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The Little School Bus

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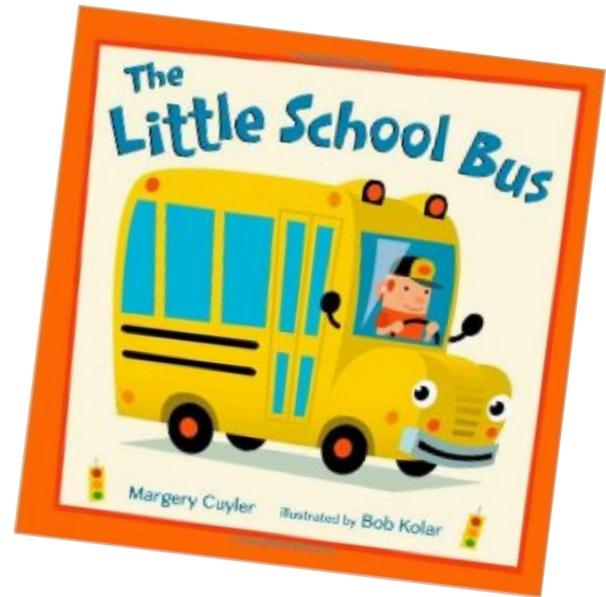
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Book Review

Title: The Little School Bus
Author: Margery Cuyler
Illustrator: Bob Kolar
Reviewer: Rachel Wadham
Publisher: Henry Holt and Company
Publication Year: 2014
ISBN: 9780805094350
Number of Pages: 12
Interest Level: Toddler, Preschool
Rating: Outstanding



Review

Go on an adventurous school bus ride with the little school bus and the driver Bob. In this story, Bob is a school bus driver who picks up children to take them to school. He wakes up to start his day at 5 AM and picks up children of all kinds. The little school bus uses its stop sign as it picks up children waiting at their bus stop. While riding around, children sit, laugh, and talk. The little school bus also picks up Kate, a young girl on a wheelchair. After picking up all the children and sharing some rules, the little school bus and Bob safely drop the children off at school. The next day, they are unable to go on their bus route due to bad winter weather. The third day, the little school bus visits the mechanic to get a tune-up and taillight fixed. Once the little school bus is ready, it and driver Bob go back to doing their job.

The author uses a fun, rhyming tune throughout the story, which instantly grasps the reader's attention. This story effectively teaches young readers what a yellow school bus does. Many children might see school buses without realizing their purpose. After reading this book, young children will have an idea of what exactly a bus driver and a school bus do for their job. The author uses fun language such as "rumbling, clunking, bouncing, thumping" throughout the text. The book is a hard cover and the pages are very durable. The pages resemble glossy card stock. The illustrations are bright and fun for any child. Personification is used in the illustrations to display all the vehicles, including the bus, to have eyes and a smile. This book is appropriate for toddler to preschool ages due to the illustrations and language. Readers will enjoy this adventurous ride as they go around town with the little school bus and driver Bob.