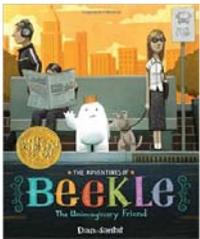




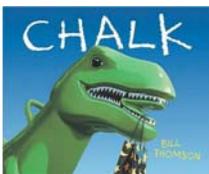
Prepared by Todd Library and Briarcliff Manor Public Library librarians

It is important to note that the titles on this list span a range of reading levels for students entering first grade. The Briarcliff Public Library and Todd Library librarians have selected these books to help you and your child develop a lifetime habit and enjoyment of reading.



The Adventures of Beekle by Dan Santat

An imaginary friend waits a long time to be imagined by a child and given a special name, and finally does the unimaginable--he sets out on a quest to find his perfect match in the real world.



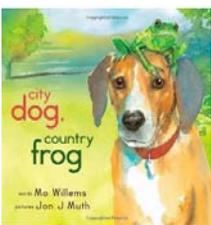
Chalk by Bill Thomson

A wordless picture book about three children who go to a park on a rainy day, find some chalk, and draw pictures that come to life.



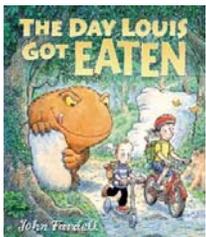
Cloudette by Tom Lichtenheld

The littlest cloud finds a way to do what the other clouds do.



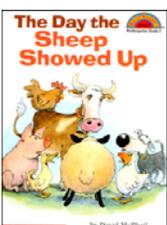
City Dog, Country Frog by Mo Willems, illustrated by Jon J. Muth

When City Dog comes to the country, he meets Country Frog for the first time, and every season afterward, the two have a fun time playing together.



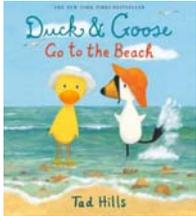
The Day Louis Got Eaten by John Fardell

When Sarah's brother, Louis, is eaten by a Gulper, Sarah does not panic. She follows the trail as the Gulper is eaten by a series of other creatures until finally she has her chance to rescue Louis from them all.



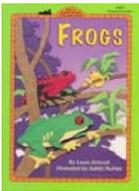
The Day the Sheep Showed Up by David McPhail

When a new animal comes to the barnyard, the animals try to determine which one of them it resembles.



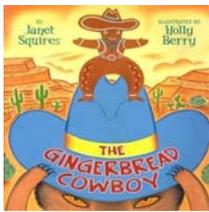
Duck and Goose Go to the Beach by Tad Hills

Duck wants to go on an adventure. Goose doesn't. He doesn't see the point. After all, why would they go anywhere when they're happy right where they are? But then Goose sees the ocean and loves it. Who doesn't? Well, Duck, for one!



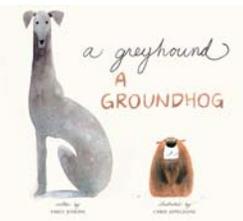
Frogs by Laura Driscoll, illustrated by Judith Moffatt

Learn about frogs that are bigger than shoeboxes in this book.



The Gingerbread Cowboy by Janet Squires, illustrated by Holly Berry

A freshly baked gingerbread cowboy escapes from the rancher's wife's kitchen and eludes his pursuers in the western U.S. version of *The Gingerbread Boy*.



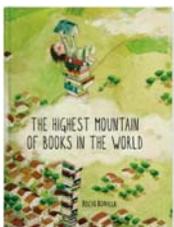
A Greyhound, A Groundhog by Emily Jenkins, illustrated by Chris Appelhans

When a greyhound meets a groundhog, wordplay and crazy antics ensue.



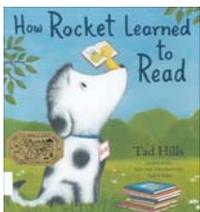
Guess Who, Haiku by Deanna Caswell, illustrated by Bob Shea

A collection of haiku. Can you guess what animal each haiku is about?



The Highest Mountain of Books in the World by Rocio Bonilla

A boy who wants to fly discovers the many ways that books can take him to the greatest heights.



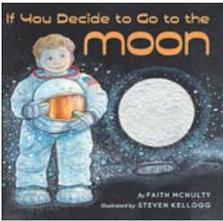
How Rocket Learned to Read by Tad Hills (and *Rocket Writes a Story* by Tad Hills)

A little yellow bird teaches Rocket the dog how to read by first introducing him to the alphabet. (Don't miss the companion book about when Rocket writes a story about his new owl friend.)



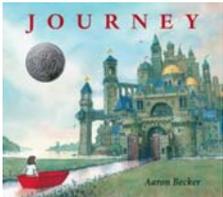
A Huge Hog is a Big Pig by Francis McCall & Patricia Keeler

In this rhyming word game book, we meet animals such as soggy doggy.



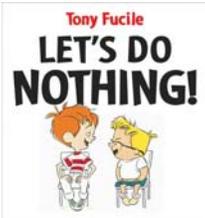
If You Decide to go to the Moon by Faith McNulty, illustrated by Steven Kellogg

Presents a children's book for early readers that describes what a trip to the moon would be like for a would-be astronaut.



Journey by Aaron Becker

Using a red marker, a young girl draws a door on her bedroom wall and through it enters another world where she experiences many adventures, including being captured by an evil emperor.



Let's Do Nothing by Tony Fucile

Frankie and Sal have run out of things to do, then Sal hits upon a solution: "Let's do nothing!" After all, how hard could that be?



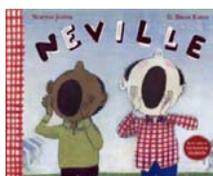
Mine's the Best by Crosby Bonsall

Two little boys meet at the beach, each sure that his balloon is better.



