The Great Paper Caper by Oliver Jeffers

This is a perfect book for your budding amateur sleuth!

The animals' homes are disappearing. Tree by tree, the forest is being cut down. Clues! There must be clues. For instance, look—there is a mysterious bear carrying an ax! But what would a bear want with so many trees? Perhaps the discarded paper airplanes littering the forest floor have a story to tell? Oliver Jeffers' quirky, childlike humor and lovable illustrations are in full effect in this funny whodunit featuring a winning cast of animals and a message about the importance of conservation and recycling.

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My personal review:
Everyone was nestled beneath the ground in their forest homes keeping busy and minding their own business, but when they all got together they noticed that there were some odd things going on. Beaver noticed that some of the branches had been hacked from the trees and that didn't sit right with him, nor the rest of the crowd. Soon they started to blame each other. The beaver, the goose, the pig, the little girl and the owl were soon at odds with one another. Something would have to be done to solve this mystery or there would be big trouble!

Someone was stealing the branches, but it wasn't anyone they knew. Poor owl went to land on a branch during the night and PLOP... he landed right on his head. They all branched out to work on this crime. An investigation was launched to get to the bottom of things. Meanwhile, the branches kept disappearing, but something else was showing up. Paper airplanes. Then an eyewitness report led them to some evidence that had blown in not far away. A moose had seen a paper airplane flying in the forest. What could this mean? Would the forest crowd be able to solve this perplexing mystery?

This is a fun, quirky little mystery that the budding detective between the ages of four and seven will certainly enjoy. This beginning whodunit would be a perfect circle time or homeschool read-aloud book and will generate a bit of excitement as the children try to guess who the culprit is and the mystery behind the vanishing branches. In the endpages there is a guide
to making a paper airplane, but younger children will need some help with this activity. This is a perfect book for your budding amateur sleuth!

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