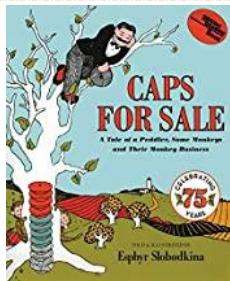




# Books To Read With Your Preschooler



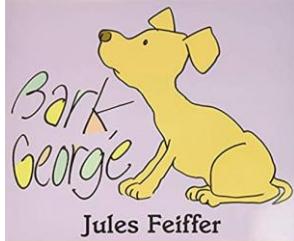
## Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina

Children will delight in following the peddler's efforts to outwit the monkeys and will ask to read it again and again. *This fun to read classic* has repetition, patterns, colors and a fun game of monkey see, monkey do!



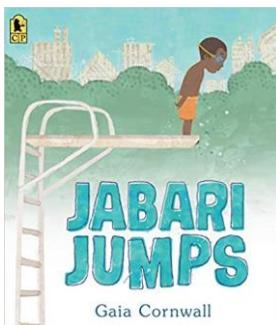
## Sulwe by Lupita Nyong'o

Sulwe has skin the color of midnight. She is darker than everyone in her family. She is darker than anyone in her school. Sulwe just wants to be beautiful and bright, like her mother and sister. Then a magical journey in the night sky opens her eyes and changes everything. This whimsical and heartwarming story will inspire children to see their own unique beauty.



## Bark, George! by Jules Feiffer

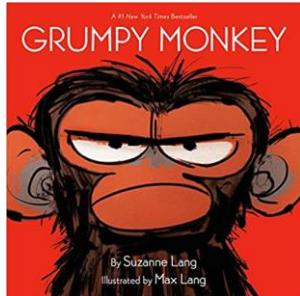
When George's mother tells her son to bark, George goes "Meow," which definitely isn't right because George is a dog. When she asks him again, he goes "Oink." What's going on with George? Readers will delight at the surprise ending!



## Jabari Jumps by Gaia Cornwall

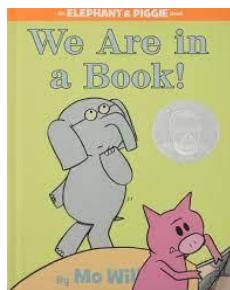
Jabari is definitely ready to jump off the diving board. He's finished his swimming lessons and passed his swim test, and he's a great jumper, so he's not scared at all... but maybe he should do some stretches first.

In a sweetly appealing tale of overcoming your fears, Gaia Cornwall captures a moment between a patient and encouraging father and a determined little boy you can't help but root for.



## Grumpy Monkey by Suzanne Lang

Jim the chimpanzee is in a terrible mood for no good reason. His friends can't understand it--how can he be in a bad mood when it's SUCH a beautiful day? They have lots of suggestions for how to make him feel better. But Jim can't take all the advice... and has a BIT of a meltdown. Could it be that he just needs a day to feel grumpy?



## We Are in a Book! and all the Elephant and Piggie books by Mo Willems

Gerald and Piggie discover the joy of being read. But what will happen when the book ends?

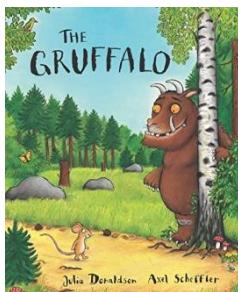
In this series Gerald (the elephant) is careful. Piggie is not. Piggie cannot help smiling. Gerald can. Gerald and Piggie are best friends and hard to keep on the library shelves!

## THE RABBIT LISTENED



## The Rabbit Listened by Cori Doerrfeld

When something sad happens, Taylor doesn't know where to turn. All the animals are sure they have the answer. One by one, the animals try to tell Taylor how to act, and one by one they fail to offer comfort. Then the rabbit arrives. All the rabbit does is listen... which is just what Taylor needs.



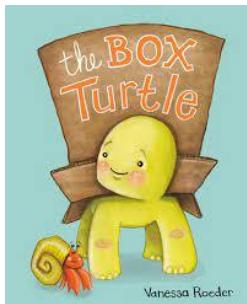
## The Gruffalo by Julie Donaldson

In this cute story told in rhyme, a mouse is taking a stroll through the deep, dark wood when along comes a hungry fox, then an owl, and then a snake. The mouse is good enough to eat but smart enough to know this, so he invents... the Gruffalo! Although the Gruffalo seems scary, mouse is not worried. There is no such thing as a Gruffalo... is there?



