

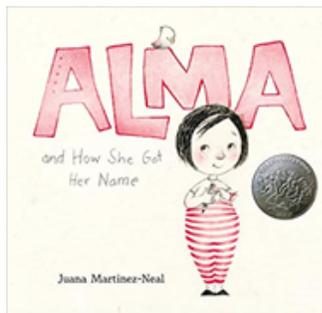


## GOOD HOPE COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL SUMMER READING, 2021 - 2022

### **First Grade**

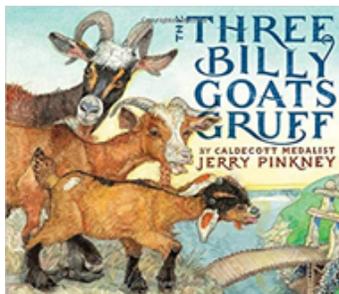
Each of the books listed below would be a delightful addition to your child's bookshelf. All of these books will be used in class in the first two weeks of school. **First graders are required to have at least three of the books listed in order to participate in lessons.** It gives incoming first graders a feeling of familiarity and belonging at the beginning of the year. As the beginning of the new school year draws closer, your teacher will communicate with you about which books will be used on what days. A wonderful source for more books is the American Library Association's Annual List of Notable books: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb>.

#### **Alma and How She Got Her Name, by Juana Martinez Neal**



If you ask her, Alma Sofia Esperanza José Pura Candela has way too many names: six! How did such a small person wind up with such a large name? Alma turns to Daddy for an answer. As she hears the story of her name, Alma starts to think it might be a perfect fit after all — and realizes that *she* will one day have her own story to tell. In her author-illustrator debut, Spanish-language.

#### **Three Billy Goats Gruff, by Jerry Pinkney**



Jerry Pinkney puts his indelible stamp on another beloved folktale in the same vein as the Caldecott Medal-winning. When the three Billy Goats Gruff are hungry, they see bountiful grass to eat across an old bridge. But the bridge is home to a terrible troll, who is peckish himself, and looking for a tasty morsel to gobble up. In his interpretation of the timeless tale, Jerry Pinkney shows there's little

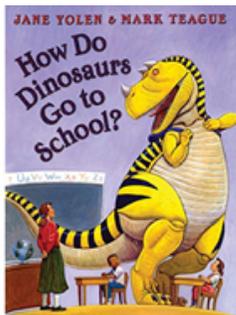
good to come from greed—but in the end, redemption for even the most trollish bully is possible.

### **First Grade, Here I Come!, by: D.J. Steinberg**



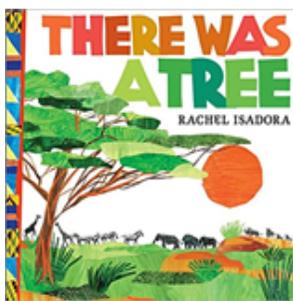
First grade—it's the big time! After all, it's a real honest to goodness grade. In verses that are both funny and full of heart, D.J. Steinberg celebrates big and small moments, ones that all young "scholars" will relate to—baby teeth that won't fall out, choosing the perfect library book, celebrating Pajama Day, and wrangling with the mysteries of spelling. From the first day of school to the last, this engaging anthology is essential reading for all soon-to-be first graders.

### **How Do Dinosaurs Go To School?, by: Jane Yolen**



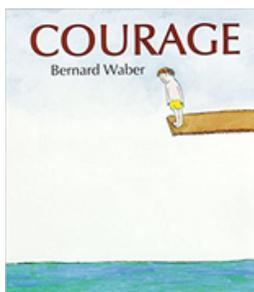
School has never been so much fun! Come along for a very unusual day and laugh out loud as the dinosaurs enjoy story time, show-and-tell and recess. We will use this book in the first two days of school when we create a list of classroom do's and don'ts.

### **There Was a Tree, by Rachel Isadora**



A favorite children's song becomes a colorful book filled with African wildlife. The popular children's song, "The Green Grass Grew All Around," has now been adapted to a lovely Acacia Tree being "the prettiest tree that you ever did see," where a baby starling is just about to hatch. Rachel Isadora gives children a fun, easy way to follow along with the cumulative lyrics by using rebus icons for the repeated words, Sheet music is also included, making this irresistible fun! Allow your child to follow along, reading the pictures, as you read the words.

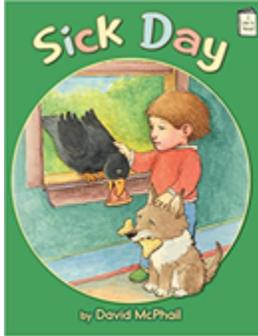
### **Courage, by Bernard Waber**



What is courage? Certainly it takes courage for a firefighter to rescue someone trapped in a burning building, but there are many other kinds of courage too. Everyday kinds that normal, ordinary people exhibit all the time, like "being the first to make up after an argument," or "going to bed without a nightlight." Bernard Waber explores the many varied kinds of

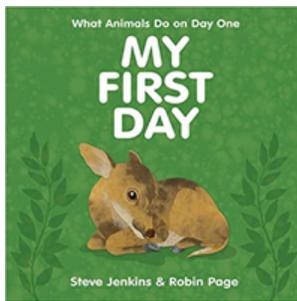
courage and celebrates the moments, big and small, that bring out the hero in each of us.

### **Sick Day, by David McPhail**



I adore David McPhail's sweet illustrations! This simple story about loving friendships and caring for loved ones is the subject of this poignant, easy-to-read picture book. When Boy gets sick, family and friends try to help him get well. Mom brings soup. Dog brings a bone, and Bird brings pizza. Though he declines the bone and the pizza, Boy gets well. But now his friends are sick. And now Boy has a chance to help his friends recover. Simple text tells a story of love and friendship that holds great meaning for young readers. An I Like to Read® book, Guided Reading Level D.

### **My First Day, by: Steve Jenkins**



In keeping with the theme of new beginnings, I am including this strikingly illustrated book to spark conversation about how we all have different needs and abilities. The first day of life is different for every animal. Human newborns don't do much at all, but some animals hit the ground running. The Caldecott Honor-winning team Steve Jenkins and Robin Page apply their considerable talents to revealing how twenty-two different species, from the emperor penguin to the Siberian tiger, which adapt to that traumatic first few hours of life, with or without parental help.