







**Marymount Convent School**  
**Recommended English Reading List**  
**For Primary 1 Pupils**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome your daughter to Primary One! We look forward to helping your child continue to develop the skills and abilities that will enable her to become a successful, life-long learner.

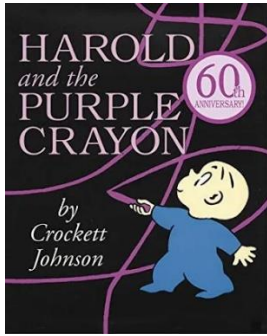
You are your daughter's first and most important teacher. Reading serves as the major foundational skill for all school-based learning. Helping your child develop into a proficient reader is a gift that will last a lifetime. These few, simple strategies and actions during the early months can make a significant difference in helping your child maintain and extend her literacy skills.

-  **Read aloud together with your daughter every day.**
-  **Take turns reading. Your daughter can read books to you, her younger siblings, and older siblings.**
-  **Older siblings can take turns reading as well.**
-  **Read your daughter's favourite book over and over again.**
-  **Don't forget to pack a book wherever you go during the holidays.**
-  **Visit the public library regularly to borrow books that are not found in the school library.**

We hope this is the beginning of an enjoyable and enriching journey for your child and you!

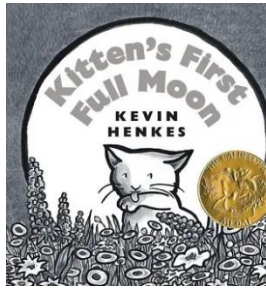
**Happy Reading!**

## Books to Read



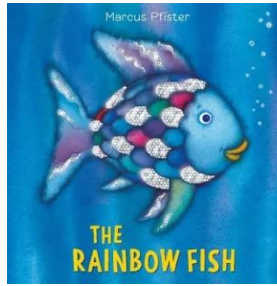
**Harold and the Purple Crayon**

by Crockett Johnson



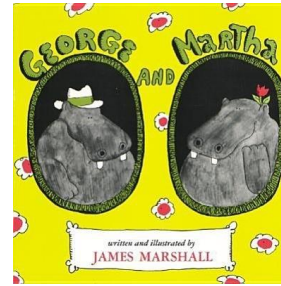
**Kitten's First Full Moon**

by Kevin Henkes



**The Rainbow Fish**

by Marcus Pfister