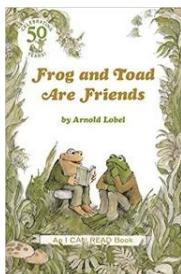
## Best Day Ever by Marilyn Singer

This playful puppy thinks she's having the best day ever! She's so happy to be out with her friend, she doesn't even realize that she's being a little naughty. But when she is scolded, suddenly - Worst. Day. Ever. Will puppy be able to make amends and turn their day back around?



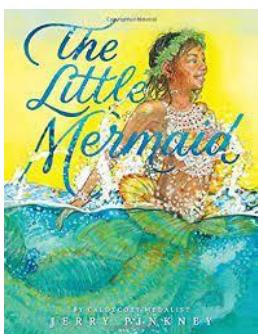
### The Box Turtle by Vanessa Roeder

Terrance the turtle was born without a shell, so he uses a cardboard box instead. Terrance loves his box, but when another turtle points out that Terrance's shell is, well, weird, he begins to wonder whether there might be a better shell out there... Eventually, Terrance learns that there's nothing wrong with being different--especially when it comes to being yourself.



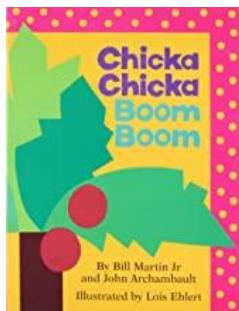
### Frog and Toad Are Friends by Arnold Lobel

From writing letters to going swimming, telling stories to finding lost buttons, Frog and Toad are always there for each other - just as best friends should be. While the Frog and Toad series is intended for kids learning to read independently, the stories are sweet, silly and perfect for reading aloud to preschoolers.



### The Little Mermaid by Jerry Pinkney

The tale you know updated for our time. Melody, the littlest sea princess, is an explorer who wonders about what lies above the water's surface... especially the young girl she has spied from a distance. To meet her she trades her beautiful voice for a potion that gives her legs, so that she may live on land instead. It seems like a dream come true at first. But when trouble stirs beneath the ocean, Melody faces another impossible choice - stay with her friend, or reclaim her true identity and save her family.



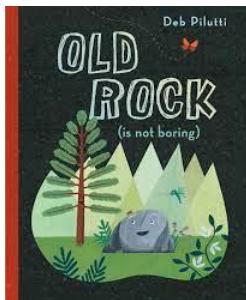
### Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault

In this lively alphabet rhyme, all the letters of the alphabet race each other up the coconut tree. Will there be enough room? Oh, no -Chicka Chicka Boom! Boom! Introduce your child to both uppercase and lowercase letters with this catchy, silly rhyming book.



### Friday Night Wrestle Fest by J.F. Fox

Laugh out loud bedtime fun! It's Dangerous Daddoo versus the Tag Team Twins in the battle to bedtime. Who's moves will win and what happens when a flying mom bomb enters the arena? You do not have to be a WWE fan to enjoy this book.



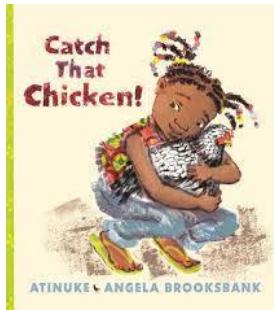
### Old Rock (Is Not Boring) by Deb Pilutti

Old Rock has been sitting in the same spot in the pine forest for as long as anyone can remember. Spotted Beetle, Tall Pine, and Hummingbird think just sitting there must be boring, but they are in for a wonderful surprise. Fabulous tales of adventurous travel, exotic scenery, entertaining neighbors, and more from Old Rock's life prove it has been anything but boring.



