Predictable Books

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<td>&quot;Terrific,&quot; says Eugene when he wins an all-expenses-paid cruise to Bermuda. &quot;I'll probably get a really nasty sunburn.&quot; But Eugene's luck is much worse than that. His ship sinks, and he ends up stranded on a tiny island.</td>
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<td>Olive learns the hard way that keeping secrets is tough and telling them can make for a whole lot of trouble!</td>
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<td>Mole digs with his new shovel, finding useful things for the other animals and a new friend for himself.</td>
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When a princess makes some lemonade, she starts a chain of events involving a fire-breathing dragon, one hundred rabbits, a hungry giant, and a handsome knight.


A toddler's antics keep his mother busy as she tries to feed him, watch him on the playground, give him a bath, and put him to bed.


A series of increasingly far-fetched events might occur if someone were to give a cupcake to a cat. If you give a cat a cupcake, he'll ask for some sprinkles to go with it. When you give him the sprinkles, he might spill some on the floor. Cleaning up will make him hot, so you'll give him a bathing suit . . . and that's just the beginning!


One child. One swing. An obliging dad. The inevitable plea to go "Higher! Higher!" Add Leslie Patricelli's wildly expressive illustrations, and an everyday pastime reaches new heights of humor and whimsy. How high can it go? Higher than a giraffe? Taller than a mountain? Is Earth the final frontier?


Three goats escape from their pen and visit a fair, but they run back home after they seem to encounter an ogre.


Pleased with his success in riding a bike, Duck decides to drive the farm tractor, and invites all the other farm animals along for the ride--all the way to town.


A boy and his father lift one another's spirits by going sledding on a winter's night.

A wordless picture book about three children who go to a park on a rainy day, find some chalk, and draw pictures that come to life.


Clever muskrat outwits a hungry tiger with his story. "I'm going to eat you, little muskrat," said the tiger. "Wait!" said the muskrat.

"I want to tell you a story." "Okay," said the tiger, "but make it quick!" Clever muskrat! He knows just how to outwit a very hungry tiger: tell him a story. Silly tiger! Tigers shouldn't listen to muskrats and their stories...especially clever muskrats with clever stories.


Every Friday a father and his child share a special ritual.

**NONFICTION**


Reveals the meaning of the mosquito's buzz.

**CUMMULATIVE STORY**

Each time a new event occurs, all previous events are repeated.


When a storm comes, Rover expects to have his doghouse all to himself but finds that various other animals, including a skunk, come to join him. It's raining cats and dogs! Good thing Rover is snuggled safe and dry inside his doghouse--until, one by one, a soggy menagerie of creatures shows up looking for a cozy place to sit out the storm. But who's the very unwelcome surprise visitor? Skunk, of course. Suddenly that doghouse isn't quite so crowded after all!

K - 3  Bertrand, Diane Gonzalez. *The Party for Papá Luis*. Houston, TX: Piñata

A cumulative tale in which Papa Luis's family and friends make preparations for his birthday fiesta, complete with piñata, cake, and a clown.


In this cumulative rhyme based on "The Twelve Days of Christmas," a teacher receives an array of animals from her adoring students.


Benny sets off in the morning with five shiny new pennies to spend and eventually buys something for his mother, brother, sister, dog, and cat.


Mr. Grumpy accepts more and more riders on his boat until the inevitable occurs.


A cumulative tale in which the turnip planted by an old man grows so enormous that everyone must help to pull it up.


Cumulative rhythmic story of a hungry owl watching for his dinner.


In the style of a classic cumulative rhyme, the children undo all of Dad's hard work cleaning the family car.


A cumulative folk song in which the solution proves worse than the predicament when an old lady swallows a fly.

In this variation on the traditional cumulative rhyme, a greedy, hungry dragon eventually learns moderation.


In this most famous of cumulative tales, the list of places to enjoy green eggs and ham, and friends to enjoy them with, gets longer and longer. Follow Sam-I-am as he insists that this unusual treat is indeed a delectable snack to be savored everywhere and in every way.


In this cumulative tale, a wakeful flea atop a number of sleeping creatures causes a commotion, with just one bite.

