Agee, Jon. **Lion Lessons.** Dial Books, 2016. A young boy takes lessons on how to be a lion.

Barnett, Mac. **Noisy Night.** Roaring Brook, 2017. No one can get to sleep in this high-rise apartment building, as each floor is revealed to make their own kind of noise.

Brill, Calista. **Cat Wishes.** Houghton Mifflin, 2018. The ever-skeptical Cat learns that wishes can come true—just not always in the ways we expect. At turns sly and sweet, this clever story about friendship will leave no doubt that true magic lies in our connections with others, not just the wishes we make.

Brown-Wood, JaNay. **Grandma’s Tiny House.** Charlesbridge, 2017. In this rhyming counting book, when the whole family plus guests show up for the big dinner at Grandma’s house, it becomes clear that her home is much too small to hold them all.

Collier, Bryan. **It’s Shoe Time!** Hyperion, 2017. If you choose to wear unmatched shoes, can they still be a pair? *Elephant & Piggie Like Reading!* series

Cooper, Elisha. **8: An Animal Alphabet.** Orchard Books, 2015. Discover hundreds of animals, from aardvark to zebu, and find out why for each letter of the alphabet one animal is shown eight times.

Cousins, Lucy. **Maisy Goes to the Library.** Candlewick, 2005. Maisy goes to the library in search of a book about fish and a quiet place in which to read it.

Delaney, Celeste. **ABC Ready for School: An Alphabet of Social Skills.** Free Spirit, 2018. Social skills needed in school are described from A to Z.

Dewdney, Anna. **Little Excavator.** Viking, 2017. Little Excavator wants to help the big rigs transform a vacant lot into a neighborhood park, but he is too small to get the work done until he finds a job that is the perfect size for him to do.

Dickson, Irene. **Blocks.** Nosy Crow, 2016. Ruby has red blocks, and Benji has blue blocks, but what happens when they won’t share?

Diesen, Deborah. **The Pout-Pout Fish.** Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2008. The pout-pout fish believes he only knows how to frown, even though many of his friends suggest ways to change his expression, until one day a fish comes along that shows him otherwise.

DiTerlizzi, Angela. **Just Add Glitter.** Beach Lane Books, 2018. Illustrations and simple, rhyming text encourage the reader to add glitter to everything in sight, until even what should really sparkle is obscured.
Doerrfeld, Cori. *The Rabbit Listened.* Dial Books, 2018. Taylor is upset that his block castle has been destroyed, but only the rabbit stops to listen and understand what Taylor needs.

Drummond, Ree. *Charlie the Ranch Dog.* Harper, 2011. The adventures of Charlie, a bassett hound ranch dog, and his sidekick, Suzie, are recounted. *Series*

Dunklee, Annika. *My Name is Elizabeth!* Kids Can Press, 2011. Elizabeth is not happy that people try to call her by nicknames, such as Lizzie or Beth, so she finally stands up for herself and learns tact and respect in the process.


Elya, Susan Middleton. *La Madre Goose: Nursery Rhymes for Los Niños.* Putnam’s, 2016. This collection of classic nursery rhymes is laced with Spanish words mixed in with sentences in English.

Emberley, Ed. *Nighty Night, Little Green Monster.* Little, Brown, 2013. With the turn of each page, see Little Green Monster begin to disappear and then reappear as the stars come out and it is time to say good night.

Falconer, Ian. *Olivia…and the Missing Toy.* Atheneum, 2003. When her best toy mysteriously disappears, Olivia the feisty pig is determined to find out who is responsible.

Feek, Rory. *The Cow Said Neigh!: A Farm Story.* Thomas Nelson, 2018. Illustrations and rhyming text follow a series of farm animals as each wishes it could be another, and then lets out the sound of the animal it envies.

Fliess, Sue. *Shoes for Me!* Marshall Cavendish, 2011. When she realizes that her feet have grown, a young hippo is allowed to choose which new shoes to buy.

Florian, Douglas. *Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars.* Harcourt, 2007. This whimsical collection of twenty poems about the galaxy provides fun facts and creative drawings that are out of this world.


Gee, Kimberly. *Mad, Mad Bear!* Beach Lane Books, 2018. Bear is very angry that he has to leave the park, but after taking a deep breath, he learns to let it go.

