

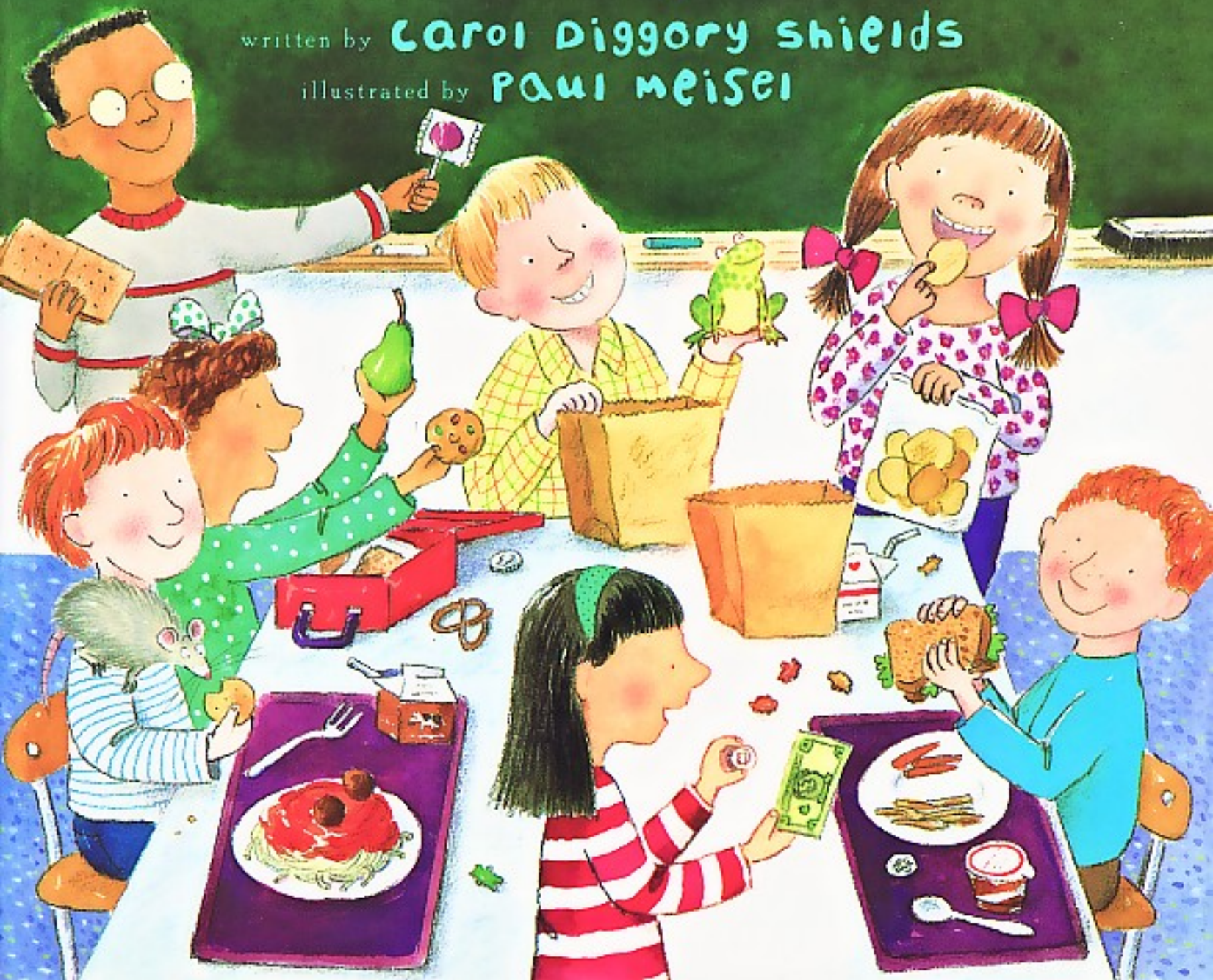


# Lunch Money

And Other Poems About School

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## Eight-Oh-Three

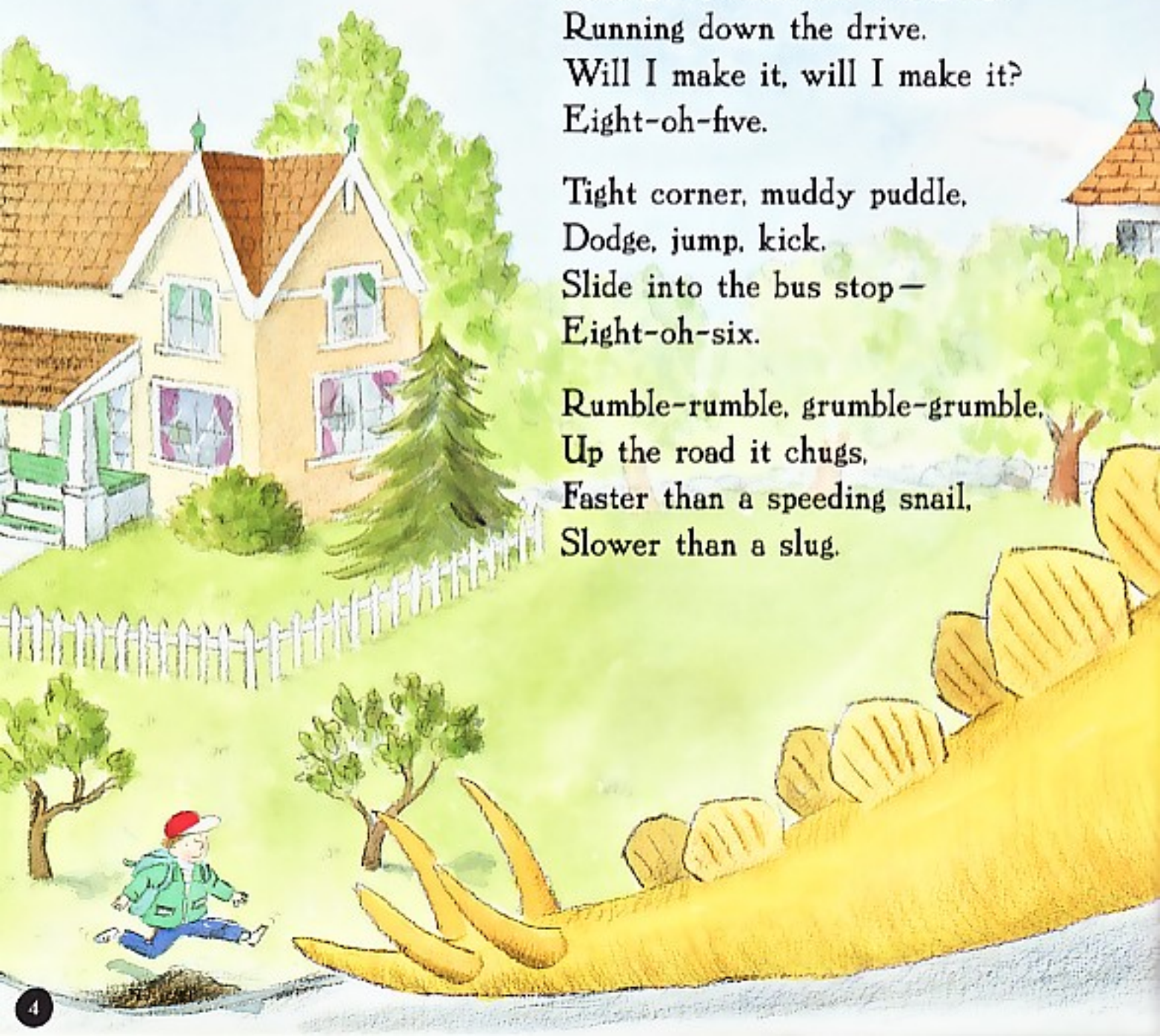
Lunch box, backpack,  
Papers flying free,  
Shoelaces untied—  
Eight-oh-three.

Quick kiss, oops missed,  
Bam! Out the door.  
Jumping, jamming down the stairs—  
Eight-oh-four.

Legs pumping, heart thumping,  
Running down the drive.  
Will I make it, will I make it?  
Eight-oh-five.

Tight corner, muddy puddle,  
Dodge, jump, kick.  
Slide into the bus stop—  
Eight-oh-six.

