**Great Reads for 1st Grade**

Pass the Ball, Mo!\* by David A. Adler; illustrated by Sam Ricks. EASY LEVEL 2 ADLER.

Mo’s basketball team, the Bees, have their first game. Can Mo help his team with the perfect pass?

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What is Chasing Duck?\* by Jan Thomas. EASY LEVEL 1 THOMAS.

Duck and friends let their fears get the best of them as they imagine they are being chased by a horrible monster. Follow their other adventures in the rest of the Giggle Gang books.

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The Garden\* by Gwendolyn Hooks; illustrated by Shirley Ng-Benitez. EASY LEVEL 2 HOOKS.

Missing the garden she used to have before she moved, Lily asks her friends and neighbors to help create a new one at the public garden.

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The Itchy Book!\* by LeUyen Pham. EASY LEVEL 2 PHAM.

When they see a sign that states “Dinosaurs do not scratch,” each dinosaur desperately tries not to scratch an itch -- with hilarious results.

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9781368005647

I Lost My Tooth! by Mo Willems. EASY LEVEL 3 WILLEMS.

When Zoom Squirrel loses a tooth the other squirrels are determined to help him find it! This funny story is full of squirrely antics, humor and fun facts.

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The Word Collector by Peter H. Reynolds. PIC REYNOLD.

Jerome is a collector of words. Those he hears, sees, and reads. Words he already knows and words he discovers. But best of all is when Jerome finds ways to share his words with the world.

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I Walk with Vanessa: A Story About a Simple Act of Kindness by Kerascoët. PIC KERASCO.

In this wordless picture book, a young girl sees a new student at school being bullied and decides to take action to make her feel welcome.

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Niblet & Ralph by Zachariah OHora. PIC OHORA.

When two cats get switched, only their child owners realize something is amiss. Both children set out to find their “missing” cat. Will each cat get back to its rightful home?

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Cece Loves Science by Kimberly Derting & Shelli R. Johannes; illustrations by Vashti Harrison. PIC DERTING.

Cece and her best friend Isaac take on a science project, working hard to observe, experiment on, and evaluate their subject, which just happens to be Cece’s dog, Einstein!

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Look At Me!: How to Attract Attention in the Animal World by Steve Jenkins & Robin Page. 591.5 J528L.

Explore fascinating ways animals use their unique characteristics to attract attention or protect themselves from predators.

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**Hidden City: Poems of Urban Wildlife by Sarah Grace Tuttle; illustrated by Amy Schimler-Safford.** 811.6 T967.

With poetry and rich illustrations, readers can discover the wonders of nature that make their home alongside people in the city.

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9780802854599

**Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race by Margot Lee Shetterly with Winifred Conkling; illustrated by Laura Freeman.** 510.92 S554.

Meet four brilliant African American women who used remarkable math skills to help design planes and put an astronaut into space and a man on the moon.

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Reading Tips

Read it Again- Reading a book over and over can help build children’s vocabulary skills and support their confidence in independent reading. Encourage your child to pick a few favorites and some new titles for the right balance.

Read Together- Learning to read takes time and can be challenging. Taking turns reading aloud parts of a story is a good way to practice reading skills, and it can make this learning process more enjoyable for beginning readers.