**NONFICTION**


A freshly bake gingerbread man escapes when he is taken out of the oven and eludes a number of pursuers until he meets a clever fox.


Simple rebus illustrations are used to present the familiar cumulative nursery rhyme about the antics that go on in the house built by an unsuspecting Jack.


A cumulative rhyme summarizes the life's work of renowned Mexican potter, Juan Quezada.
FAMILIAR SEQUENCE STORY
This book is organized around a recognizable theme or concept, such as days of the week, numbers, the alphabet, seasons, opposites, etc.

EASY


This hide-and-seek book is full of things to look at and talk about as you journey through the changing year. In every scene, there are different items to find. Learn all about the seasons as well as calendars through the ages in the fun and informative notes at the end of the story.


Milo likes to do things in the right order. His little brother Iggy has his own way of doing things. Children will see themselves in Milo or Iggy. And at the end of the day, either way is just fine. This book introduces young children to the basic concept of sequence.


In search of the perfect place to lay her egg, Tillie the chicken leaves the barnyard and explores the farmhouse.


A rhyming countdown of the days of the week as a father and child find ways to spend time together while waiting for the weekend.


The progress of time is illustrated by a sequence of objects and themes, including stream/river/ocean and street/highway/bridge.


Invites the reader to count the inhabitants of a garden, from one to ten, such as four bunnies and nine inchworms.
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<td>PreK</td>
<td>Singer, Marilyn.</td>
<td><em>Quiet Night.</em></td>
<td>New York: Clarion Books, 2012.</td>
<td>SI644Q</td>
<td>One frog, two owls, three geese are joined by increasingly larger numbers of different animals that keep ten campers from falling asleep in their tent.</td>
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<td>K</td>
<td>Murphy, Stuart J.</td>
<td><em>One---Two---Three---Sassafras!</em> New York:</td>
<td>515 M957ON</td>
<td>At a family reunion, the cousins line up in order of their ages to get their pictures taken, introducing the concept of numerical order.</td>
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<td>PreK - 1</td>
<td>Miura, Tarō.</td>
<td><em>Tools.</em> San Francisco, CA: Chronicle Books, 2006.</td>
<td>621.9 M698T</td>
<td>In Taro Miura’s deceptively simple book children will discover more than sixty different tools, both familiar and new. Even the youngest readers will find the striking images engaging, and older children will be fascinated by the chance to guess which profession uses each set of tools before they turn the page.</td>
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PATTERN STORIES
Scenes in the story are repeated with some variation.

EASY

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Mimi is on a field trip to a farm. There are so many animals. Help Mimi discover patterns as she encounters all the animals on the farm. This book introduces young children to the basic concept of patterns.

PreK

A mouse searches everywhere for a friend.

PreK - 1

Hattie, a big black hen, discovers a fox in the bushes, which creates varying reactions in the other barnyard animals.

PreK - 3

Children will know and love the familiar characters—three pig brothers and one huffing-puffing wolf—and they will giggle over the funny, new dialogue and cartoon-like illustrations, which put a fresh, modern twist on the classic tale.

K - 2

Two unseen characters argue about whether the creature they are looking at is a rabbit or a duck.

PreK-K

A young dinosaur takes on many challenges and wins every time. Then Dinosaur faces his toughest challenge of all: bedtime.

PreK - 2

Little Red Chicken wants Papa to read her a bedtime story but interrupts him almost as soon as he begins each tale.
Cow, Pig, Duck, and Mouse are afraid to retrieve their ball when it goes into the dog's house, but when they do go in they are pleasantly surprised.

In simple text a set of animals, each one linked to the previous one by some trait of shape, color, or pattern, greet and interact with one another.

These monsters are having a blast! Can you help them spot patterns at this birthday bash? Play a fun game and have a sweet treat. Finding party patterns can't be beat!

A picture book about transformations.