Gilbert, Leah. *A Couch for Llama.* Sterling, 2018. A llama discovers how much fun a couch can be after one falls off the roof of a family’s car.
Going, K. L.  **Bumpety, Dunkety, Thumpety-Thump.**  Beach Lane Books, 2017.  Illustrations and onomatopoeic text capture a busy day in the life of two young siblings as they pick berries, help make a pie, and “thumpety-thump” their way to bed.

Hall, Michael.  **Red: A Crayon’s Story.**  Greenwillow, 2015.  Red’s factory-applied label clearly says that he is red, but despite the best efforts of his teacher, fellow crayons, and family members, he cannot seem to do anything right until a new friend offers a fresh perspective.

Heling, Kathryn.  **Clothesline Clues to Jobs People Do.**  Charlesbridge, 2012.  Colorful illustrations help children determine job titles from the clothes the people wear.

Hellman, Blake Liliane.  **Something Smells!**  Atheneum, 2018.  When Elliot wakes up to a terrible smell, he is determined to find the source.

Henkes, Kevin.  **My Garden.**  Greenwillow, 2010.  After helping her mother weed, water, and chase the rabbits from their garden, a young girl imagines her dream garden complete with jellybean bushes, chocolate rabbits, and tomatoes the size of beach balls.

Higgins, Ryan T.  **Be Quiet!**  Hyperion, 2017.  Rupert the mouse wants to star in an artistic, wordless picture book, but his animal friends cause problems by talking too much.

Idle, Molly.  **Flora and the Peacocks.**  Chronicle Books, 2016.  Flora and two peacocks become friends as they learn to dance together in this wordless book with flaps.

Javernick, Ellen.  **What If Everybody Did That?**  Two Lions, 2010.  A child learns that there are consequences for thoughtless behavior, from feeding popcorn to a bear at the zoo to dropping an empty can out of a car window.

Jeffers, Oliver.  **Stuck.**  HarperCollins, 2011.  When Floyd’s kite gets stuck in a tree, he tries to knock it down with increasingly larger and more outrageous things.

Kang, Anna.  **That’s (Not) Mine.**  Two Lions, 2015.  This tale is about two fuzzy creatures who want to sit in the same comfy chair.


Keats, Ezra Jack.  **Peter’s Chair.**  Viking. Originally published in 1971.  When Peter discovers his blue furniture is being painted pink for a new baby sister, he rescues the last unpainted item, a chair, and runs away.

Kent, Derek Taylor.  **El Perro con Sombrero: A Bilingual Doggy Tale.**  Holt, 2015.  Although Pepe achieves fame and fortune as a movie star dog, much to the chagrin of a movie star cat, Pepe longs for a family.

Larson, Jennifer S. *Do I Need It? or Do I Want It: Making Budget Choices.* Lerner Publications, 2010. This book teaches children to budget and make intelligent choices in life by realizing the difference between want and need.

Lawler, Janet. *Ocean Counting.* National Geographic, 2013. Using vivid photographs, a variety of ocean animals are described while the numbers one through ten and the concept of counting are introduced.

Light, Steve. *Swap!* Candlewick, 2016. A peg-legged youngster uses his bartering skills to trade for sails, an anchor, a ship’s wheel, and other necessary supplies to fix his ship and makes a new friend in the process.


Lord, Janet. *Albert the Fix-it Man.* Peachtree, 2008. A cheerful repairman fixes squeaky doors, leaky roofs, and crumbling fences for his neighbors, who return the kindness when he catches a terrible cold.

Luciani, Brigitte. *How Will We Get to the Beach?* NorthSouth, 2003. The reader is asked to guess what Roxanne must leave behind (ball, umbrella, book, turtle, or baby) as she tries various means of transportation to get to the beach.

Lyons, Shelly. *Signs in My Neighborhood.* Capstone, 2013. Neighborhood signs such as stop signs, traffic signals, street signs, and crosswalks are described with explanations about why they are important.

Mack, Jeff. *Duck in the Fridge.* Two Lions, 2014. When Dad was a boy he found a duck in the fridge, and so begins his explanation as to why he reads Mother Goose rhymes to his own son every night.

