 2011. This picture book biography of Jane Goodall traces her life from her childhood passion for observing the natural world to her famous studies of chimpanzees in the wild.
- Winter, Jonah. ***Roberto Clemente: Pride of the Pittsburgh Pirates***. Atheneum, 2005. This is the story of Roberto Clemente, a young Puerto Rican who followed his baseball dream to the big leagues and went on to help the poor in his homeland.
- 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. Best friends Mouse and Mole enjoy playing in the snow with Sno-Mouse and Sno-Mole, two more best friends. *Series*

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