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Recommended Books for Elementary School Children

The Misadventures of Sweetie Pie by Chris Van Allsburg (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt). A hamster's adventures begin when he is taken home from the pet store. Sweetie Pie experiences a number of different owners and homes before he is taken to a school, where even more new things occur. *(fiction, lower elementary)*

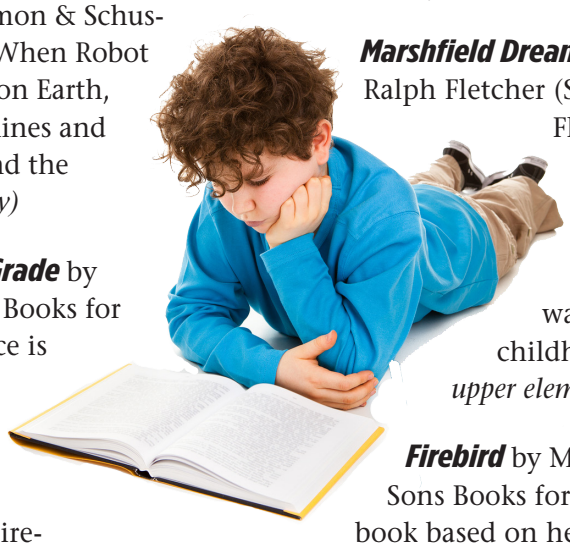
Robot Zot! by Jon Scieszka (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers). When Robot Zot finds himself in a kitchen on Earth, he must fend off various machines and robots—such as the blender and the toaster. *(fiction, lower elementary)*

President of the Whole Fifth Grade by Sherri Winston (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers). Brianna Justice is determined that the only way she will achieve her dreams is to become the president of her class at Orchard Park Elementary. She sets to work tirelessly … until a new girl comes to school and challenges Brianna in the election. *(fiction, upper elementary)*

Dear Tabby by Carolyn Crimi (HarperCollins). Tabby D. Cat is an advice columnist who helps other pets in need. Tabby offers advice to animals everywhere, from a spoiled cat whose owners continually dote on him to a hamster who is stuck on a hamster wheel. *(fiction, lower elementary)*

Teddy & Co. by Cynthia Voigt (Alfred A. Knopf). Teddy and the rest of a group of toys live together and take care of each other. As he wakes each morning, Teddy looks out the window and dreams of living outside. *(fiction, upper elementary)*

Sector 7 by David Wiesner (Clarion Books). While visiting the Empire State Building, a boy befriends a cloud, who takes him on a journey to see where clouds are made. There, the boy devises some unique clouds. Readers can add their own interpretations to this award-winning wordless picture book. *(fiction, lower elementary)*



Marshfield Dreams: When I Was a Kid by Ralph Fletcher (Square Fish). Author Ralph Fletcher grew up in Marshfield, Massachusetts, as the oldest of nine children. In this poignant memoir, he tells funny, sad and heart-warming stories about his childhood adventures. *(biography, upper elementary)*

Firebird by Misty Copeland (G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers). In this book based on her own life, ballerina Misty Copeland speaks to a young African American ballet student, offering encouragement and motivation in a difficult field. The advice given by Copeland reflects the famous ballet by Igor Stravinsky, *The Firebird*. *(fiction, lower elementary)*

Blackie: The Horse Who Stood Still by Christopher Cerf (Welcome Books). Although Blackie did not run around with the other horses, he managed to make himself quite useful and well known—he had a career as a rodeo horse, he lived at Yosemite National Park, and more. What Blackie enjoyed most, however, was stopping to take in all that was around him. *(nonfiction, lower elementary)*

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Crunch by Leslie Connor (Katherine Tegen Books). Dewey's parents leave him and his siblings in charge of the family store, The Bike Barn, while they're away. But when circumstances delay his parents' return, Dewey's responsibility to his family is greater than ever. *(fiction, upper elementary)*

Meow: Cat Stories from Around the World by Jane Yolen (HarperCollins Publishers). Cats are found in folktales and fables worldwide. This collection includes "The King of the Cats" from Germany and Britain, "Why Tiger is Angry at Cat" from Burma and "Rambé and Ambé," from Tibet *(folktale, lower elementary)*

The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors by Drew Daywalt (Balzar + Bray). Ever wonder about the origins of the game Rock Paper Scissors? In this hilarious book, readers will learn the true story of the legendary characters behind the game. *(fiction, lower elementary)*

The Potato Chip Puzzles: The Puzzling World of Winston Breen by Eric Berlin (Puffin Books). Winston Breen is a puzzle expert. When he and his friends are invited to a puzzle contest at a local factory, Winston sets out to prove he's the champion of puzzling. Readers will enjoy solving the puzzles along with Winston. *(fiction, upper elementary)*

One Giant Leap by Robert Burleigh (Philomel Books). In July of 1969, the spaceships *Eagle* and *Columbia* set out into outer space. While the command module *Columbia* orbited around, the *Eagle* was headed for the moon. Illustrated with beautiful paintings, this book offers a step-by-step look as the first astronauts set foot on the moon. *(nonfiction, lower elementary)*

Something Out of Nothing: Marie Curie and Radium by Carla Killough McClafferty (Farrar Straus and Giroux). From her youth in Poland in the late 1800s through her years learning at the Sorbonne in Paris, Marie Curie constantly impressed those around her with her brilliance. This biography chronicles her life's accomplishments, particularly her discovery of radium and polonium. *(biography, upper elementary)*

Punctuations Take a Vacation by Robin Pulver (Holiday House). What happens when punctuation marks are tired of being ignored? The periods, question marks and the rest of the crew are tired of being forgotten or misused by the writers in Mr. Wright's class, so they decide to take a trip. The young authors soon learn just how important those punctuation marks are. *(fiction, lower elementary)*

Liberty Porter, First Daughter by Julia DeVillers (Aladdin). When Liberty's dad is sworn in as president of the United States, she prepares herself for life in the White House. As excited as she is for the new adventure, she is nervous about the responsibility that she's about to take on. *(fiction, upper elementary)*

National Geographic Readers: Seed to Plant by Kristin Baird Rattini (National Geographic Society). Young scientists will enjoy the detailed photographs and facts about the transformation of seeds into plants. This book includes everything from what a plant needs to grow to fun facts about plants and silly jokes about plants. *(nonfiction, lower elementary)*

Iggy Peck, Architect by Andrea Beaty (Abrams Books for Young Readers). As far back as anyone could remember, Iggy Peck built extraordinary structures. Iggy used whatever he had on hand to express himself. *(fiction, lower elementary)*

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