

Pinkney, Andrea Davis.
Dear Benjamin Banneker

Describes the life of America's first black scientist Benjamin Banneker, who published his own almanac, helped survey the site for the national capital and spoke against slavery.

Robinson, Claire. In the Wild: Whales

Presents the physical characteristics, habitat, behavior and life cycles of whales, with an emphasis on the humpback whale.

Rylant, Cynthia. In Aunt Lucy's Kitchen *

While staying with their aunt for one year, three nine-year old cousins keep busy baking and selling cookies, putting on a poetry and singing performance, and trying to encourage a romance between their aunt and one of their former customers.

Rylant, Cynthia.

Mr. Putter and Tabby Toot the Horn *

Mr.. Putter's neighbor, Mrs. Teaberry decides that they should join a band, but finding the right one isn't as easy as it sounds – for them or their pets.

Sabbeth, Carol. Crayons and Computers

Art activities using a computer or computer paper.

Saunders-Smith, Gail. Fall Harvest

Describes how several different crops, including pumpkins, apples, wheat, corn and potatoes are harvested by human and by machine.

Stevens, Janet. Tops and Bottoms

Hare turns his bad luck around by striking a clever deal with the rich and lazy bear down the road.

Stuve-Bodeen, Stephanie. Elizabeth's Doll

When a young Tanzanian girl gets a new baby brother, she finds a rock which she names Era, and makes it her baby doll.

Venezia, Mike. Johannes Brahms

A biography of the 19th Century German composer who combined both classical and Romantic musical styles to compose his lively songs and powerful symphonies.

Winter, Jeanette. My Name is Georgia

Presents, in brief text and illustrations, the life of painter Georgia O'Keeffe.

Ziefert, Harriet. The Magic Porridge Pot

A generous little girl is given a Porridge pot that supplies her with endless meals, but her mother finds that getting it to stop isn't easy.

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Books for Second Graders

Brown, Laurie Krasny.

Rex and Lilly Schooltime *

Dinosaur siblings Rex and Lilly have a busy day in school, trading lunches, reading and taking part in show and tell.

Brown, Marc. Arthur Writes a Story *

Arthur has to write a story as a homework assignment and keeps changing his idea of what to write as he talks to his friends.

Bulloch, Ivan. Let's Play With Paper

Provides step-by-step instructions and illustrations for a variety of craft projects with paper.

Cocca-Leffler, Maryann. Mr. Tanen's Ties

Mr. Tanen, the principal of Lynhurst Elementary School is well known for his colorful and unusual ties, but he and his students are saddened when his boss orders him to stop wearing them.

DePaola, Tomie. 26 Fairmount Avenue

Children's author-illustrator Tomie De Paola describes his experiences at home and in school when he was a boy.

Fleischman, Paul. Weslandia

A strange backyard plant becomes the center of Wesley's newly created civilization.

Fleischman, Sid. McBroom the Rainmaker *

When a great drought on the prairie causes crows to produce powdered milk and mosquitoes to grow almost as large as cowsheds, McBroom comes up with a novel idea for producing rain.

Florian, Douglas. Insectlopedia

Presents twenty-one short poems about such insects as the inchworm, termite, cricket and ladybug.

Frost, Helen. Monarch Butterflies

An introduction to the physical characteristics and behavior of monarch butterflies.

Gelman, Rita. Pizza Pat

A cumulative rhyme describes the choppy cheese, sloppy sausages, gloppy tomatoes and floppy dough that are cooked into a pizza and enjoyed by dozens of mice.

Glover, David. Pulleys and Gears

Introduces the principles of pulleys and gears as simple machines, using examples from everyday life.

Howe, James.

Pinky and Rex and the School Play *

Pinky is jealous when his best friend Rex gets the lead in the school play, even though she tried out to give Rex moral support.

King-Smith, Dick. A Mouse Called Wolf

A mouse with an unusual name shares his musical gift with a widowed concert pianist.

Kvasnosky, Laura. Zelda and Ivy

In three brief stories, Ivy, the younger of two fox sisters, goes along with her older sister's schemes, even when they seem a bit daring.

Marcellino, Fred. I, Crocodile

A contented crocodile is suddenly snatched from the Nile by Napoleon and transported to a fountain in Paris.

Minarik, Else Holmelund. Little Bear's Friend *

Little Bear meets Emily, a real girl, and her doll and the three get along famously.

Parish, Herman. Amelia Bedelia 4 Mayor *

When Mr. Rogers tells Amelia Bedelia to run for mayor, she runs full-tilt for City Hall. You can bet the results won't be politics as usual.

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