



Predictable Books

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Grade Level	Title Information	Call Number
	<p>CHAIN OR CIRCULAR STORY The story ending leads back to the story beginning</p> <p>EASY</p>	
K - 3	Agee, Jon. <i>Terrific</i> . New York: Hyperion Books for Children, 2005.	E AG32T
	"Terrific," says Eugene when he wins an all-expenses-paid cruise to Bermuda. "I'll probably get a really nasty sunburn." But Eugene's luck is much worse than that. His ship sinks, and he ends up stranded on a tiny island.	
PreK- 2	Freeman, Tor. <i>Olive and the Big Secret</i> . Somerville, MA: Templar Books, 2012.	E F8777O
	Olive learns the hard way that keeping secrets is tough and telling them can make for a whole lot of trouble!	
PreK - K	Hillenbrand, Jane. <i>What a Treasure!</i> New York: Holiday House, 2006.	E H5568W
	Mole digs with his new shovel, finding useful things for the other animals and a new friend for himself.	
PreK - 3	LaRochelle, David. <i>The End</i> . New York: Arthur A. Levine Books, 2007.	E

L327E

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.

PreK - K Lee, Spike. *Please, Baby, Please*. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2002. E
L5157P

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.

PreK - 2 Numeroff, Laura. *If You Give a Cat a Cupcake*. New York: Laura Geringer Books, 2008. E
N917IGC

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!

PreK - 1 Patricelli, Leslie. *Higher! Higher!* Somerville, MA: Candlewick, 2009. E
P2749H

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?

PreK - 1 Polacco, Patricia. *Oh, Look!* New York: Philomel Books, 2004. E
P7569O

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

PreK - 2 Shannon, David. *Duck on a Tractor*. New York: The Blue Sky Press, 2016. E
SH191DUT

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.

PreK - 1 Thomas, Patricia. *Red Sled*. Honesdale, PA: Boyds Mills Press, 2008. E
T3661R

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

PreK - 4 Thomson, Bill. *Chalk*. New York: Marshall Cavendish Children, 2010. E

T3824C

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.

- K - 4 Willans, Tom. *Wait! I Want to Tell You a Story*. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2005. E
W661W

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.

- PreK - 1 Yaccarino, Dan. *Every Friday*. New York: Henry Holt and Company, 2007. E
Y103E

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

NONFICTION

- 2 - 3 Aardema, Verna. *Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears: A West African Tale*. New York: Dial Press, 1975. 398.2
AA72W

Reveals the meaning of the mosquito's buzz.

CUMMULATIVE STORY

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

- K - 1 Beaumont, Karen. *Move Over, Rover!* Orlando, FL: Harcourt, 2006. E
B3838M

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 E

	Books, Arte Publico Press, 2010.	B4627P
	A cumulative tale in which Papa Luis's family and friends make preparations for his birthday fiesta, complete with piñata, cake, and a clown.	
K - 2	Brenner, Emily. <i>On the First Day of Grade School</i> . New York: HarperCollins Publisher, 2004.	E B7514O
	In this cumulative rhyme based on "The Twelve Days of Christmas," a teacher receives an array of animals from her adoring students.	
PreK - 1	Brisson, Pat. <i>Benny's Pennies</i> . Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2001.	E B7761B.A
	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.	
PreK	Burningham, John. <i>Mr. Grumpy's Outing</i> . New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 2001.	E B935M
	Mr. Grumpy accepts more and more riders on his boat until the inevitable occurs.	
PreK - 1	Daynes, Katie. <i>The Enormous Turnip</i> . London: Usborne; Tulsa, OK: EDC Pub., 2006.	E D336E
	A cumulative tale in which the turnip planted by an old man grows so enormous that everyone must help to pull it up.	
PreK -K	Ericsson, Jennifer A. <i>Who Goes There?</i> New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2009.	E ER45W
	Cumulative rhythmic story of a hungry owl watching for his dinner.	
PreK - 2	Ernst, Lisa Campbell. <i>This is the Van That Dad Cleaned</i> . New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2005.	E ER66TH
	In the style of a classic cumulative rhyme, the children undo all of Dad's hard work cleaning the family car.	
PreK - 3	Hoberman, Mary Anne. <i>I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly</i> . New York: Little, Brown, 2003.	E H6531I
	A cumulative folk song in which the solution proves worse than the predicament when an old lady swallows a fly.	