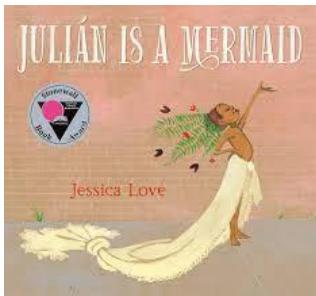
### Tomorrow I'll Be Brave by Jessica Hische

Journey through a world filled with positive and beautifully hand-lettered words of wisdom, inspiration, and motivation. As this book reminds readers, tomorrow is another day, full of endless opportunities--all you have to do is decide to make the day yours. A great read to encourage youngsters to seize the day!



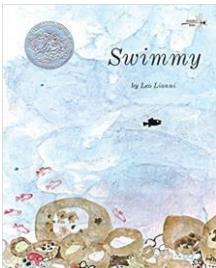
### Catch That Chicken by Atinuke

Lami is the best chicken catcher in the whole village. That is, until the day when Lami chases a little *too* fast, up the baobab tree, and reaches a little too far... ow! How can she catch chickens with an ankle that's puffed up like an angry lizard? Could it be, as Nana Nadia says, that quick thinking is more important than quick running?



### Julián is a Mermaid by Jessica Love

While riding the subway home from the pool with his abuela one day, Julián notices three women spectacularly dressed up like mermaids and their joy fills the train car. When Julián gets home, daydreaming of the magic he's seen, he fashions his own mermaid costume. But what will Abuela think about the mess he makes--and even more importantly, what will she think about how Julián sees himself?



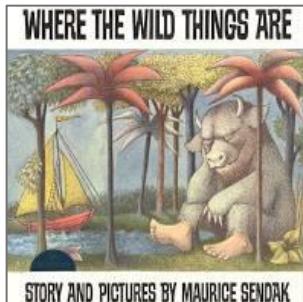
### Swimmy by Leo Lionni

Deep in the sea lives a happy school of fish. Their watery world is full of wonders, but there is also danger, and the little fish are afraid to come out of hiding... until Swimmy comes along. Swimmy shows his friends how - with ingenuity and team work - they can overcome any danger.



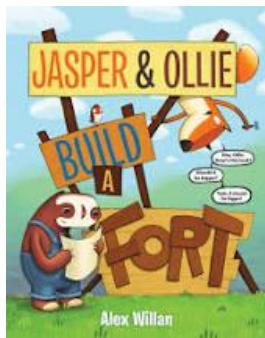
### A Small Kindness by Stacy McAnulty

It was like a game of tag, with one small act of kindness spreading throughout a small community of kids and teachers alike. With minimal text, this book provides a sweet message about all the small ways one can be kind. The illustrations create a diverse cast of characters while using color as a visual cue to how kindness is able to spread, even in a small community like a school.



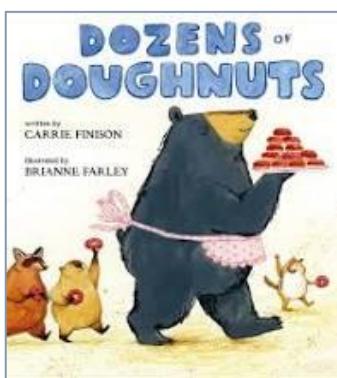
### Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

This iconic story has inspired a movie, an opera, and the imagination of generations. When Max dresses in his wolf suit and causes havoc in the house, his mother sends him to bed. From there, Max sets sail to an island inhabited by the Wild Things, who name him king and share a wild rumpus with him. But then from far away across the world, Max smells good things to eat...



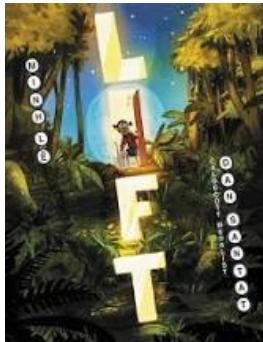
### Jasper and Ollie Build a Fort by Alex Willan

Best friends Jasper, a quick and feisty fox, and Ollie, a slow and deliberate sloth, decide to build forts in the yard. While Jasper's enormous fort goes up in minutes (complete with a rock-climbing wall, bouncy, castle, and moat), it's Ollie's humble fort that has what the pair needs most.



### Dozens of Donuts by Carrie Finison

LouAnn (a bear) is making a doughnut feast in preparation for her long winter's nap. One by one, LouAnn's friends come over... until it's one big party. LouAnn makes batch after batch of doughnuts, always dividing them equally among her friends. But she makes one BIG miscalculation. Soon LouAnn's kitchen is bare, winter is near, and she's had nothing to eat at all!