Maloney, Peter, and Felicia Zekauskas. *One Foot Two Feet: An Exceptional Counting Book.* Putnam’s, 2011. The die-cut windows in this counting book frame a single familiar object, and more objects are revealed as pages are turned.

Mansfield, Andy. *One Lonely Fish: A Counting Book with Bite!* Bloomsbury, 2017. By turning the page to see a new fish on each spread, the reader can count along as each fish prepares to eat the one before it.

Markes, Julie. *Good Thing You’re Not an Octopus!* HarperCollins, 2001. A little boy finds that his life is pretty easy compared to how it might be if he were a bird, a tiger, or any number of baby animals.
Marshall, James. **Goldilocks and the Three Bears.** Puffin, 1988. In this unique rendering of an old tale, three bears return home from a walk to find a little girl asleep in Baby Bear’s bed. *Caldecott Honor Book 1988*

Martin, Emily Winfield. **The Wonderful Things You Will Be.** Random House, 2015. Illustrations and simple, rhyming text reveal a parent’s musings about what a child will become, knowing that the child’s kindness, cleverness, and boldness will shine through no matter what, as will the love they share.


McAnulty, Stacy. **Earth! : My First 4.54 Billion Years.** Holt, 2017. With touches of humor, a variety of information is provided about our planet Earth.


McDonnell, Patrick. **Shine!** Little, Brown, 2017. A starfish wishes she could be a star in the sky instead of in the sea, but her ocean friends make her feel special.

Miller, J. Philip. **We All Sing with the Same Voice.** HarperCollins, 2000. This joyful Sesame Street song embraces the notion that no matter where children live, what they look like, or what they do, they’re all the same where it counts—at heart (book includes music CD).

Miller, Sharee. **Princess Hair.** Little, Brown, 2017. Little girls pretending to be princesses celebrate the different shapes, textures, and styles of their black hair.


Murphy, Stuart J. **Double the Ducks.** HarperCollins, 2003. Simple multiplication is used in this story of a boy who cares for five ducks, but when each duck brings home a friend, his work doubles. *MathStart series*

Na, Il Sung. **A Book of Babies.** Alfred A. Knopf, 2013. While baby animals are being born—some with fur and some with scales, some with lots of brothers and sisters, some with none—a curious duck watches.

Newman, Jeff. **Found.** Simon & Schuster, 2018. While Jenn is seeking Prudence, her big, sleek and shiny, black and white dog, she meets and falls in love with Roscoe, a scruffy little golden dog.

Parr, Todd. **The Earth Book.** Little, Brown, 2010. Easy ways to take care of planet Earth and conserve resources are explained with simple text and colorful illustrations.

Pett, Mark.  *Lizard from the Park.*  Simon & Schuster, 2015.  Leonard finds an egg in the park that soon hatches into a little green lizard, but when it keeps growing, he realizes that he must return Buster to the park and set him free.

Pinkney, Jerry.  *The Tortoise and the Hare.*  Little, Brown, 2013.  Beautiful illustrations and minimal text relate the familiar fable of the race between a slow tortoise and a quick but foolish hare.

Pizzoli, Greg.  *Number One Sam.*  Disney-Hyperion, 2014.  A competitive race-car driving dog learns that some things are more important than being number one.


Reed, Lynn Rowe.  *Bear’s Big Breakfast.*  Balzer + Bray, 2016.  After Bear wakes up from hibernating, he craves food that begins with the letter “b.”


Rinker, Sherri Duskey.  *Steam Train, Dream Train.*  Chronicle Books, 2013.  In this book with rhyming text, the dream train pulls into the station and all the different cars are loaded by the animal workers, each with the appropriate cargo.

Robertson, Michael.  *I Like My Car.*  Holiday House, 2018.  Animals show how much they love their cars of all different colors while driving, caring for them, and even hugging them.

Root, Phyllis.  *Creak! Said the Bed.*  Candlewick, 2015.  In the middle of a dark, stormy night, one child, then another, then a third wake their mother and ask to climb into the bed, but when the last member of the family arrives, Papa declares there is no more room.

Rosenthal, Amy Krouse, and Paris Rosenthal.  *Dear Girl.*  HarperCollins, 2017.  Readers are encouraged to accept and love themselves as they are, and they are advised to be confident, curious, adaptable, and willing to speak up.


