

# Preschool Pages: Scrumptious Stories!

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*Book Recommendations, Early Literacy Tips, and More  
from the Deerfield Public Library Youth Services Department*

## Book Recommendations

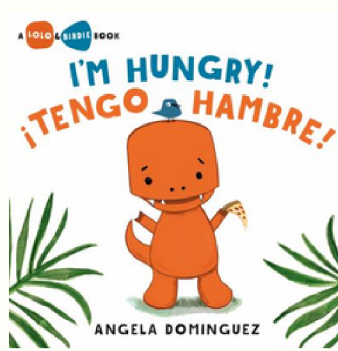
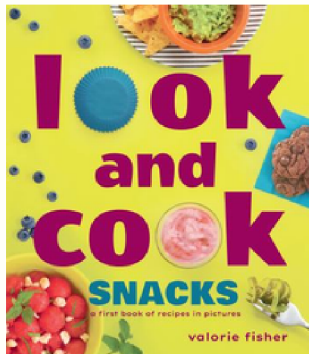


Stay cozy warm under some blankets as you read this winter tale. Logan is hosting a pet playdate with his friends but needs to collect different vegetables from his greenhouse garden. This is great to discuss the differences and similarities between a variety of fruits and vegetables.



Food has the power to bring us together, and this story celebrates exactly that. Follow a group of neighbors as they chop, cut, stir, mix, and more to create a meal to be shared with their community. A lovely tale that will warm up your heart!

This recipe book can inspire the youngest of chefs, including those who cannot read yet! These recipes include photos of food to illustrate what needs to be combined in order to create something new. The inclusion of plus and equal signs also makes this a great way to introduce simple math topics as well.



This bilingual picture book addresses the question of “What do you want to eat?” Dinosaur can’t decide as Bluebird offers multiple options in English. Each time, Dinosaur responds with that word in Spanish and “No gracias,” until together they figure out a palatable (and safe) solution for all!



This is the perfect companion to a summertime meal at Deerfield’s Food Truck Wednesdays! The book follows a family getting ready to visit a food truck festival as well as the food truck crews as they prepare the meals and drive there. This rhyming book is a great readaloud!

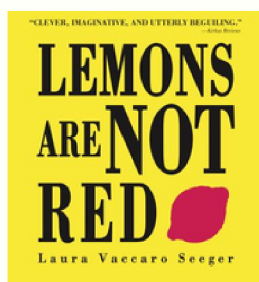
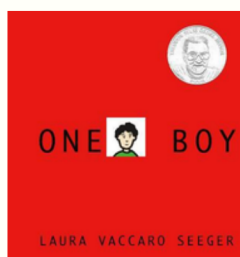
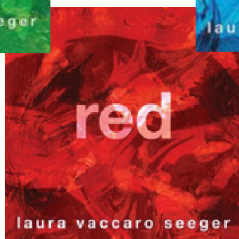
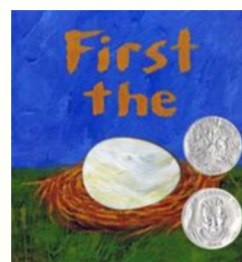
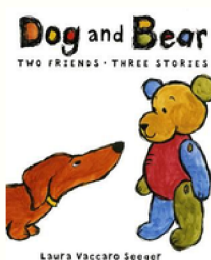
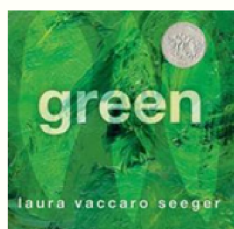


This inventive board book shows increasing numbers of shapes and asks what they might make. Slowly a feast is built! When the ants can’t fit the food into their tunnels, what will they do? The resulting food mash-ups will evoke laughter and might create some fun ideas in your own kitchen!

# Author/Illustrator Spotlight

## LAURA VACCARO SEEGER

Sometimes an author or illustrator has so many great titles, we wish we could name them all! This month, we want to highlight the work of Laura Vaccaro Seeger. Seeger's work has twice been awarded the Caldecott Honor and Geisel Honor Awards. Some of her books explore the relationship between color and emotion, while others take on themes of friendship, bullying, and perception and are all wonderful conversation starters.



## Beyond the Book!

- Did you know many picture books about food include recipes you can use? These are wonderful as they are purposefully written to include children into the cooking process. And Ms. Megan can personally attest that the soup recipe included in *Logan's Greenhouse* is delicious!
- Write your own recipe together! Is there a special treat your child enjoys or a family recipe you want to share with your kid? You can write your recipe and also draw it out with pictures like in *Look and Cook*.
- Let your child become a sous chef in the kitchen! They can measure a teaspoon of sugar or a cup of chocolate chips to introduce early math concepts or stir the batter to develop hand muscles that will soon hold pens and pencils.
- Setting the table is a great way to extend the food fun and learning beyond the kitchen. The task reinforces one-to-one correspondence and other math skills. If you have four people in your family, how many napkins will you need for dinner? If everybody gets two forks, how many forks is that in total?