Quick, Quack, quick - Marsha Arnold
A very slow duckling saves his family during a crisis.

Sometimes - Keith Baker
An alligator feels different things from time to time, but they are all okay.

Old hat, new hat: The Berenstain Bears - Stan & Jan Berenstain
When shopping for a new hat, one of the Berenstain Bears has to decide whether the perfect old hat can really be replaced by a new one.

Mine’s the best - Crosby Bonsall
Two little boys meet at the beach, each sure that his balloon is better.

How many fish? - Caron Lee Cohen
A school of fish and a group of children frolic in the bay.

Go, dog, Go! - P. D. Eastman
Different kinds of dogs drive cars, wear hats, run around in mazes, and even have wild parties in treetops.

Mole in a hole - Rita Golden Gelman
A lonely mole’s animal friends find his hole too dark and small for them, but in Ms. Mole he meets the perfect companion to share his life.

Happy and Honey - Laura Godwin
Honey the cat is determined to play with Happy the dog, even though he is trying to sleep.

Fast-draw Freddie - by Bobbie Hamsa
Freddie draws many different kinds of pictures, including pictures of Mom, Dad, and Grandma.

Ducks in muck - by Lori Haskins
Ducks are trapped in trucks that are stuck in the muck.

Wait, skates! - by Mildred D. Johnson
A child putting on roller skates for the first time finally teaches them to wait.

Cat hat - by Michelle Knudsen
A cat looks for the perfect place to take a nap.

Meet Dinah Dinosaur - B.G. Hennessy
Presents the adventures of a playful dinosaur for beginning readers.

Put me in the zoo - by Robert Lopshire
A large, spotted animal discovers he really belongs in a circus, not a zoo.

Pizza party - Grace Maccarone
A group of children have fun making a pizza.

Tiny’s bath - by Cari Meister
Tiny is a very big dog who loves to dig, and when it is time for his bath, his owner has trouble finding a place to bathe him.
Catch me if you can! - Bernard Most
A little dinosaur is not afraid of the biggest dinosaur of them all for a very special reason.

Hand, hand, fingers, thumb - by Al Perkins
Easy-to-read rhyming text describes what can be done on a drum with hand, fingers, and thumb.

Hop on Pop - by Dr. Seuss
Pairs of rhyming words are introduced and used in simple sentences, such as "Day. Play. We play all day. Night. Fight. We fight all night."

Sheep in a shop - Nancy Shaw
Sheep hunt for a birthday present and make havoc of the shop, only to discover they haven’t the money to pay for things

The very hungry caterpillar - by Eric Carle
Follows the progress of a hungry caterpillar as he eats his way through a varied and very large quantity of food until, full at last, he forms a cocoon around himself and goes to sleep.

Sleepy dog - by Harriet Ziefert
Simple text and illustrations portray a small dog getting ready for bed, sleeping, dreaming, and waking up.

Good dog, Carl - by Alexandra Day
Lively and unusual things happen when Carl the dog is left in charge of the baby.

Miss Spider’s tea party - paintings and verse by David Kirk
Readers can count to twelve with Miss Spider as she looks for insect friends to play with.

There was an old lady who swallowed a fly
In a traditional nonsense poem, an old woman swallows a fly, a spider, a bird, a cat, a dog, and a horse.

Great books for Kindergarten

These book with simple words and wonderful illustrations are perfect for your little boy or girl as they start school. They’re great to read aloud together and can also help your child start reading on their own.

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