



## Rising First Graders



### Fiction

**Hi, Fly Guy!** (or other *Fly Guy* books) by Tedd Arnold EFB  
Buzz has a new pet. It can say his name!

**We're Going on a Lion Hunt** by David Axtell E Fic & PB  
Travel through the African savannah with two brave sisters looking for a lion.

**Old Black Fly** by Jim Aylesworth E Fic & PB  
Follow a pesky old black fly through the alphabet and through a "very busy bad day."

**Bears in the Night** by Stan Berenstain EFB  
What a mysterious sound! The bears creep out of bed and up Spook Hill to find out what is making that noise.

**Sid and Sam** by Nola Buck EFB  
Sometimes things get silly when two good friends are having fun.

**Biscuit** (or other *Biscuit* books) by Alyssa Capucilli EFB & PB; Audiobook; also available in Spanish  
It's time for bed, but puppy Biscuit would rather play.

**Bigmama's** by Donald Crews E Fic & PB; Audiobook  
The best summers are spent playing, swimming and fishing with cousins at Bigmama's place.

**iPerros! iPerros! Dogs! Dogs!** by Ginger Fogelson Guy E Fic  
"¡Muchos perros! Lots of dogs!...¿A dónde van? Where are they going?"

**Tooth Fairy** by Kirsten Hall (or other *My First Reader* books) EFB  
Going to bed is more fun when you are expecting the tooth fairy.

**The Doorbell Rang** by Pat Hutchins E Fic & PB; Audiobook; also available in Spanish and Spanish Audiobook  
Each time the doorbell rings, more friends arrive to share Ma's wonderful cookies. What will they do when they run out of goodies?

**Two Feet Up, Two Feet Down** by Pamela Love EFB; also available in Spanish  
"Two feet up. Two feet down. Swing the jump rope round and round."

**Chicka Chicka Boom Boom** by Bill Martin E Fic & PB; Audiobook  
What happens when all of the letters of the alphabet race to the top of the coconut tree?

**Messy Bessey** (or other *Messy Bessey* books) by Pat McKissack EFB; also available in Spanish  
There's gum on the ceiling and jam on the floor, so Bessey gets busy cleaning her room.

**Martha Calling** (or other *Martha* books) by Susan Meddaugh E Fic & PB

Martha the talking dog goes to a No Dogs Allowed hotel disguised as Grandma. When she orders a big meal from room service, she nearly causes a riot!

**Ready? Set. Raymond!** by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson EFB

Raymond likes to do everything fast—brush his teeth, make new friends and, of course, run races!

**Joshua James Likes Trucks** by Catherine Petrie EFB; also available in Spanish

He likes big trucks and little trucks, trucks that go up and down. “Joshua James just likes trucks.”

**Mice and Beans** by Pam Muñoz Ryan E Fic & PB; also available in Spanish

Rosa María works all week to get ready for her granddaughter’s birthday party. She doesn’t realize that she has some helpers.

**Duck on a Bike** by David Shannon E Fic; also available in Spanish

The barnyard will never be the same after Duck learns to ride a bike.

**Hop on Pop** by Dr. Seuss EFB; Audiobook; also available in Chinese

Can you read some of the words in this silly book?

**Wild About Books** by Judy Sierra E Fic; Audiobook; also available in Spanish

Molly the librarian starts something big when she drives the bookmobile to the zoo.

**I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly** by Nadine Bernard Westcott E Fic & PB

Have you ever been hungry enough to eat a fly, a spider, or a bird? Sing along with this funny song about a lady who just can’t stop!

**There Is a Bird on Your Head!** (or other *Elephant and Piggie* books) by Mo Willems EFB

Elephant is not happy when some birds decide that his head is a good place for their nest.

**A Chair for My Mother** by Vera B. Williams E Fic & PB; Audiobook; also available in Spanish and Spanish Audiobook

A young girl, her mother and her grandmother save their coins to buy a beautiful, comfy armchair after their furniture is destroyed in a fire.

## Nonfiction

**Who’s in Rabbit’s House?: A Masai Tale** by Verna Aardema E 398.2 & PB; Audiobook

The Long One, who eats trees and tramples on elephants, is in Rabbit’s house. How will she get it to leave?

**Adelita: A Mexican Cinderella Story** by Tomie de Paola E 398.2

“Hace mucho tiempo—a long time ago in a village in Mexico...” So begins a favorite story set in a new place.

**Uno, Dos, Tres=One, Two, Three** by Pat Mora E 468.1

Practice your counting in Spanish and English.

**Splash!** by Ann Jonas E 513.21 & PB

Try to keep track of all of the animals as they jump in and out of the pond. Splash!

**A Second Is a Hiccup** by Hazel Hutchins E 529.7

It takes a second to kiss your mom and a minute to sing a little song. In a month or a year a lot more can happen.

**Pop! A Book About Bubbles** by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley E 530.42

Do you like to blow bubbles? Did you ever wonder why they are round?

**Gigantic! How Big Were the Dinosaurs?** by Patrick O'Brien E 567.91

How big were dinosaurs? As large as a fire engine? An army tank? See how much bigger in *Gigantic!*

**How a Seed Grows** by Helene J. Jordan E 582 & PB; also available in Spanish

Plant a seed and see what happens.

**Grandma Elephant's in Charge** by Martin Jenkins E 599.6

"The most important member of an elephant family is...Grandma!"

**If You Decide to Go to the Moon** by Faith McNulty E 629.45

Three, two, one, BLAST OFF! Take an imaginary trip to the moon.

**Today Is Monday** by Eric Carle E 782.42

Do you like string beans on Monday, spaghetti on Tuesday, or a treat later in the week? Come and eat it up!

**Take Me Out to the Ballgame** by Jack Norworth E 811 & PB

When you sing along with this old favorite, you'll feel like you're there in the crowd eating peanuts and cheering your favorite baseball team.

**Honey, I Love** by Eloise Greenfield E 811.54

This girl loves the way her cousin talks. She loves cool water from a hose on a hot and icky day. She loves lots of things.

**Me on the Map** by Joan Sweeney E 912.014

"...in rooms, in houses, on streets, in towns, in countries all over the world, everybody has their own special place on the map."

**Johnny Appleseed** by Patricia Demuth E Bio Appleseed

The next time you bite into a juicy apple, think of John Chapman who traveled around the country planting apple trees.

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