- K - 2 Klostermann, Penny. *There Was an Old Dragon Who Swallowed a Knight*. New York: Random House, 2015. E
K697T
- In this variation on the traditional cumulative rhyme, a greedy, hungry dragon eventually learns moderation.
- K Seuss, Dr. *Green Eggs and Ham*. New York: Beginner Books, 1988. E
SE811GE
- 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.
- K Wood, Audrey. *The Napping House*. San Diego, CA: Harcourt, 1996. E
W85017N.A
- In this cumulative tale, a wakeful flea atop a number of sleeping creatures causes a commotion, with just one bite.

NONFICTION

- PreK Aylesworth, Jim. *The Gingerbread Man*. New York: Scholastic Press, 1998. 398.21
AY44G
- 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.
- PreK - K Winter, Jeanette. *The House That Jack Built*. New York: Puffin Books, 2003. 398.8
W7344H
- 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.
- PreK - 5 Andrews-Goebel, Nancy. *The Pot That Juan Built*. New York: Lee & Low Books, 2002. 738
AN266P
- 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

- PreK - 2 Blackstone, Stella. *Skip Through the Seasons*. Cambridge, MA: Barefoot Books, 2006. E
B567S
- 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.
- K Blevins, Wiley. *The Not-So-Right Day*. South Egremont, MA: Red Chair Press, 2016. E
B6177N
- 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.
- 1 - 3 Golson, Terry. *Tillie Lays an Egg*. New York: Scholastic Press, 2009. E
G584T
- In search of the perfect place to lay her egg, Tillie the chicken leaves the barnyard and explores the farmhouse.
- PreK - 2 Levine, Arthur A. *Monday is One Day*. New York: Scholastic Press, 2011. E
L57852M
- 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.
- PreK - 1 McGuire, Richard. *Night Becomes Day*. New York: Viking, 1994. E
M1798N
- The progress of time is illustrated by a sequence of objects and themes, including stream/river/ocean and street/highway/bridge.
- PreK - K Parker, Kim. *Counting in the Garden*. New York: Orchard Books, 2005. E
P2268C
- Invites the reader to count the inhabitants of a garden, from one to ten, such as four bunnies and nine inchworms.

PreK - 3 Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. *Black? White! Day? Night! A Book of Opposites*. New Milford, CT: Roaring Brook Press, 2006. E
SE326B

Through a series of ingenious die-cut pages, the reader discovers things that are the opposite of what they seem: A black bat transformed into a white ghost, a sunny day that becomes a starry night. Posed as a series of 18 questions and answers.

PreK Singer, Marilyn. *Quiet Night*. New York: Clarion Books, 2012. E
SI644Q

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.

K - 1 Ward, Cindy. *Cookie's Week*. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2004. E
W2109C

Cookie the cat gets into a different kind of mischief every day of the week.

NONFICTION

K Murphy, Stuart J. *One---Two---Three---Sassafras!* New York: HarperCollins, 2002. 515
M957ON

At a family reunion, the cousins line up in order of their ages to get their pictures taken, introducing the concept of numerical order.

PreK-K Parker, Sandy. *What Day is Today?* Coralville, IA: Just Think Books, 2003. 529.1
P228W

Animal illustrations help to introduce young children to the sequence of the days of the week and calendar through repetition and phonics.

PreK - 1 Miura, Tarō. *Tools*. San Francisco, CA: Chronicle Books, 2006. 621.9
M698T

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.

K Carle, Eric. *Today is Monday*. New York: Philomel Books, 1993. 782.42164
C192T

Each day of the week brings a new food, until on Sunday all the world's children can come and eat it up.

PATTERN STORIES

Scenes in the story are repeated with some variation.