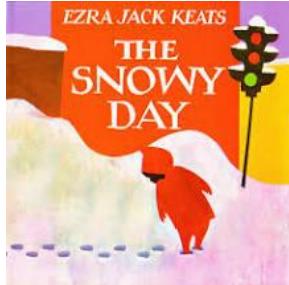
### Lift by Minh Lê

Iris loves to push the elevator buttons in her apartment building, but when it's time to share the fun with her younger sibling, she's pretty put out. That is, until the discovery of a new button opens up entire realms of possibility where she can explore on her own. But when she's forced to choose between going at it alone or letting her little brother tag along, Iris finds that sharing a discovery can be the most wonderful experience of all.



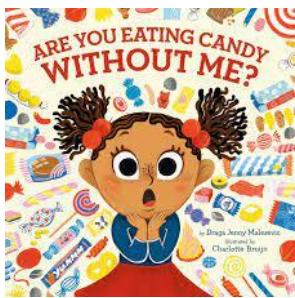
### When Grandma Gives You a Lemon Tree by Jamie L.B. Deenihan

When life gives you lemons, make lemonade. In this imaginative take on that popular saying, a child is surprised (and disappointed) to receive a lemon tree from Grandma for her birthday. After all, she DID ask for a new gadget! But when she follows the narrator's careful - and funny - instructions, she discovers that the tree might be exactly what she wanted after all. This clever story, complete with a recipe for lemonade, celebrates the pleasures of patience, hard work, nature, community... and putting down the electronic devices just for a while.



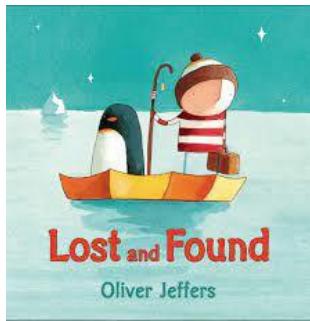
### The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats

In 1962, a little boy named Peter put on his snowsuit and stepped out of his house and into the hearts of millions of readers. Universal in its appeal, this story beautifully depicts a child's wonder at a new world, and the hope of capturing and keeping that wonder forever. The quiet fun and sweetness of Peter's small adventures in the deep, deep snow is perfect for reading together on a cozy winter day.



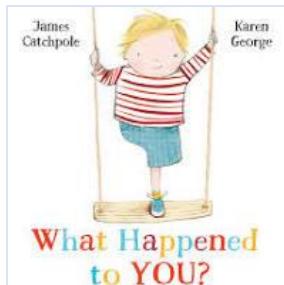
### Are You Eating Candy Without Me? By Draga Jenny Malesevic

Four different children from three different families ponder what the adults in their lives do during the day. After a series of hilariously illustrated and wildly imaginative scenarios, readers learn an important lesson: The adults who love them think about them constantly and are most definitely, certainly, ABSOLUTELY... not eating candy without them. Or are they?



### Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers

What is a boy to do when a lost penguin shows up at his door? Find out where it comes from, of course, and return it. But the journey to the South Pole is long and difficult in the boy's rowboat. There are storms to brave and deep, dark nights. To pass the time, the boy tells the penguin stories. Finally, they arrive. Yet instead of being happy, both are sad. That's when the boy realizes what the penguin really needs. A sweet friendship story.

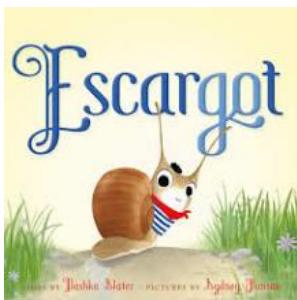


### What Happened to YOU? by James Catchpole

*What happened to you? Was it a shark? A burglar? A lion? Did it fall off?*

Every time Joe goes out the questions are the same... what happened to his leg? But is this even a question Joe has to answer?

A ground-breaking, funny story that helps children understand what it might feel like to be seen as different.