**George and Martha**

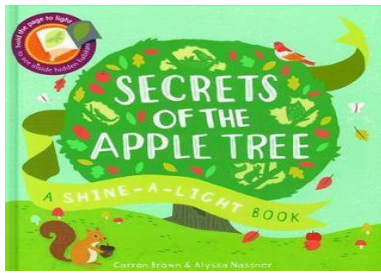
by James Marshall



**The Most Magnificent Thing**

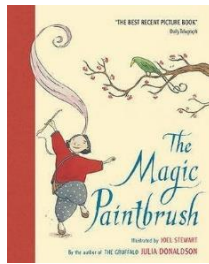
by Ashley Spires

## Popular Books



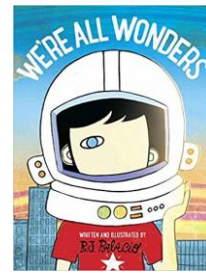
**Secrets of the Apple Tree**

by Carron Brown & Alyssa Nassner



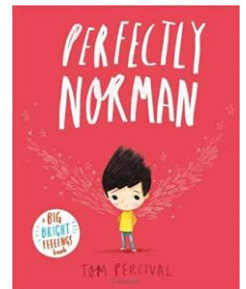
**The Magic Paintbrush**

by Julia Donaldson



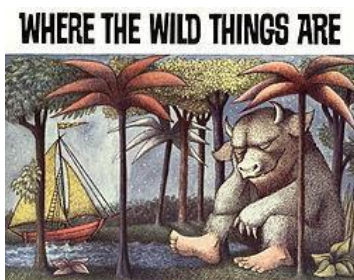
**We're All Wonders**

by R J Palacio



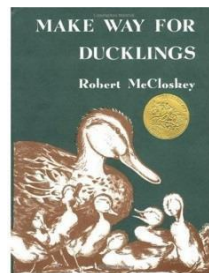
**Perfectly Norman**

by Tom Percival



**Where the Wild Things Are**

by Maurice Sendak



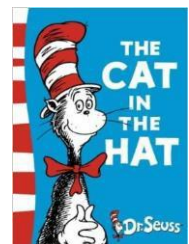
**Make Way for Ducklings**

by Robert McCloskey



**Ivy + Bean**

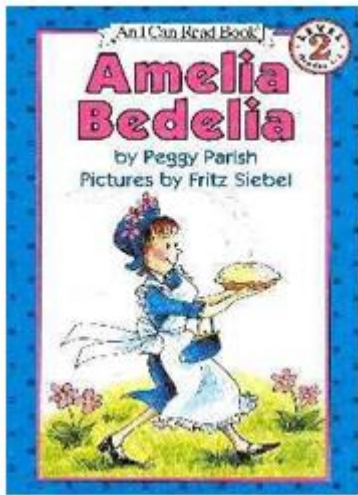
by Annie Barrows



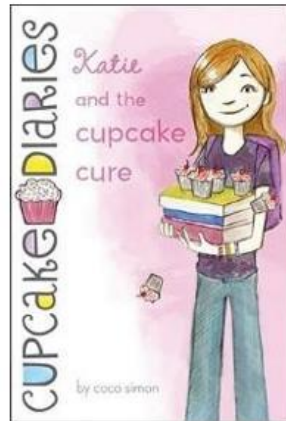
**The Cat in the Hat**

by Dr Seuss

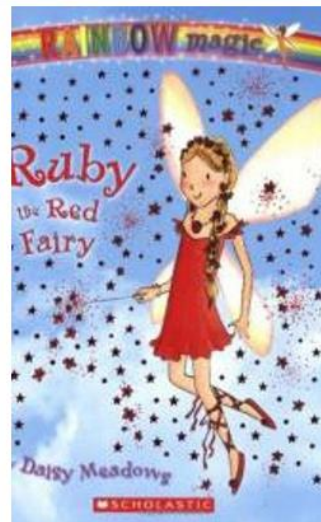
## Book Series



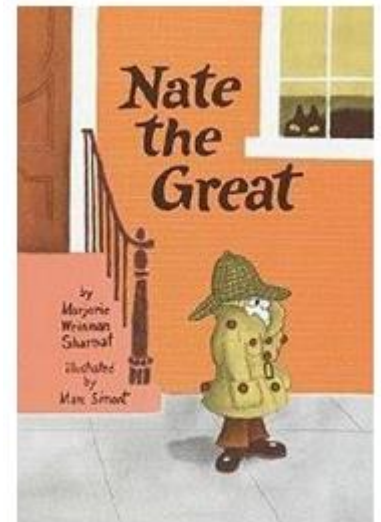
**Amelia Bedelia**  
by Peggy Parrish



**Cupcake Diaries**  
by Coco Simon



**Rainbow Magic**  
by Daisy Meadows



**Nate the Great**  
by Marjorie Sharmat

## Family Read-Aloud

**Creepy Carrots** by Allan Reynolds

**The Giving Tree** by Shel Silverstein

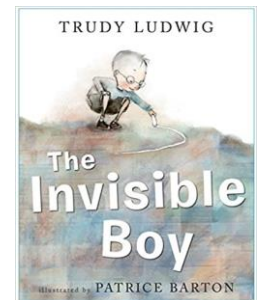
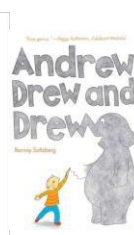
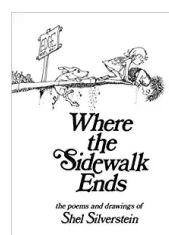
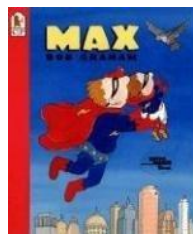
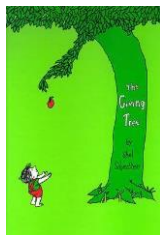
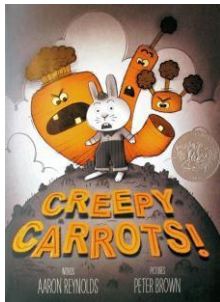
**Max** by Bob Graham

**The Library** by Sarah Stewart

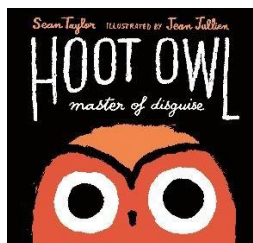
**Where the Sidewalk Ends** by Shel Silverstein