EASY

- K Blevins, Wiley. *Duck, Duck, Goose*. South Egremont, MA: Red Chair Press, 2016. E
B6177D
- 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 Carle, Eric. *Do You Want to Be My Friend?* New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 1976. E
C192DO
- A mouse searches everywhere for a friend.
- PreK - 1 Fox, Mem. *Hattie and the Fox*. Orland, FL: Harcourt, 2005. E
F8328H.A
- Hattie, a big black hen, discovers a fox in the bushes, which creates varying reactions in the other barnyard animals.
- PreK - 3 Marshall, James. *The Three Little Pigs*. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 1989. E
M35655TL
- 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 Rosenthal, Amy Krause. *Duck! Rabbit!* San Francisco, CA: Chronicle Books, 2009. E
R7273D
- Two unseen characters argue about whether the creature they are looking at is a rabbit or a duck.
- PreK-K Shea, Bob. *Dinosaur vs. Bedtime*. New York: Hyperion Books for Children, 2008. E
SH313D
- A young dinosaur takes on many challenges and wins every time. Then Dinosaur faces his toughest challenge of all: bedtime.
- PreK - 2 Stein, David Ezra. *Interrupting Chicken*. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2010. E
ST341I
- Little Red Chicken wants Papa to read her a bedtime story but interrupts him almost as soon as he begins each tale.

PreK - K Thomas, Jan. *The Doghouse*. Orlando, FL: Harcourt, 2008. E
T3642D

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.

PreK - K Wenzel, Brendan. *Hello Hello*. San Francisco: Chronicle Books, 2018. E
W489H

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.

NONFICTION

K Capote, Lori. *Monster Knows Patterns*. North Mankato, MN: Picture Window Books, 2013. 516
C1734MOP

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!

PreK - 2 Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. *First the Egg*. New Milford, CT: Roaring Brook Press, 2007. 571.8
SE326F

A picture book about transformations.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

The same or similar questions are repeated throughout the story.

EASY

PreK-K Adler, David A. *A Little at a Time*. New York: Holiday House, 2010. E
AD59L

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.

1 - 4	Brown, Calef. <i>Boy Wonders</i> . New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2011.	E B81238B
	A young boy's questions lead to more and more questions, but there do not seem to be any answers.	
PreK - 1	Blackall, Sophie. <i>Are You Awake?</i> New York: Henry Holt, 2011.	E B5619A
	Persistent young Edward has many questions for his sleepy mother, many of which are answered, "Because it's night time."	
PreK - 1	Fox, Mem. <i>Where is the Green Sheep?</i> Orlando, FL: Harcourt, 2004.	E F8328WH
	A story about many different sheep, and one that seems to be missing.	
PreK - 1	Kraus, Robert. <i>Whose Mouse Are You?</i> New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2000.	E K8683WHO
	A lonely little mouse has to be resourceful in order to bring his family back together.	
PreK - 2	Light, Steve. <i>Have You Seen My Monster?</i> Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2015.	E L6267HAM
	Invites young readers to identify shapes while helping a small girl search the fair for her pet monster.	
PreK - 2	McCarthy, Mary. <i>A Closer Look</i> . New York: Greenwillow Books, 2007.	E M1275C
	Detailed collage illustrations accompanied by simple text present expanding views of familiar objects in nature, such as a bug and a flower.	
PreK - 1	Martin, Bill. <i>Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?</i> New York: Holt, Rinehart, and Winston, 1983.	E M3633BR
	Children see a variety of animals, each one a different color, and a mother looking at them.	
PreK - 1	Portis, Antoinette. <i>Not a Box</i> . New York: HarperCollins, 2006.	E P836N
	To an imaginative bunny, a box is not always just a box.	

NONFICTION

PreK - 2 Lunde, Darrin P. *Meet the Meerkat*. Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, 2007. 599.74
L9722M

Describes the life of a meerkat in the African desert.

REPETITION OF PHRASE

The word order in a phrase or sentence is repeated.

EASY

PreK - K Allen, Jonathan. *I'm Not Cute!* New York: Hyperion Books for Children, 2006. E
AL5386

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

PreK - 2 Barrow, David. *Have You Seen Elephant?* Wellington, NZ: Gecko Press, 2016. E
B2791H

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

1 - 2 Berenstain, Stan. *The Berenstain Bears and the Spooky Old Tree*. New York: Beginner Books, 2002. E
B4522BASP

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

PreK - 1 Colandro, Lucille. *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Bell!* New York: Cartwheel Books, 2008. E
C67TH

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

PreK-K Garcia, Emma. *Tip Tip Dig Dig*. London, UK: Boxer, 2007. 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.