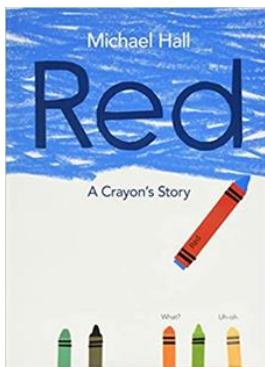


### Escargot by Dashka Slater

*Bonjour!* Escargot is a beautiful French snail who wants only two things:

1. To be your favorite animal.
2. To get to the delicious salad at the end of the book.

But when he gets to the salad, he discovers that there's a carrot in it. And Escargot *hates* carrots. But when he finally tries one - with a little help from you! - he discovers that it's not so bad after all.



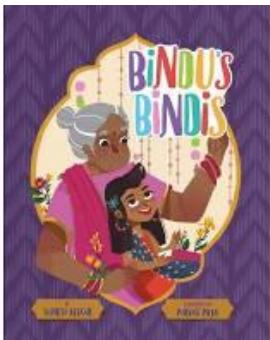
### Red: A Crayon's Story by Michael Hall

Red has a bright red label, but he is, in fact, a blue crayon. His teacher, his mother, and scissors try to help him be red, but it doesn't help... Red is miserable. He just can't be red, no matter how hard he tries! Finally, a brand-new friend offers a new perspective, and Red discovers what readers have known all along. He's blue! Funny and insightful this book is about being true to your inner self and following your own path.



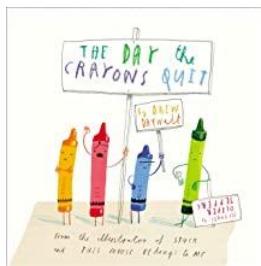
### Hello, Rain! By Kyro Maclear and Chris Turnham

A picture book celebrating all the reasons to love the rain! Flowers bloom in the garden. Umbrellas bloom on the streets. There are puddles for jumping and, later, a cozy home for hot chocolate and books. No matter what kind of weather you prefer, *Hello, Rain!* is a great reminder of the natural beauty all around us and it just might have you hoping for a rainy day!



### Bindu's Bindis by Supriya Kelkar

This charming picture book is about a little girl who loves her bindis and the many creative shapes they come in! The bindis are also a connection to her Nani who lives in India. When Nani comes to visit Bindu and brings the bindis to her, it is just in time to wear something new to the school talent show. Bindu and Nani work together to shine their brightest and embrace their sparkle, even when they stand out from the crowd.



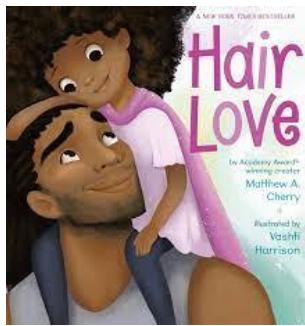
### The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt

Poor Duncan just wants to color. But when he opens his box of crayons, he finds only letters, all saying the same thing: His crayons have had enough! They quit! Each color crayon has an axe to grind. What can Duncan possibly do to appease all of the crayons and get them back to doing what they do best?



### Stellaluna by Janell Cannon

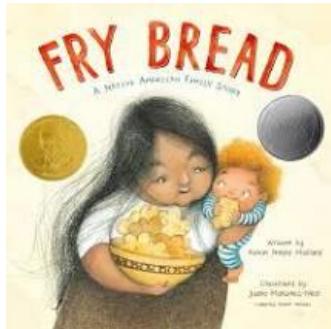
Knocked from her mother's safe embrace by an attacking owl, Stellaluna, lands headfirst in a bird's nest. This adorable baby fruit bat's world is literally turned upside down when she is adopted by the occupants of the nest and adapts to their peculiar bird habits.



### Hair Love by Matthew A. Cherry

Zuri's hair has a mind of its own. It kinks, coils, and curls every which way. Zuri knows it's beautiful. When Daddy steps in to style it for an extra special occasion, he has a lot to learn. But he LOVES his Zuri, and he'll do anything to make her -- and her hair -- happy.

Tender and empowering, *Hair Love* is an ode to loving your natural hair -- and a celebration of daddies and daughters everywhere.



### Fry Bread A Native American Family Story by Kevin Noble Maillard

*Fry bread is food.*

It is warm and delicious, piled high on a plate.

