TIP:
Have your child predict what will happen each time the mouse asks for something new.

SKILL:
Critical Thinking centers on being curious and seeking to understand cause and effect, both of which call on Executive Function skills.

TIP:
The boy in the story has to figure out how to find what the mouse needs and how to clean up the mess this search is causing.

Ask your child:
• “What would you do if you were this child?”

SKILL:
Even though this book is imaginary, it promotes problem solving, which is key to Critical Thinking.

TIP:
Once your child knows the story, you can ask what comes next when you re-read the book. Your child will use his or her memory to recall the order and the items the mouse requests, while having fun! And adults will enjoy this story where the energetic and enthusiastic mouse wears out the child (just like energetic and enthusiastic children can wear out adults).

SKILL:
Critical Thinking includes being able to remember previous experiences and information and apply this knowledge to the present.