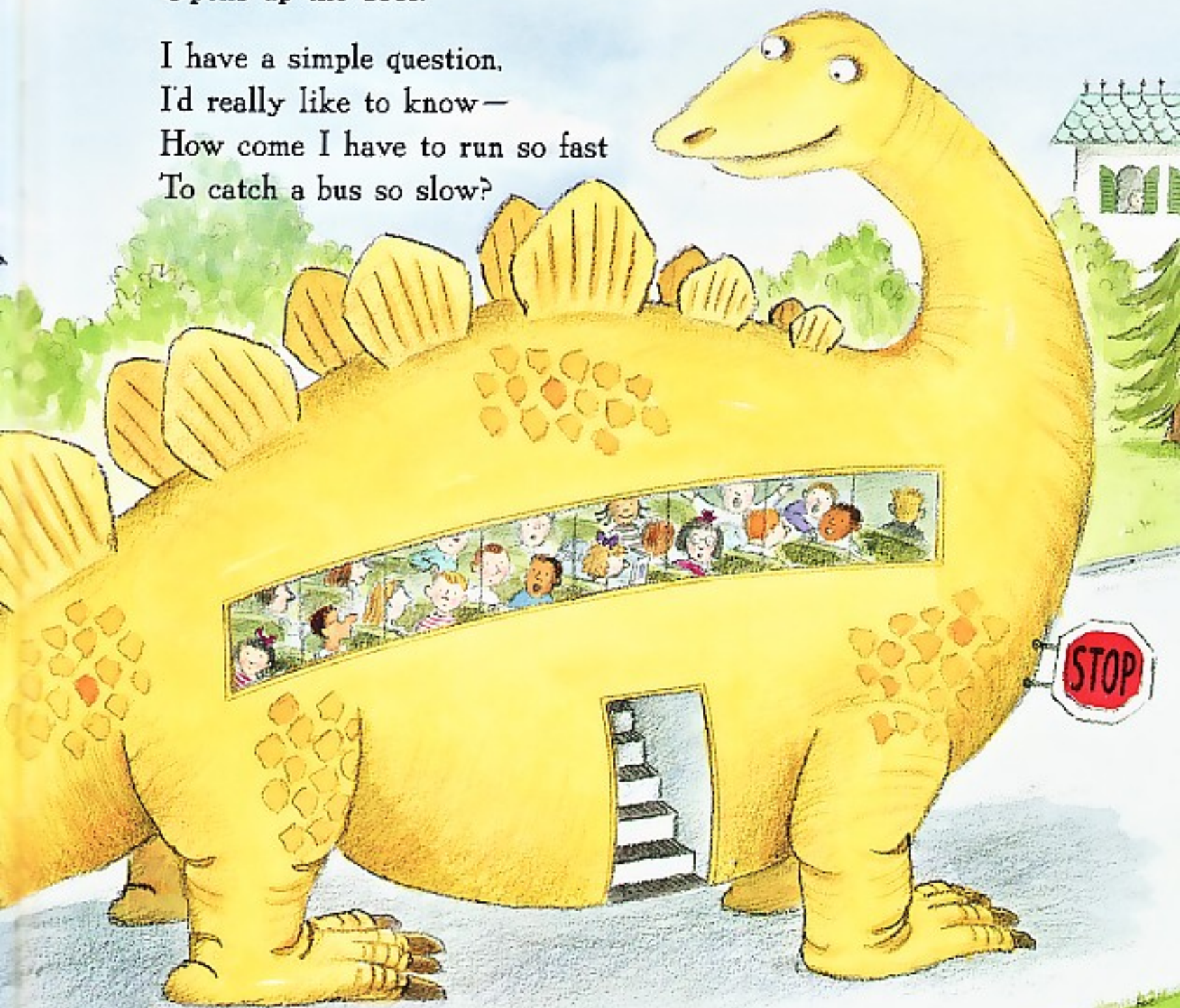
Rumble-rumble, grumble-grumble,  
Up the road it chugs,  
Faster than a speeding snail,  
Slower than a slug.





A moaning-groaning, blinking-winking  
Yellow dinosaur  
Slowly hisses to a stop,  
Opens up the door.

I have a simple question,  
I'd really like to know—  
How come I have to run so fast  
To catch a bus so slow?





## Decisions

Menu, menu,  
Under the magnet.  
Buy my lunch at school  
Or bag it?

Tacos?  
Nachos?  
Pizza with cheese?  
Burgers and French fries?  
School lunch, please!

Beef stew?  
Baked beans?  
Tuna-cabbage crunch?  
Mushroom-chicken casserole?  
I think I'll bring my lunch!







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## BOOK REPORT

THIS WAS A very, very, very nice book.  
The story WAS very, very, very, very good.  
16 words.

You would like it very, very much.  
If you read it, and I think you should.  
32 words.



Very, very, very funny book reports, jungle-gym gossip, unruly pledges of allegiance, and the *real* rules of addition are just a few of the silly school-day adventures to be found in this book of twenty-four poems about, yes, school.

"A frisky collection. . . . Kids will greet [the poems] with enthusiasm."

—*School Library Journal*

AN IRA-CBC CHILDREN'S CHOICE BOOK

CAROL DIGGORY SHIELDS and PAUL MEISEL also collaborated on *I Am Really a Princess* and *I Wish My Brother Was a Dog*.