*Fry bread is time*

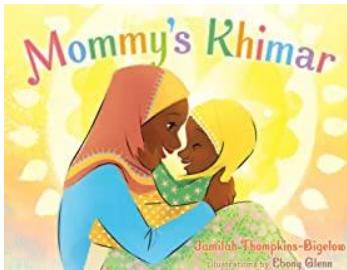
It brings families together for meals and new memories.

*Fry bread is nation.*

It is shared by many, from coast to coast and beyond.

*Fry bread is us.*

It is a celebration of old and new, traditional and modern, similarity and difference.



### Mommy's Khimar by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow

A young girl plays dress up with her mother's headscarves, feeling her mother's love with every one she tries on. Charming and vibrant illustrations showcase the beauty of the diverse and welcoming community in this portrait of a young Muslim American girl's life.

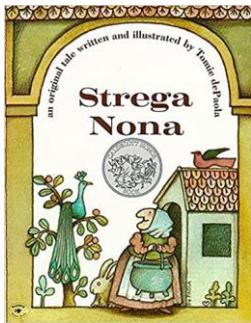
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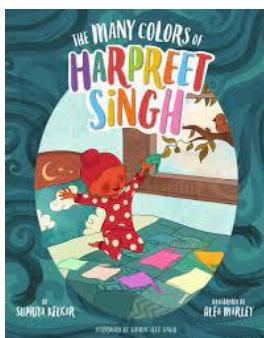
### Ten on a Twig by Lo Cole

Watch the birds fall as the pages turn in this interactive picture book. In this charming, deceptively simple counting book, ten birds sit on a twig. As each falls off, they take a piece of the twig with them, and in the end, they have a new home - just in time to say goodnight. Counting down introduces the concept of subtraction in a natural way, and the varying lengths of the pages means the birds disappear off the twig as you turn the page.



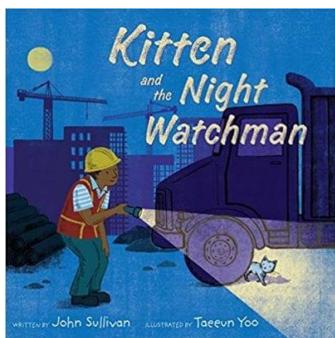
### Strega Nona by Tomie De Paola

Strega Nona is the source for potions, cures, magic, and comfort in her Calabrian town. Her magical, ever-full pasta pot is especially intriguing to hungry Big Anthony. He is supposed to look after her house and tend her garden but one day, when she goes over the mountain to visit Strega Amelia, Big Anthony recites the magic verse over the pasta pot, with disastrous results.



### The Many Colors of Harpreet Singh by Supriya Kelkar

Harpreet Singh has a different color for every mood and occasion, from pink for dancing to red for courage. He especially takes care with his patka--his turban--smoothing it out and making sure it always matches his outfit. But when Harpreet's mom finds a new job in a snowy city and they have to move, all he wants is to be invisible. Will he ever feel a happy sunny yellow again?

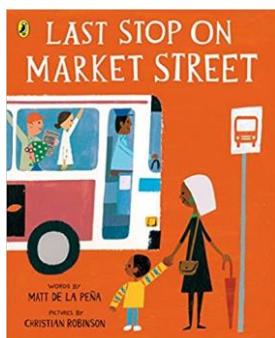


### Kitten and the Night Watchman by John Sullivan

*The night watchman hugs his wife and kids and drives to work.  
All night he is alone.*

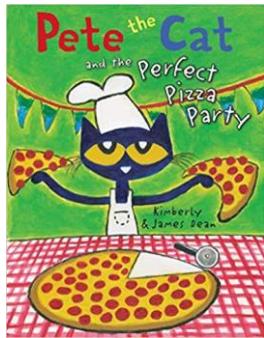
*Every hour he makes his rounds.*

He sees the stars twinkling. He hears the sounds of the night. When he is joined by a stray kitten, the night suddenly seems different. Has the kitten found a new home? This heart-warming award-winning story is inspired by the true story of author John Sullivan meeting a stray cat while working as a night watchman.