**Andrew Drew and Drew** by Barney Saltzberg

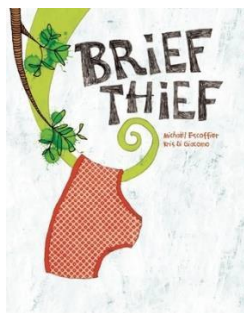
**The Invisible Boy** by Trudy Ludwig



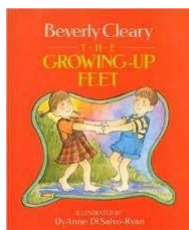
## More Picture Books



**Hoot Owl – Master of Disguise** by Sean Taylor



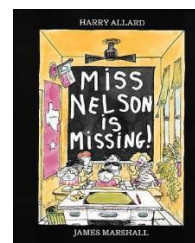
**Brief Thief** by Michael Escoffier



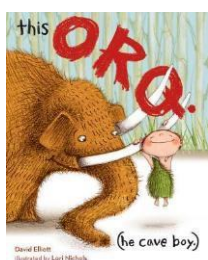
**Grown-up Feet** by Beverly Cleary



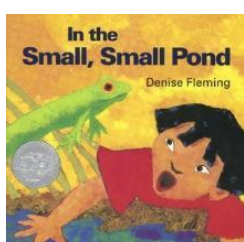
**The Runaway Dinner** by Allan Ahlberg



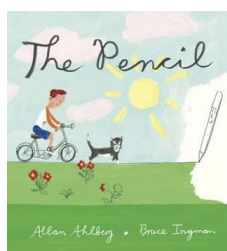
**Miss Nelson is Missing** by Harry Allard



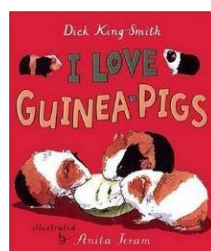
**This ORQ. (he cave boy)** by David Elliot



**In the Small, Small Pond** by Denise Fleming



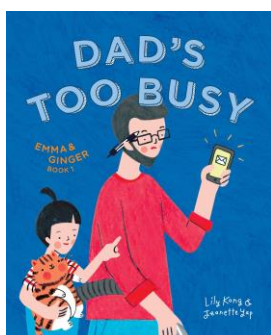
**The Pencil** by Allan Ahlberg



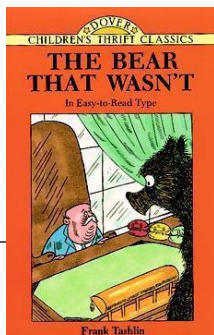
**I Love Guinea Pigs** by Dick King-Smith



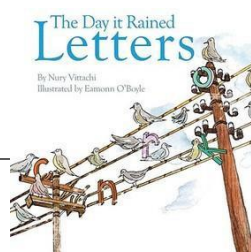
**The Hueys in... It Wasn't Me** by Oliver Jeffers



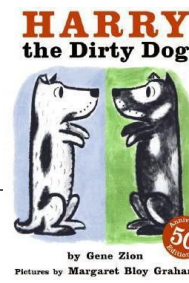
**Dad's Too Busy** by Lily Kong



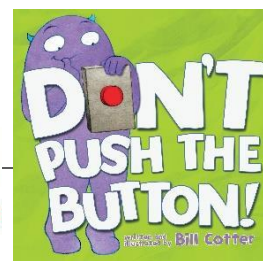
**The Bear That Wasn't** by Frank Tashlin



**The Day it Rained Letters** by Nury Vittachi

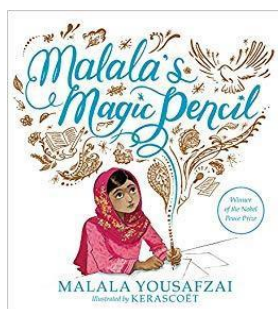


**Harry the Dirty Dog** by Gene Zion

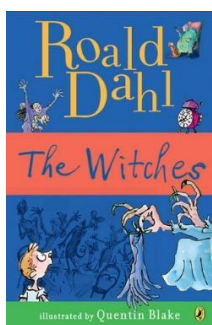


**Don't Push the Button** by Bill Cotter

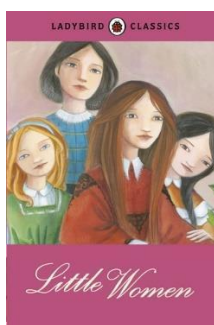
## Advanced Readers



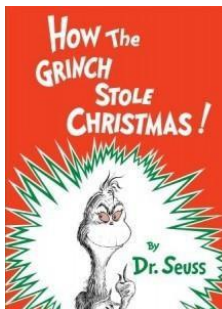
**Malala's Magic Pencil** by Malala Yousafzai