Schwartz, Corey.  **The Three Ninja Pigs.**  Putnam’s, 2012.  In this twist on the classic tale, rhyming text describes how Pig One and Pig Two neglect their martial arts training and are no match for the wolf, but Pig Three’s practice and dedication save the day.  Includes a glossary of Japanese martial arts terms.

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro.  **Lemons Are Not Red.**  Roaring Brook, 2004.  Using die-cuts, this creative book compares the color of familiar objects by showing the wrong color first and then the correct color as soon as the page is turned.

Shea, Bob.  **I’m a Shark!**  Balzer + Bray, 2011.  A boastful shark impresses his underwater friends with his bravery until one of them asks about spiders.

Slobodkina, Esphyr.  **Caps for Sale and the Mindful Monkeys.**  Harper, 2017.  As the peddler sells his caps, the playful monkeys become troublesome by following his every move; but just when he thinks they are no good, the monkeys surprise him.

Smith, Lane.  **A Perfect Day.**  Roaring Brook, 2017.  The animals in Bert’s backyard discover that a perfect day means something different for each of them.

Stanton, Elizabeth Rose.  **Henny.**  Simon & Schuster, 2014.  Henny has arms instead of wings like the other chickens, but she soon discovers all the wonderful things she can do with her arms!

Stein, David Ezra.  **I’m My Own Dog.**  Candlewick, 2014.  A dog without a human companion fetches his own slippers and curls up at his own feet but cannot reach a certain itchy spot in the middle of his back, compelling him to leash a poor lonely human who will loyally offer a helpful scratch.


Sullivan, Mary.  **Nobody’s Duck.**  Houghton Mifflin, 2018.  In a surprising twist, Alligator helps Duck find his family.

Sutton, Sally.  **Demolition.**  Candlewick, 2012.  A demolition crew tears down an old building, sorts scraps of material, and hauls the debris off to make room for a new construction project, revealed at the end to be a playground.

Tafuri, Nancy.  **The Busy Little Squirrel.**  Simon & Schuster, 2007.  Squirrel knows it is time to get ready for winter, so he is too busy for fun activities with all his animal friends.
Teckentrup, Britta. *Get Out of My Bath!* Nosy Crow, 2015. Ellie the elephant’s relaxing bath is disrupted by too many splashing friends, prompting her to suck up all of the water into her trunk until everyone else leaves.


Usher, Sam. *Storm.* Templar, 2018. A boy and his grandfather search for a kite to fly as stormy weather approaches and there is plenty of wind. *Series*


Weeks, Sarah. *Counting Ovejas.* Atheneum, 2006. When increasing numbers of sheep in a rainbow of colors appear in a boy’s bedroom as he tries to fall asleep, he must resort to more and more elaborate means of removing them.

Wells, Rosemary. *Time Out for Sophie.* Viking, 2013. Sophie means to be a good little mouse, but she just can’t resist testing the limits with her patient parents and grandmother.


Willems, Mo. *Nanette’s Baguette.* Hyperion, 2016. Nanette sets out on her first solo trip to the bakery to get a baguette, but there are many distractions and temptations along the way.

Wilson, Karma. *Bear Can’t Sleep.* McElderry Books, 2018. Bear can’t seem to get to sleep so that he can hibernate through the winter until his friends join together to help him.

Won, Brian. *Hooray for Hat!* Houghton Mifflin, 2014. Elephant wakes up in a grumpy mood, but a present on his doorstep – a hat – cheers him and he sets out to greet his neighbors who all, it seems, need hats of their own.

Yolen, Jane. *How Do Dinosaurs Learn to Read?* Blue Sky Press, 2018. Told in rhyming text, young dinosaurs learn to read, but only after many mishaps such as chewing their books and throwing them at the cat—but eventually they learn to respect their books and treat them properly.

Yoon, Salina. *Duck, Duck, Porcupine!* Bloomsbury, 2016. Big Duck likes to boss around her younger brother Little Duck and their gentle friend Porcupine, and though Little Duck does not speak, his expressions and actions show that he has a better grasp of any situation than his older sister.
Yuly, Toni. *Night Owl*. Feiwel and Friends, 2015. A baby owl flies through the night, listening carefully for different sounds as he tries to find Mommy Owl.

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