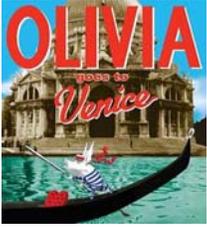
My Teacher is a Monster by Peter Brown

Bobby thinks his teacher, Ms. Kirby, is horrible, but when he sees her outside of school and they spend the day in the park together, he discovers she might not be so bad after all.



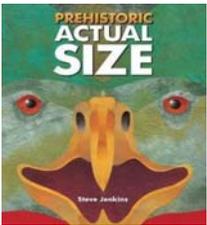
Neville by Norton Jester, illustrated by G. Brian Karas

When a boy and his family move to a new house, he devises an ingenious way to meet people in the neighborhood.



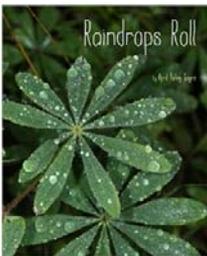
Olivia Goes to Venice by Ian Falconer

On a family vacation in Venice, Olivia indulges in gelato, rides in a gondola, and finds the perfect souvenir.



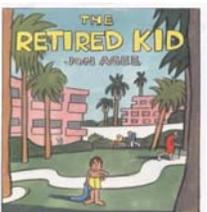
Prehistoric Actual Size by Steve Jenkins

Provides facts especially about the size of various dinosaurs and other prehistoric animals.



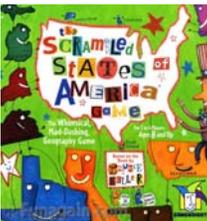
Raindrops Roll by April Pulley Sayre

A beautiful photo illustrated poem revealing nature's wonders in a rainstorm.



The Retired Kid by Jon Agee

Although he enjoys some aspects of his retirement, 8-year-old Brian gains a new perspective on his job of being a child after spending some time in Florida's Happy Sunset Retirement Community.



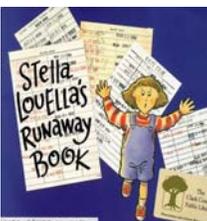
The Scrambled States of America by Laurie Keller

The states become bored with their positions on the map and decide to change places for a while. Also includes facts about the states.



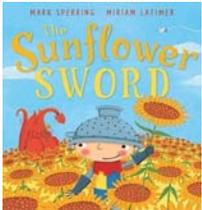
Spiders Biggest! Littlest! by Sandra Markle, photographs by Simon Pollard

Size is an advantage for seven spider species in this engaging introduction to fascinating arachnids.



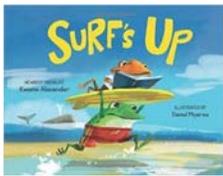
Stella Louella's Runaway Book by Lisa Campbell Ernst

This is a great cumulative tale in which a little girl tries to track down her missing library book.



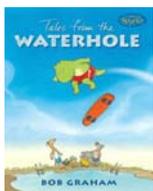
The Sunflower Sword by Mark Sperring, illustrated by Miriam Latimer

In a land marked by endless fighting between knights and dragons, a mother gives her eager little boy a sunflower rather than the sword he requests, and when he wields it against a real dragon, new understanding begins.



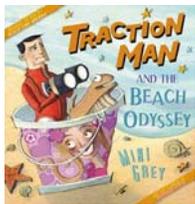
Surf's Up by Kwame Alexander

What are Bro and Dude going to do at the beach? Bro is super excited while reading his book (*Moby Dick*) so Dude gets very curious.



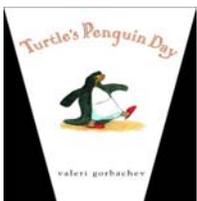
Tales from the Waterhole by Bob Graham

Morris the crocodile and his animal friends enjoy summertime on the African savanna in these five short stories about friendship, family, and vacation-time fun.



Traction Man and the Beach Odyssey by Mini Grey

Traction Man, the action figure, and his sidekick, Scrubbing Brush, return for another exciting and humorous adventure. This time they are at the beach.



Turtle's Penguin Day by Valeri Gorbachev

After hearing a bedtime story about penguins, Turtle dresses as one for school and soon the entire class is having a penguin day, sliding on their bellies and eating goldfish crackers.

SUGGESTED SERIES:

Amanda Pig series by Jean van Leeuwen

In these beginning chapter books Amanda Pig faces the usual childhood challenges with humor and good thinking by her side.



Arthur series by Marc Brown

Arthur the aardvark is the beloved picture book character who manages to solve the problem of the moment with his friends.

Biscuit series by Alyssa Satin Capucilli, illustrated by Pat Schories

Books about this adorable puppy Biscuit are perfect for early readers. Short text and simple scenarios make these books very accessible.



SUGGESTED SERIES (cont.):



Elephant and Piggie series by Mo Willems

These books feature Gerald the Elephant and Piggie, who are sure to make you laugh, with simple text for the newest readers.

Fluffy series by Kate McMullan

Follow Fluffy the guinea pig's many adventures in these beginner chapter books.



Fox series by James Marshall

Fox and his animal friends share humorous adventures in these beginning chapter books.



Frog & Toad series by Arnold Lobel

These "I Can Read" books are great stories about friendship.

Little Bear series by Else Holmelund Minarik, illustrated by Maurice Sendak

Little Bear's adventures take him to the moon, to a birthday party and to many more fun places.



Pearl and Wagner series by Kate McMullan

Best friends Pearl and Wagner, a mouse and a rabbit, are always learning new things at school together.



Tacky series by Helen Lester

Tacky the Penguin does not always fit in with his odd ways. But he is always lovable and many times he ends up saving the day.

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