## **First Grade Book List**

Picture books, Easy Readers, Non-Fiction and Moving-Up books for emerging readers entering or in 1st grade.



#### **Dreamers**

by Yuyi Morales

An illustrated picture book autobiography in which award-winning author Yuyi Morales tells her own immigration story.



### **Carmela Full of Wishes**

by Matt de la Peäna

The creators of the Newbery Medal- and Caldecott Honor-winning Last Stop on Market Street present the story of a birthday girl who accompanies her big

brother while he runs family errands before making a wish on a fluffy, solitary dandelion she finds growing in the pavement.



### Wishes

by Muon Van

In a tale featuring artwork by an awardwinning illustrator, a youngest member of a Vietnamese refugee family finds her

perspectives on immigration, family and belonging profoundly changed by her relocation to a new home on the other side of the world.



### **Eyes that Kiss in the Corners**

by Joanna Ho

A young Asian girl notices that her eyes look different from her peers but by drawing from the strength of the powerful women in her life, she recognizes her own beauty and discovers a path to self-love

and empowerment.



### Diary of a Worm

by Doreen Cronin

Although he plays with friends, spends time with his parents, and attends school like the rest of his classmates, this friendly little worm doesn't have to go to the dentist, can eat his own homework, and never gets in trouble for leaving tracks

when he moves about the house.



### **Crocodile Hungry**

by Eija Sumner

Though crocodile is surrounded by food, he doesn't know it. He's used to food coming in packages and boxes and in handy tins.

Will the hungry crocodile figure it out?

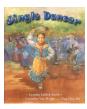


# Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story

by Noble Maillard

A celebration of the long-cherished Seminole Nation tradition of sharing fry bread during family meals combines

evocative verses with vibrant artwork.



### Jingle Dancer

by Cynthia Leitich Smith Jenna, a member of the Muscogee, or Creek, Nation, borrows jingles from the dresses of several friends and relatives so that she can perform the jingle dance at the powwow, in a picture book that

includes a note about the jingle dance tradition and its regalia.



### Saturday

by Oge Mora

A follow-up to the Caldecott Honorwinning Thank You, Omu! finds a specially planned mother-and-daughter Saturday upended by a series of

disappointments that end in the daughter comforting her mother by saying that being together was the most important thing.



# The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family

by Ibtihaj Muhammad

The Muslim-American Olympic medalist and social justice activist presents a vibrantly illustrated story about two sisters

who endure criticism and bullying when they begin school on the first day the elder wears her beautiful blue hijab.



### School's First Day of School

by Adam Rex

The best-selling author of Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich and the Coretta Scott King Honor-winning illustrator of Harlem's Little Blackbird present the story of how a school building shares jitters with the

students on a first day of school.



### The Wrong Book

by Drew Daywalt In this giggle-inducing story, the narrator is WRONG about everything! If you like The Book With No Pictures, you'll LOVE The Wrong Book!

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## Our Friend Hedgehog: The Story of Us

by Lauren Castillo

Living on a tiny island with only a stuffed animal for company, a lonely Hedgehog embarks on a quest in the aftermath of a storm and makes new friends who help

her discover the power of courage and teamwork. By the Caldecott Honor-winning creator of Nana in the City.



### **Incredible Rescue Mission**

by Zanib Mian

Omar is going on his biggest adventure yet--a trip to Pakistan! But his excitement about the trip is interrupted by some shocking news: his amazing teacher is not coming back to school, and no one will say why. When Omar and his friends start investigating, the hints they overhear and

clues they find lead them to an alarming conclusion--it must be aliens! Omar has a huge imagination, but saving his teacher from aliens seems far-fetched even to him. He's going to need out-of-this-world creative thinking and a huge spirit of adventure to solve this mystery!



## The Secret Explorers and the Moon Mission

by SJ King

A space expert and a geology expert take readers on an out-of-this-world adventure to the moon where they must navigate the dangerous terrain to clear up space debris before it can interfere with a lunar mission!



# Pierre the Penguin: A True Story

by Jean Marzollo

Rhyming text and colorful illustrations describe the efforts of aquatic biologist Pam to help Pierre, an African penguin

living at the California Academy of Sciences, when he begins to go bald.



### I Am Harriet Tubman

by Brad Meltzer

This picture book biography depicts the childhood influences and achievements of Harriet Tubman, explaining how she courageously helped numerous slaves

escape to freedom as one of the key players of the Underground Railroad.



### Ling & Ting Share a Birthday

by Grace Lin

Identical twins Ling and Ting celebrate their birthday by sharing gifts and making wishes. First book in the series.



## Wait, Rest, Pause: Dormancy in Nature

by Marcie Flinchum Atkins Captivating photos of animals accompany simple, engaging text to explain dormancy in nature.



#### Over and Under the Pond

by Kate Messner

A companion to Over and Under the Snow and Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt explores the plants and animals that make up the rich, interconnected ecosystem of a mountain pond.



## Jumper: A Day in the Life of a Backyard Jumping Spider

by Jessica Lanan

Filled with stunning illustrations, this nonfiction picture book brings to life the tiny, secret world of a backyard jumping spider as she goes about her day.



## Creep, Leap, Crunch! A Food Chain Story

by Jody Jensen Shaffer

This eye-opening and entertaining look at the animal kingdom's food chain, from the lowly worm to the mighty king of the jungle,

shows how each element in nature has its place, and what happens when the food escapes!



### A Seed is the Start

by Melissa Stewart

The award-winning author of No Monkeys, No Chocolate blends vibrant National Geographic photography and lyrical text in

an introduction to the diverse world of seeds that explains the plant cycle, from how seeds travel and grow to what it takes for a seed to become a plant.