COOPERATION PICTURE BOOKS

The zoo animals find a way to keep the baby beebee bird awake during the day so that they can get some sleep at night.

Berlioz the Bear – Brett, Jan (1991)
Berlioz the bear and his fellow musicians are due to play for the town ball when the mule pulling their bandwagon refuses to move. A strange buzzing in Berlioz's double bass turns into a surprise that saves the day.

Alice likes the teddy bears she receives for her birthday from each of her grandmothers, but soon the bears are fighting for her attention.

Calling all Engines – Courtney, Richard (2005)
Thomas figures out how to get the steam engines and the diesel engines to cooperate to build a new airport.

Marcy and Miss Rosa start a campaign to clean up an empty lot and turn it into a community garden.

Clean Up, Grumpy Bunny! – Fontes, Justine (2007) (beginning reader)
Hopper learns that picking up his toys can be fun.

When a farmer grows the biggest potato in the world, he needs the help of his entire family and their pets to get it out of the ground.

Farmer Duck – Waddell, Martin (1992)
When a kind and hardworking duck nearly collapses from overwork, while taking care of a farm because the owner is too lazy to do so, the rest of the animals get together and chase the farmer out of town.

Feeling too grumpy to fly, Bird begins to walk and finds that his mood changes as other animals join him.
Simple text and photographs show various ways children can be cooperative.

In this version of the traditional tale, the duck, the dog, and the cat refuse to help the Little Red Hen make a pizza but do get to participate when the time comes to eat it.

A Little Story About a Big Turnip – Zunshine, Tatiana (2003)
A simple retelling of the classic Russian folktale. This version features Grandie, his wife Grannie, their granddaughter Annie, Ruffie the dog, Meowsie the cat, and Squeakie the mouse and how they work together to get the turnip out of the ground.

Mattland – Hutchins, Hazel (2008)
Matt finds himself in yet another new home. Surrounded by an uninspiring landscape and lacking friends, he begins to poke at the mud outside his house. He quickly notices in his marks the beginning of a landscape. Bit by bit, a miniature world unfolds before Matt and readers, assisted by the timid offerings of neighborhood children.

Mr. Gumpy's Motor Car – Burningham, John (1976)
Mr. Gumpy's human and animal friends squash into his old car and go for a drive -- until it starts to rain.

Shoes From Grandpa – Fox, Mem (1990)
Jessie, age 9, is growing out of her clothes. Grandpa gets her a pair of new shoes, Dad offers "socks from the local shops," and Mom buys "a skirt that won't show the dirt." This is everyone else's idea of the perfect addition to her outfit. Finally, shedding all her mismatched apparel, she tactfully speaks her mind: "You're all so kind that I just hate to be mean, but please, would one of you buy me some jeans?" Grandpa grants her wish and Jessie zooms off on her skateboard, in her new jeans, happily unencumbered.

Swimmy – Lionni, Leo (1973)
A little black fish in a school of red fish figures out a way of protecting them all from their natural enemies.

The Wednesday Surprise – Bunting, Eve (1989)
On Wednesday nights when Grandma stays with Anna everyone thinks she is teaching Anna to read.

Zinnia and Dot – Ernst, Lisa (1992)
Zinnia and Dot, self-satisfied hens who bicker constantly about who lays better eggs, put aside their differences to protect a prime specimen from a marauding weasel.