trying to decide what to play, they each share an important secret.

What Is Chasing Duck?

E Thomas

Duck's imagination gets the best of him when he asks his critter companions for help escaping a mysterious pursuer.

Chapter Books

Henry Heckelbeck Gets a Dragon*

Chapter Coven

Future spy Henry discovers that he has magic, like his big sister Heidi, when he accidentally creates a tiny dragon, which definitely does not belong at Brewster Elementary School.

Mercy Watson to the Rescue*

Chapter DiCamillo

After Mercy the pig snuggles to sleep with the Watsons, they awaken with the bed teetering on the edge of a hole in the floor.

Eva's Treetop Festival (Owl Diaries)*

Chapter Elliott

Having a Bloomtastic Festival at school to celebrate spring is a great idea--but Eva Wingdale, a young owl, discovers that it is also a lot of work, and there is nothing wrong with asking her friends for help.

Princess Posey and the First Grade Play*

Chapter Greene

When she doesn't get the lead in the class play, Posey does something mean and needs a lot of help from her tutu to admit what she did.

Super Turbo Saves the Day!*

Chapter Kirby

After the last bell, classroom pet hamster Turbo becomes Super Turbo to fight evil, but he soon finds that he isn't the only super pet in town when he is forced to face an evil rat named Whiskerface.

Charlie & Mouse*

Chapter Snyder

Charlie and Mouse, two young brothers, enjoy a day out together, attending an imaginary party and collecting rocks.

Nonfiction

The Blobfish Book

E 597.177 OLI

A cartoon blobfish jumps into a book on deep sea creatures; he just can't wait to see the pages on his own species! When the moment comes, he learns "the blobfish was once voted the world's ugliest animal!" His friends gather to make him feel better in this funny and informational picture book.

Wild Reptiles*

E 597.9 KRA

The Kratt brothers activate their creature powers to introduce readers to different types of reptiles and what they can do.

I Am Amelia Earhart (Ordinary People Change the World*)

E- JB Earhart

Amelia Earhart refused to accept no for an answer, and became the first woman to fly a plane all the way across the Atlantic Ocean. This biography follows her from childhood to her first flying lessons and onward to her multi-record-breaking career as a pilot.

For further suggestions tailored to your interests, search the Novelist K-8 database or ask a librarian!

First Grade



*Starred titles are part of a series; other books in that series will also be appropriate for this grade.



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Picture Books

Ada Twist Scientist (The Questioneers)*

P Beaty

Ada Twist is a very curious girl who shows perseverance by asking questions and performing experiments to find things out and understand the world.

The Day the Crayons Quit*

P Daywalt

Duncan's crayons are on strike. One morning he opens his desk looking for them and, in their place, finds a pack of letters detailing their grievances, one crayon at a time. Red is tired. Beige is bored. Black is misunderstood. Peach is naked! Can Duncan save the day and make everyone happy?

Chez Bob

P Shea

Welcome to Chez Bob, which *seems* like a real restaurant until you realize it's on an alligator's NOSE! Bob's got a hidden plan for his customers: "Birds will come to eat, but I will eat the birds!" But when the time is right, will Bob make the right choice?

Early Readers

Hi! Fly Guy*

E Arnold

When Buzz captures a fly to enter in The Amazing Pet Show, his parents and the judges tell him that a fly cannot be a pet, but Fly Guy proves them wrong.

Pig and Goose and the First Day of Spring

On the first day of spring Pig sets out to have a picnic by the pond, meets Goose, and so discovers a new friend. King & Kayla and the Case of the Secret Code*

When a mysterious letter written in code arrives at King's house for his human, Kayla, he follows the trail of the person who left it.

Biscuit Loves the Library!

E Capucilli

On "Read to a Pet Day" at the library, Biscuit plays with story time puppets, visits with friends, and listens to recorded books.

When Andy Met Sandy*

E DePaola

When Andy and Sandy first meet at the playground, they are cautious of one another, but soon find a way to become friends.

Mia Jazzes It Up*

E Farley

Looking forward to learning new steps and donning a fancy new outfit on her first day of jazz class, Mia is disappointed by her drab jazz shoes and devises a creative way to match her ensemble to her jazzy dance routine.

Yasmin the Zookeeper*

E Faruqi

Yasmin's class is going on a field trip to the zoo, and Yasmin is thrilled when she is chosen to help feed the monkeys; but when she spills their food both she and the monkeys are upset--until she remembers what's in her lunch bag.

Duck, Duck, Dinosaur: Bubble Blast*

E George

After a day spent playing in the mud, Feather and Flap are reluctant to take a bath until older sibling Spike shows them bathtime can be fun.

Clark the Shark and the Big Book Report*

E Hale

When Clark the Shark gets ready to present his book report to the class, he finds himself overcome with fear.

The Good for Nothing Button!

E Harper

Yellow Bird has found a button that does not do anything when you press it. But when Red Bird and Blue Bird give it try, they are delighted to find that the button does nothing, and that is something!

Ty's Travels: All Aboard!*

E Lyons

Wishing he could play with family members who are busy with homework and other chores, little Ty taps the power of his imagination to make a train out of a big cardboard and other fun-filled activities.

Mr. Monkey Bakes a Cake*

E Mack

Mr. Monkey bakes a cake and enters it in a contest, but nothing goes as planned.

The Tricky Tooth (Katie Woo)*

E Manushkin

Katie is the only one in her class who has not lost a tooth, but despite all of her efforts, her wiggly tooth refuses to come out.

Amelia Bedelia Makes a Friend*

E Parish

When her best friend moves out of the house next door, Amelia Bedelia wonders who the new neighbors will be.

The Cookie Fiasco

E Santat

There are only three cookies and four hungry friends to share them with. This is not equal!

Mittens*

E Schaefer

Nick helps Mittens the kitten adjust to life in a new home.

The Totally Secret Secret (Ballet Cat)*

E Shea

While Ballet Cat and Sparkles the Pony are