### Last Stop on Market Street by Matt De La Pena

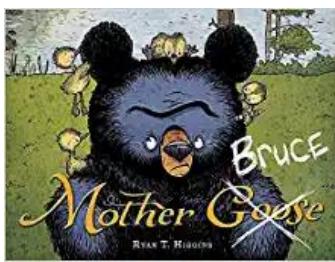
This award-winning modern classic is an inclusive ode to kindness, empathy, gratitude, and finding joy in unexpected places, and celebrates the special bond between a curious young boy and his loving grandmother. Every Sunday after church, CJ and his grandma ride the bus across town. But today, CJ has lots of questions, and each is met with an encouraging answer from grandma, who helps him see the beauty - and fun - in their routine and the world around them.



## Pete the Cat and the Perfect Pizza Party by Kimberly & James Dean

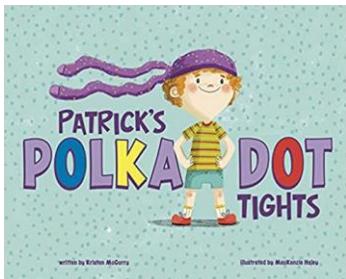
*It's a party, a party, a perfect pizza party!*

That's what Pete thinks as he piles the pie high with his favorite topping - pepperoni. But then his friends come over and add their own toppings to the pizza. What will Pete think of their topping choices? Will Pete be open to their ideas? It is hard to go wrong with a Pete the Cat book.



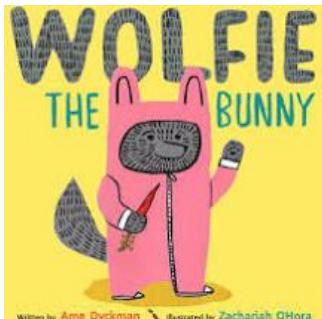
## Mother Bruce by Ryan T. Higgins

Bruce the bear, who is a bit of a grump, likes to keep to himself. That, and eat eggs. But when his hard-boiled goose eggs turn out to be real, live goslings, he starts to lose his appetite. And even worse, the goslings are convinced he's their mother. Bruce tries to get the geese to go south, but he can't seem to rid himself of his new companions. What's a bear to do? This is the first book in the funny and charming Mother Bruce series.



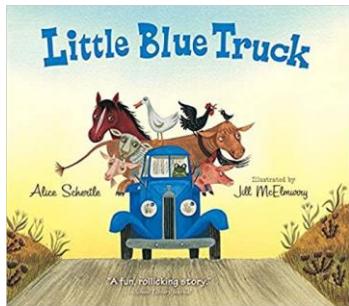
## Patrick's Polka Dot Tights by Kristen McCurry

Patrick's tights are smooth and stretchy, purple and polka-dotty, and absolutely perfect for pretend play. But Patrick's tights aren't his at all. They belong to his sister, Penelope, who does NOT deserve them. Author Kristen McCurry proves that a pair of tights and a little imagination can provide endless fun in this charming picture book about a boy's creativity.



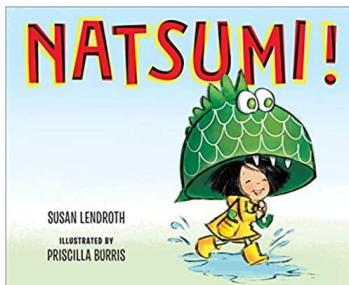
## Wolfie the Bunny by Anne Dyckman

The Bunny family has adopted a wolf son, and daughter Dot is the only one who realizes Wolfie can--and might--eat them all up! Dot tries to get through to her parents, but they are too smitten to listen. A new brother takes getting used to, and when (in a twist of fate) it's Wolfie who's threatened, can Dot save the day?



### Little Blue Truck by Alice Schertle

*Beep! Beep! Beep!* Meet Blue. A muddy country road is no match for this little pickup--that is, until he gets stuck while pushing a dump truck out of the muck. Luckily, Blue has made a pack of farm animal friends along his route. And they're willing to do whatever it takes to get their pal back on the road. Preschoolers will enjoy the truck sounds and animals' noises in this homage to the power of friendship and the rewards of helping others.



### Natsumi! By Susan Lendroth

When Natsumi's family practices for their town's Japanese arts festival, Natsumi tries everything. But her spirited ways don't seem to fit with her family's activities. With the help of her grandfather, Natsumi finds a Japanese tradition just right for her exuberance.