



## Incoming First Grade Students

Dear Parents,

This summer we encourage the children to read books, talk about books, and enjoy their favorite books about friendship! In your summer reading packet, you will find a reading log and discussion questions. Read each required book with your child and spend some time talking about the attached questions.

During the first week of school the students will participate in literature circles to discuss these books and questions. We will also work on a project in class relating to the assigned reading.

Please record any other favorite books that you read this summer on the attached Reading Log.

Happy Reading!!

The First Grade Teachers

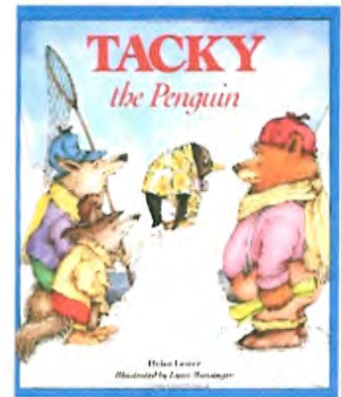
## Required Reading For Incoming First Grade:

Please read the following books about friendship.

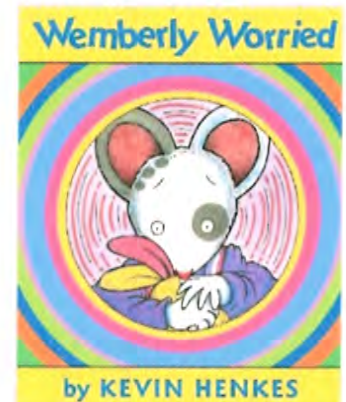
1. Just My Friend and Me  
By Mercer Mayer



2. Tacky the Penguin  
By Helen Lester



3. Wemberly Worried  
By Kevin Henkes

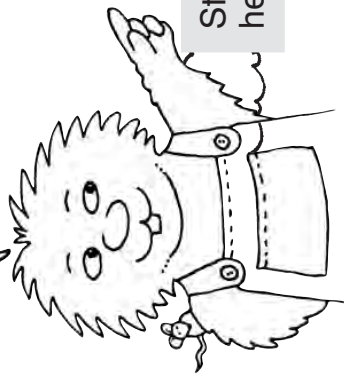




# Just My Friend and Me

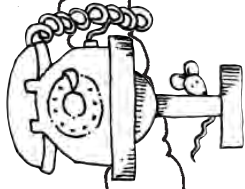
by Mercer Mayer

Help me find my friend!

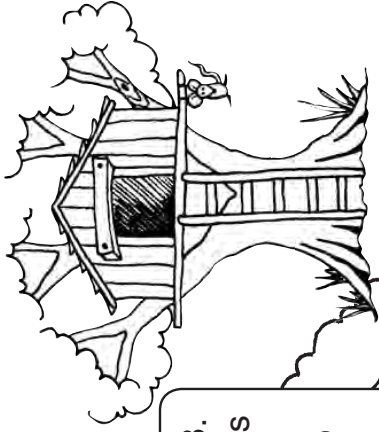


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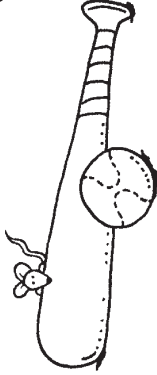
Read pages 1-4.  
Why did Little Critter want to have a friend over?



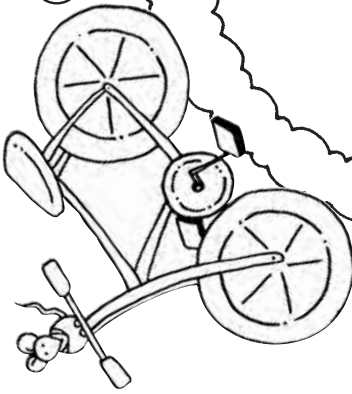
Read pages 5-8.  
What three things did Little Critter and his friend do together?



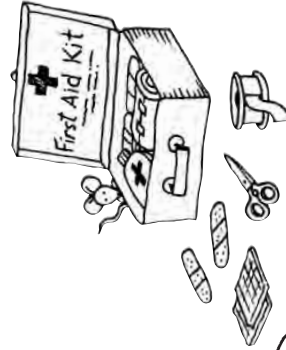
Read pages 9-12.  
Why do you think Little Critter's friend liked to hit the ball, but not chase it?



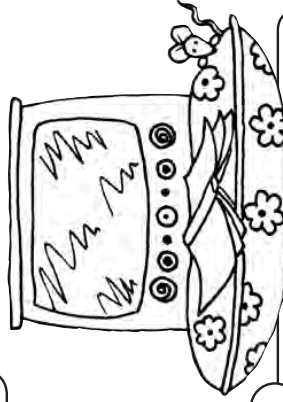
Read pages 13-16.  
What do you think will happen to Little Critter's friend on the bike?



Read pages 17-20.  
Why did Little Critter and his friend cry when they got their cuts and bruises fixed?



Read the rest of the story. Why do you think Little Critter liked to be all alone sometimes?



Hi, friend!





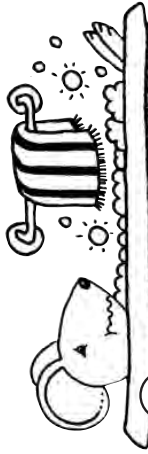
# Wemberly Worried

by Kevin Henkes

Please help me find my doll.

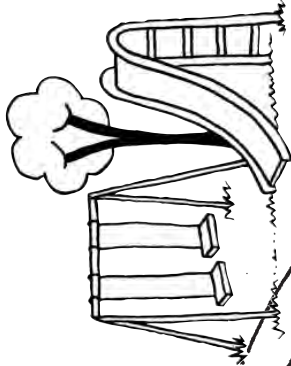


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Read pages 1-5.  
What did Wemberly do all of the time?

Read pages 6-9.  
Name some things that Wemberly worried about.  
What do you worry about?



Read pages 10-13.  
Why was Wemberly worried about Petal's ears?



Read pages 14-19.  
What did Wemberly worry about more than anything else?



Read pages 20-23.  
Name two things that worried Wemberly about school. Do you worry about school? Explain.



Read pages 24-27.  
Why did Mrs. Peachum want Wemberly to meet Jewel?



Read the rest of the story. How did Wemberly change from the beginning of the story to the end?



There's my doll!



# TACKY the Penguin

by Helen Lester

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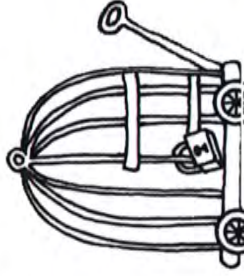


Read pages 3–5.  
Name Tacky's companions.  
Who are your companions?



Read pages 6–13.  
Describe three ways  
Tacky was different  
from his companions.

Read pages 14–15.  
What do you think  
the penguins felt  
about the hunters?



Read pages 16–19. As  
the hunters got closer,  
what did Tacky's  
companions do?

Read pages 20–21.  
Why do you think  
Tacky did not run away  
from the hunters?

Read pages 22–25.  
Why do you think  
the hunters looked  
puzzled?



Read pages 26–29. Why  
did Tacky's companions  
sing with him?



Read pages 30–32.  
Why did Tacky's  
companions think  
that he was nice to  
have around?