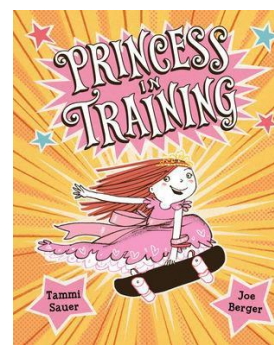
**The Witches** by Roald Dahl



**Ladybird Classics**

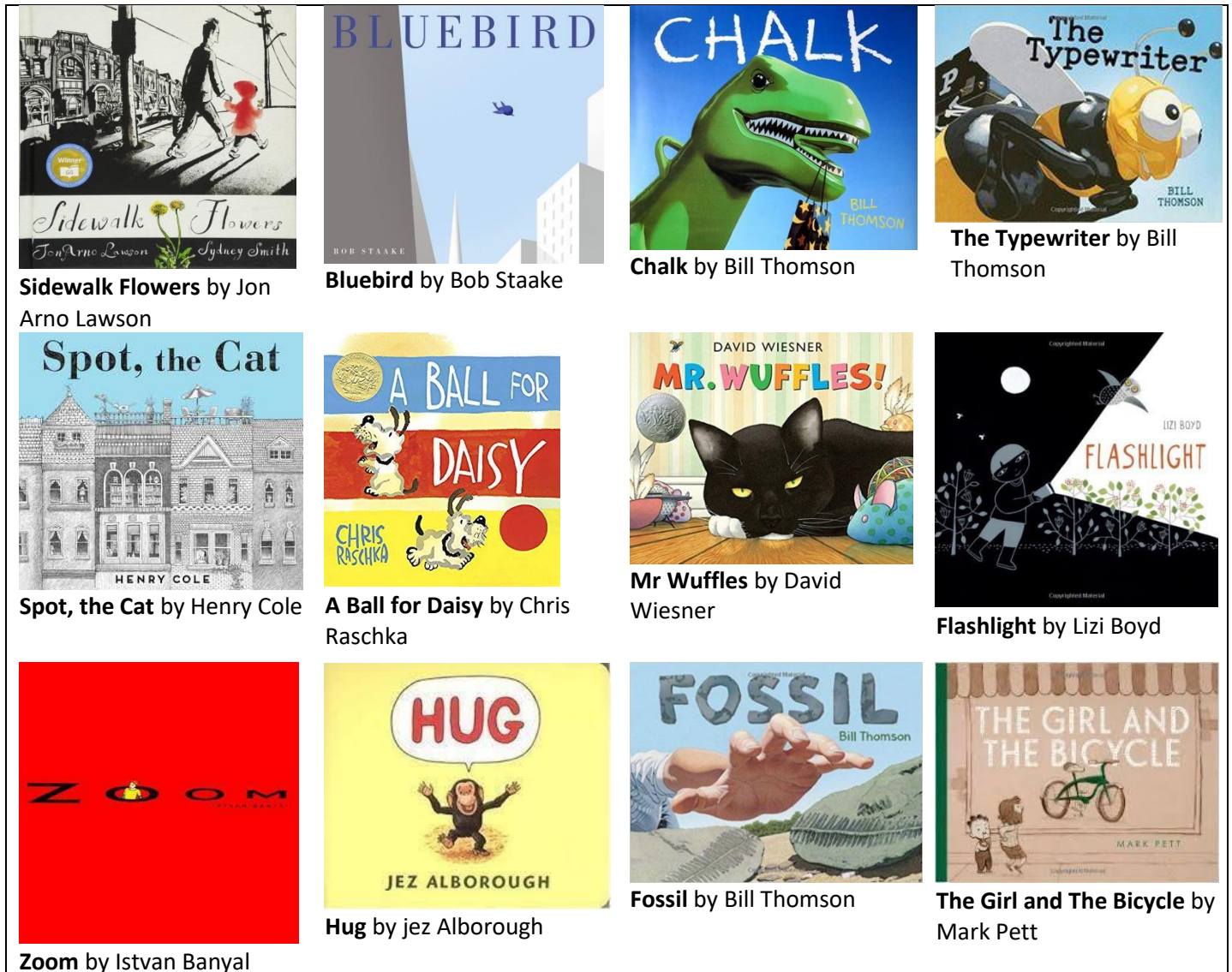


**How the Grinch Stole Christmas!** by Dr. Seuss



**Princess in Training** by Tammi Sauer

## Wordless Books



Wordless picture books are told entirely through their illustrations. Sharing wordless books with a child enables her to listen and speak, and create her own story in her own words.

Some tips for sharing wordless picture books with a child:

- 📖 Recognise that there are no "right" or "wrong" ways to read a wordless book.
- 📖 Spend time looking at the cover and talking about the title of the book. Predict what the story is about.
- 📖 Enjoy the illustrations. Look carefully at the expressions on the characters' faces, the setting and the use of colour. Talk to each other about the pictures.
- 📖 Encourage your child to "read" you the book with her story. Focus on the words your child uses when she tells the story.
- 📖 Expand her sentences or thoughts by encouraging her to add information from the illustration's details. Use "W" questions: Who? Where? When? Why?