PICTURE BOOKS
Fu, Cherie
Little Messy Marcy Su
Marcy Su cleans her room—and makes a mess in the process.

Goade, Michaela
Berry Song
A girl and her grandmother sing to the things that make up the world.

Hoang, Zara González
A New Kind of Wild
Ren misses the wild forest he left behind, but Ava shows him New York can be wild, too.

Iwai, Melissa
Dumplings for Lili
Bao, Pierogi, Tamales... a dumpling by any other name is just as tasty.

Palmer, Charly
The Legend of Gravity: A Tall Basketball Tale
When basketball hero Gravity can’t win the game, can his team?

Phùng, Nguyên Quang and Huỳnh, Kim Liên
My First Day
The first day of school becomes an adventure when you paddle there on a wild river in a tiny boat.

Sima, Jessie
Jules vs. the Ocean
Will the ocean finally let Jules build the best sandcastle ever?

Snyder, Laurel
Endlessly Ever After: Pick YOUR Path to Countless Fairy Tale Endings!
Happy ending or disaster—it’s up to you!

BEGINNER
Curry, Parker and Jessica
Parker Dresses Up (Ready-to-Read)
Parker dresses up and tries on different future careers.

Flowers, Luke
Moby Shinobi: Surf’s Up! (Moby Shinobi and Toby too)
Ninja Moby and his dog Toby go to the Beach Bash!

Greenawalt, Kelly
I Am a Good Friend! (Princess Truly)
Princess Truly offers tips on being a good friend.

Holabird, Katharine
Twinkle and the Wishing Wand (Twinkle)
Will Twinkle’s favorite story come alive?

Kann, Victoria
Pinkalicious, Happy Birthday! (Pinkalicious; I Can Read books)
Pinkalicious wants the most pinkatastic birthday party!

Long, Ethan
Horse & Buggy Plant a Seed! (Horse & Buggy; I Like to Read)
Horse tries to be patient while planting a seed.

Pilkey, Dav
Dragon Gets By (Dragon Tales)
Dragon has so many things to do today!
Suggested Books and Authors for 1st Graders

Salazar, Alicia
Camila the Baking Star
(Camila the Star)
Can Camila and her Papá make a winning team?

Trasler, Janee
Hog on a Log (Frog and Dog)
Will Hog share the log with Dog and Frog?

EASY JUVENILE FICTION

Bell, Kristen and Hart, Benjamin
The World Needs More Purple People
You can be a purple person too!

Davies, Jacqueline
Sydney & Taylor Explore the Whole Wide World (Sydney & Taylor)
Two best friends, unlikely explorers, set out on an adventure then long to return home.

Derting, Kimberly and Johannes, Shelli R.
Vivi Loves Science
What will Vivi discover on her field trip to the beach?

Lyons, Kelly Starling
Hope’s Gift
An African-American family is torn apart during the American Civil War—will they be reunited?

Snyder, Laurel
Charlie & Mouse Lost and Found
(Charlie and Mouse)
If Charlie and Mouse are together, they’re never truly lost.

NON-FICTION

J 305.42 HUGHES
Walking for Water: How One Boy Stood Up for Gender Equality (CitizenKid)

J 509.22 GEHL
Who is a Scientist?

J 595.77 HEAVENRICH
13 Ways to Eat a Fly

J 973.0496 WEATHERFORD
Standing in the Need of Prayer: A Modern Retelling of the Classic Spiritual

J B ABRAMS
Stacey Abrams (National Geographic Kids Readers. Level 2)

J B JIMENEZ
Child of the Flower-Song People: Luz Jimenez, Daughter of the Nahua

J B LEWIS
Because of You, John Lewis: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship

J B THEODORE
A History of Me

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