


# Great Reads for

# 1st Graders



*Selected by librarians from Milwaukee Public Library  
and Milwaukee Public Schools*

**17 Things I'm not Allowed to do Anymore** by Jenny Offill. PIC OFF.

After a piece of cauliflower sails across the room and hits her brother in the head, playing with her food is one of the things Jenny is not allowed to do anymore.

**Big and Little** by John Stadler. PIC STADLER.

Children will giggle with anticipation as each fold-out page brings them closer to the moment when Ellie, a pink elephant in a tutu, dives into a cup of water from a high board.

**Biscuit's Day at the Farm** by Alyssa Satin Capucilli. EASY CAP.

Biscuit, a little dog, meets hens, pigs, geese, and goats while visiting a farm.

**Dear Tooth Fairy** by Karen Gray Ruelle. EASY RUE.

When Emily's tooth becomes loose she writes a letter to the Tooth Fairy and tries to make her tooth come out.

**Do Frogs Fly?** by Moria Butterfield. PIC BUT.

Everyone knows that frogs don't fly, but can you guess which creatures do?

**In the Doghouse: An Emma and Bo Story** by Leslie Kimmelman. EASY KIM.

On a family vacation Emily gets mad at her best friend Bo, who then runs away to look for a new best friend.

**Leaving the Nest** by Mordicai Gerstein. PIC GER.

The world can be a scary place when you're little and heading out on your own for the first time.

**Lilly's Big Day** by Kevin Henkes. PIC HEN.

When Mr. Slinger announces that he's getting married, Lilly sets her heart on being the flower girl at his wedding.

**Lola at the Library** by Anna McQuinn. PIC MACQ.

Lola loves Tuesdays, because on Tuesdays she and her mommy go the library.

**Max Goes to School** by Adria Klein. EASY KLE.

Max has fun at school listening to stories, playing on the playground, and eating lunch.

**The Mixed-up Rooster** by Pamela Duncan Edwards. PIC EDW.

After being fired from his job because he cannot wake up on time, Ned the rooster discovers he is good at being a night bird.

**No Sword Fighting in the House** by Susanna Leonard Hill. EASY HIL.

Art and Lance flatten their mother's daffodils just before a big daffodil contest.

**Nouns and Verbs Have a Field Day** by Robin Pulver. PIC PUL.

Each day in Mr. Wright's classroom the kids search for nouns and verbs. But when the kids get a "Field Day," the nouns and verbs are at loose ends, and decide to form teams to have their own field day.

**The Patch** by Justina Chen Headley. PIC HEA.

"Ballerinas don't wear glasses. And they especially do NOT wear patches!" - but Becca must wear both.

**Ruby's Perfect Day** by Susan Hill. EASY HIL.

Ruby Raccoon wants to share a sunny day with her friends but they are all too busy. Soon Ruby learns that a perfect sunny day can be spent all by herself.

**Sam Goes Next Door** by Mary Labatt. EASY LAB.

A new family has moved next door to Sam and he can't wait to meet them.

**Super Fly Guy** by Tedd Arnold. EASY ARN.

The busy, buzzy beastie introduced in *Hi! Fly Guy* (2005) accompanies his best bud Buzz to school, and enters fly heaven--the lunchroom.

**Today I Will Fly!** by Mo Willems.

EASY WILLEMS.

Piggie's grandiose announcement is dismissed by Gerald the elephant -- "YOU WILL NEVER FLY!"

But Piggie doesn't let Gerald's negativity ground her.



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