PreK - K Rathmann, Peggy. *Good Night, Gorilla*. New York: Putnam, 1994. E
R188G

An unobservant zookeeper is followed home by all the animals he thinks he

has left behind in the zoo.

- PreK Rosen, Michael. *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*. New York: Little, Simon, 1997. E
R7227WE
- 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!"
- PreK - 2 Shannon, David. *No, David!* New York: Blue Sky Press, 1998. E
SH191N
- A young boy is depicted doing a variety of naughty things for which he is repeatedly admonished, but finally he gets a hug.
- PreK Sherry, Kevin. *I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean*. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2007. E
SH577I
- A giant squid brags about being bigger than everything else in the ocean--almost.
- PreK - K Smee, Nicola. *Clip-Clop*. London: Boxer Books; New York: Distributed in the United States and Canada by Sterling, 2006. E
SM32C
- When Mr. Horse gives a ride to his friends, Cat, Dog, Pig, and Duck, they urge him to go faster and faster.
- PreK-K Wilson, Karma. *Bear Snores On*. New York: Little Simon. E
W6948BS
- 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

- PreK - K Andreae, Giles. *Giraffes Can't Dance*. New York: Orchard Books, 2001. E
AN253G
- Gerald the giraffe is too clumsy to dance with all the other animals at the Jungle Dance, until he finds the right music.

PreK - 2	Beaumont, Karen. <i>I Ain't Gonna Paint No More!</i> Orlando, FL: Harcourt, 2005.	E B3838I
	In the rhythm of a familiar folk song, a child cannot resist adding one more dab of paint in surprising places.	
PreK - K	Dewdney, Anna. <i>Llama, Llama, Red Pajama</i> . New York: Viking, 2005.	E D513LLR
	At bedtime, a little llama worries after his mother puts him to bed and goes downstairs.	
PreK - 1	Lang, Suzanne. <i>Families, Families, Families</i> . New York: Random House, 2015.	E L256F
	A host of animals portrays all kinds of non-traditional families.	
PreK - K	Lewis, Kevin. <i>My Truck is Stuck</i> . New York: Hyperion Books for Children, 2006.	E L58753M
	When a dump truck "haulin' a great big load" gets stuck in the mud, progressively larger vehicles try to pull it out.	
1 - 2	Seuss, Dr. <i>Hop on Pop</i> . New York: Random House, 2004.	E SE811HP.B
	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."	
PreK-K	Stickland, Paul. <i>Dinosaur Roar!</i> New York: Dutton Children's Books, 1994.	E ST515D
	Illustrations and rhyming text present all kinds of dinosaurs, including ones that are sweet, grumpy, spiky, or lumpy.	
PreK - 1	Tarpley, Todd. <i>Beep! Beep! Go to Sleep!</i> New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2015.	E T17635B
	Three reluctant robots fight off sleep while their young caretaker does his best to get them to calm down.	
PreK	Thomas, Jan. <i>Rhyming Dust Bunnies</i> . New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2009.	E T3642R
	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.	

- PreK - K Wenzel, Brendan. *Hello Hello*. San Francisco, CA: Chronicle Books, 2018. E
W489H
- 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.
- PreK - 2 Willems, Mo. *Nanette's Baguette*. New York: Hyperion Books for Children, 2016. E
W667NAN
- It's Nanette's first trip to get the baguette! Is she set? You bet!

NONFICTION

- 1 - 2 Fredericks, Anthony D. *Tall, Tall Tree*. Nevada City, CA: Dawn Publications, 2017. 591.734
F8727T
- 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.
- K Stockdale, Susan. *Fabulous Fishes*. Atlanta, GA: Peachtree, 2008. 597
ST624F
- 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.
- PreK - 2 Sayre, April Pulley. *Squirrels Leap, Squirrels Sleep*. New York: Henry Holt and Company, 2016. 599.36
SY82S
- 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!

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