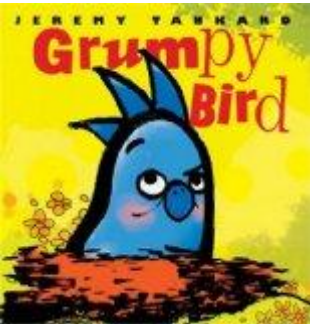


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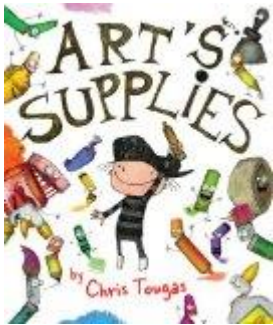
For many families, fall is the beginning of a challenging ten month trek. In my own household, it is not only the start of elementary and high school but also the resumption of minor hockey and other taxing after school activities. Occasionally we become so focused on keeping up with our “must dos” that it is tempting to skip the trip to the library or even bedtime stories. My goal in writing this column is to encourage you to seek out special children’s books and to enjoy them with your children on a daily basis. Hopefully by identifying terrific new books, I will help you instill a love of books and reading in your children – *even when the laundry is piling up and the dishwasher needs to be emptied*. Best of luck for clear sailing through 2008/09.



Grumpy Bird by Jeremy Tankard

Published by Scholastic Press

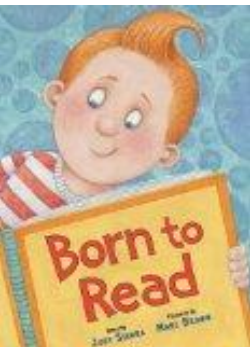
Perhaps you know a child who could identify with Bird. One morning he wakes up grumpy and is too miserable to eat, play or fly. Fortunately, he has understanding friends who provide the perfect antidote to his ailment; compassion and fun! **Grumpy Bird** is boldly illustrated and will appeal to preschool children – even those who occasionally wake up on the wrong side of the nest!



Art's Supplies by Chris Tougas

Published by Orca Book Publishers

Clever, funny and inspiring, **Art's Supplies** is exactly the sort of book I delight in. Trouble is just around the corner when Art's paper invites everyone for a party at her “pad.” It doesn't take long for the pencils to arrive. They are soon joined by crayons, markers, pastels, ink and many more colourful and creative guests. With lots of visual appeal and clever wordplay, **Art's Supplies** will be enjoyed by children aged 4 and up.



Born to Read by Judy Sierra, pictures by Marc Brown

Published by Alfred A. Knopf

This book really says it all for children and parents, ***“Readers win and winners read.”*** Sam's mom knows just what a baby needs – he listens while she reads and reads and reads. Before long Sam becomes a reader himself and finds words everywhere he goes. When he decides to enter a cycling race, he knows exactly how to complement his training with background information. When a grumpy giant arrives in town, he identifies what is needed; snacks and picture books. **Born to Read** is a happy reminder that, ***“Readers can do anything!”***

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