



Children's Booklist 2022: Read-alouds for Gr. 2-3

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The Electric Slide and Kai

by Kelly J. Baptist

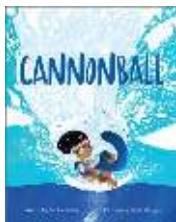
Everyone in the Donovan family can dance--and has a dance nickname--except Kai, but his family helps him practice his moves to prepare for his aunt's wedding reception.



Billy Twitters and His Blue Whale Problem

by Mac Barnett

When Billy Twitters' mother follows through on her threat to buy him a blue whale if he refuses to obey, he finds himself the owner of an enormous pet that he must take with him everywhere, which does not make him popular at school.



Cannonball

by Sacha Cotter

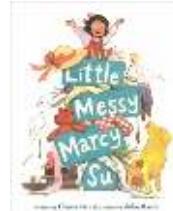
Complemented with background information about Maori culture, a summertime celebration of individuality and being true to oneself under pressure finds a little boy practicing the art of making a perfect cannonball in the pool.



The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors

by Drew Daywalt

You've played the game. Now read the legend of how it all began! The award-winning author of *The Day the Crayons Quit* presents a laugh-out-loud tribute to the fictional warriors who invented a classic childhood game.



Little Messy Marcy Su

by Cherie Fu

This rollicking rhyming picture book, with a unique Chinese-American, intergenerational twist, follows Marcy Su as she exuberantly goes above and beyond what Mama asked her to do to prepare for her grandparents' arrival.



They're So Flamboyant

by Michael Genhart

This funny ode to individuality, community, and harmony follows the reactions of a neighborhood full of birds when a "flamboyance" of flamingos moves in. A gaggle of geese, a dole of doves, a charm of finches, a brood of chickens (and more!) have their feathers ruffled and express their apprehension about the new and different arrivals.



Mother Bruce

by Ryan T. Higgins

Enjoying a life of solitude and delicious hard-boiled eggs, Bruce the bear is surprised when his goose eggs hatch live goslings who believe he is their mother, require constant care, and refuse to fly south.



Something's Wrong!: a Tale of a Bear, a Hare, and Some Underwear

by Jory John

Feeling like he has forgotten something important after completing a busy morning routine, Jeff the bear wonders if the underwear that he is wearing outside of his fur could be the problem.

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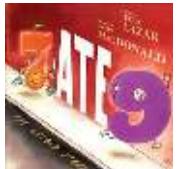
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Baby Clown

by Kara LaReau

When newborn Baby Clown cannot stop crying, his parents and their fellow clowns try everything to help, from making silly faces to giving him rides in their tiny cars. By the author of the *Infamous Ratsos* series and the creator of the Caldecott Medal-winning *Wolf in the Snow*.



7 Ate 9 : the Untold Story

by Tara Lazar

6 has a problem. Everyone knows that 7 is always after him. Word on the street is that 7 ate 9. If that's true, 6's days are numbered. Lucky for him, Private 1 is on the case. But the facts just don't add up. It's odd. Will Private 1 put two and two together and solve the problem . . . or is 6 next in line to be subtracted?



Bathe the Cat

by Alice McGinty

To avoid getting a bath, the family cat keeps scrambling the list of chores with hilarious results, in this purr-fectly entertaining read-aloud story.



Everyone's Awake

by Colin Meloy

In this house, when everyone stays awake at night, things get very strange, what with Mom on the roof, and Grandma playing cards with the ghost of long-dead Grandpa Paul, and even the dog and cat are acting weird; as the family's doings become more and more bizarre, the narrator starts to wonder--what on earth will happen when morning finally comes.



Niki Nakayama : a Chef's Tale in 13 Bites

by Jamie Michalak

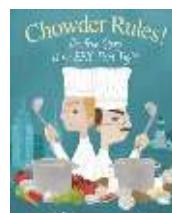
Using the structure of a traditional kaiseki meal, this book details the Japanese American chef's hunger for success in 13 "bites," letting her food do the talking as she rises to culinary fame. A biography of the powerhouse female Japanese chef and her rise to fame.



The Astronaut With a Song for the Stars : The Story of Dr. Ellen Ochoa

by Julia Finley Mosca

Meet Dr. Ellen Ochoa, a determined space pioneer with a stellar symphony of talents. Though she was told studying engineering wasn't for girls, the bright young scientist refused to give up--ultimately becoming a NASA astronaut who shattered barriers and rocketed to success!



Chowder Rules! : The True Story of an Epic Food Fight

by Anna Crowley Redding

Maine lawmaker Cleveland Sleeper loved steamy, creamy, dreamy clam chowder. Thoughts of tomatoes in his chowder made him see red. So he proposed a bill to make it a crime to add tomatoes to clam chowder. New Yorkers were offended! A war of words raged, until finally a duel of chefs settled the matter once and for all.



Carnivores

by Aaron Reynolds

Lion, Great White Shark, and Timberwolf, troubled by their bad reputations with the other animals, form a support group which has limited success until Great Horned Owl shares some advice.



I Talk Like a River

by Jordan Scott

A relatable story of a child with a speech impairment who finds new ways to communicate and overcome isolation by reconnecting with nature alongside a loving parent.



Bob, not Bob! : To Be Read As Though You Have the Worst Cold Ever

by Audrey Vernick

Stuck in bed with a bad cold, Little Louie struggles with stuffiness and crackling ears and repeatedly calls out for his mom, summoning the family dog over and over again in his efforts to make himself understood. By the Caldecott Honor-winning author of *All the World*.



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