While enjoying a morning together, a little boy asks his grandfather a series of questions about how things got to be the way they are, such as tall trees, deep holes, and big dinosaurs in the museum they visit, but Grandpa's answer is always the same.
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<td>Brown, Calef.</td>
<td><em>Boy Wonders</em></td>
<td>New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2011.</td>
<td>E B81238B</td>
<td>A young boy's questions lead to more and more questions, but there do not seem to be any answers.</td>
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<td>PreK - 1</td>
<td>Blackall, Sophie.</td>
<td><em>Are You Awake?</em></td>
<td>New York: Henry Holt, 2011.</td>
<td>E B5619A</td>
<td>Persistent young Edward has many questions for his sleepy mother, many of which are answered, &quot;Because it's night time.”</td>
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<td>PreK - 1</td>
<td>Fox, Mem.</td>
<td><em>Where is the Green Sheep?</em></td>
<td>Orlando, FL: Harcourt, 2004.</td>
<td>E F8328WH</td>
<td>A story about many different sheep, and one that seems to be missing.</td>
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NONFICTION

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Describes the life of a meerkat in the African desert.

REPETITION OF PHRASE

The word order in a phrase or sentence is repeated.

EASY

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AL5386  
Baby Owl gets very upset when all the other animals think he is cute, but wise Mama knows just what to say.

E  
B2791H  
Elephant wants to play hide and seek. See if you can help the others find him? He's very good!

E  
B4522BASP  
One by one, three brave little bears have second thoughts about exploring the interior of a spooky old tree.

E  
C67TH  
An old lady swallowed a bell, bows, gifts, sack, sleigh and reindeer.

E  
G1653T  
Describes how various earthmoving trucks clean up a dump and make a playground, discussing what such machines as diggers, mixers, bulldozers, and cranes can do.

E  
R188G  
An unobservant zookeeper is followed home by all the animals he thinks he
has left behind in the zoo.

A father and his four children—a toddler, a preschool boy and two older girls—go on the traditional bear hunt based on the old camp chant: "We're going to catch a big one. / What a beautiful day! / We're not scared. / Oh-oh! Grass! / Long, wavy grass. / We can't go over it. / We can't go under it. / Oh, no! / We've got to go through it!"

A young boy is depicted doing a variety of naughty things for which he is repeatedly admonished, but finally he gets a hug.

A giant squid brags about being bigger than everything else in the ocean—almost.

When Mr. Horse gives a ride to his friends, Cat, Dog, Pig, and Duck, they urge him to go faster and faster.

On a cold winter night many animals gather to party in the cave of a sleeping bear, who then awakes and protests that he has missed the food and the fun.

**RHYME**

The book has rhyming words, refrains, or patterns that are repeated.

**EASY**

Gerald the giraffe is too clumsy to dance with all the other animals at the Jungle Dance, until he finds the right music.

In the rhythm of a familiar folk song, a child cannot resist adding one more dab of paint in surprising places.


At bedtime, a little llama worries after his mother puts him to bed and goes downstairs.


A host of animals portrays all kinds of non-traditional families.


When a dump truck "haulin' a great big load" gets stuck in the mud, progressively larger vehicles try to pull it out.


Pairs of rhyming words are introduced and used in simple sentences, such as "Day. Play. We play all day. Night. Fight. We fight all night."


Illustrations and rhyming text present all kinds of dinosaurs, including ones that are sweet, grumpy, spiky, or lumpy.


Three reluctant robots fight off sleep while their young caretaker does his best to get them to calm down.


As three dust bunnies, Ed, Ned, and Ted, are demonstrating how much they love to rhyme, a fourth, Bob, is trying to warn them of approaching danger.

In simple text a set of animals, each one linked to the previous one by some trait of shape, color, or pattern, greet and interact with one another.


It's Nanette's first trip to get the baguette! Is she set? You bet!

**NONFICTION**


High in a redwood tree is an unseen world of all kinds of animals. Readers will meet them through rhyming verses as they count them 1 to 10.


Fish come in all sorts of interesting shapes, sizes, and colors--and many of them can do amazing things as well. This book introduces young readers to both exotic and familiar fishes in simple, rhyming text.


Squirrels wrestle. Squirrels leap. Squirrels climb. Squirrels sleep. If you followed a squirrel for a day, what would you see? Climbing branches, storing seeds, making homes in tree holes, and maybe even flying!