

2024
Suggested Reading
for FRES Students Entering
4th Grade

Reading is good for your brain and helps keep it in shape when school is out. It can take you on adventures, be a window to help you gain new ideas and learn about others, or a mirror to help you understand yourself and your experiences.

We encourage you to read what you enjoy but have created this list to give you some ideas. Questions? Just ask! Happy reading! - *BML Children's Staff*

Alternate format availability: Libby Hoopla Playaway Wonderbook Book on CD

Science Fiction & Fantasy



Matilda by *Roald Dahl*
Matilda Wormwood has an incredible intellect and magic powers, including the ability to levitate objects.



The Last Last-Day-of-Summer by *Lamar Giles*
Cousins Otto & Sheed accidentally freeze time, extending the last day of summer.



The Guardian Test by *Christina Soontornvat*
Plum is shocked to discover that she's been accepted to the Guardian Academy, where kids learn how to transform into magical creatures sworn to protect the natural world.



Nikki Tesla and the Ferret-Proof Death Ray by *Jess Keating*
Nikki Tesla must learn to trust her new friends at Genius Academy to find out who stole her death ray!



Love Sugar Magic: A Dash of Trouble by *Anna Meriano*
Leonora sneaks into the family bakery to find her mother, aunt, & sisters have been keeping secrets.



Weird Kid by *Greg Van Eekhout*
Jake Foster, a shapeshifting alien of goo disguised as a human, and his spunky friend Agnes investigate the mysterious takeover of their neighbors by "imblobsters."

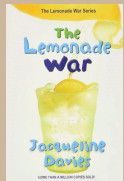
Realistic & Historical



Love That Dog by *Sharon Creech*
A boy finds his voice with the help of a teacher, a writer, a pencil, some yellow paper, and of course, a dog. (*in verse*)



Bicycle Spy by *Yona Zeldis McDonough*
Marcel loves riding his bicycle, and dreams of competing in the Tour de France, but it is 1942 and German soldiers are everywhere. Soon he finds himself in position of dangerous secrets.



Lemonade War by *Jacqueline Davies*
Siblings Evan and Jesse battle each other through lemonade stands trying to be the first to earn \$100.



The Nerviest Girl in the World by *Melissa Wiley*
When Pearl's brothers get jobs doing stunts for this new thing called "moving pictures," she stumbles into being a stunt girl herself.



The Vanderbeekers and the Hidden Garden by *Karina Yan Glaser*
The Vanderbeekers try to build a garden to help their neighbors, in spite of a locked gate and a real estate developer.






Bobby vs. Girls (Accidentally) by *Lisa Yee*
When Bobby gets into a fight with his best friend Holly, it develops into a boys versus girls war involving their whole fourth-grade class.

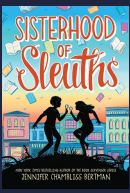


Amina's Voice by *Hena Khan*
A Pakistani-American Muslim girl struggles to stay true to her family's culture and blend in at school after tragedy strikes her community.


Mystery & Spooky

Sisterhood of Sleuths

by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman   
When Maizy finds an old photo of her grandmother, who claims it's someone else, Maizy and her new friends are determined to learn the truth.





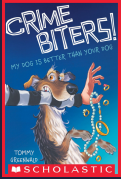
Midnight at the Barclay Hotel

by Fleur Bradley 
Five murder suspects are invited to the haunted Barclay Hotel for a weekend, and it is up to JJ, Penny, and Emma to figure out who committed the crime.



Crimebiters: My Dog is Better Than Your Dog

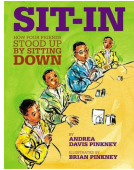
by Tom Greenwald  
Jimmy is delighted when his new dog, Abby turns out to be a crime-fighting, vampire dog, who also does not like the babysitter.




Nonfiction & Poetry

Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down

by Andrea Davis Pinkney; illus. by Brian Pinkney j323.119 PIN  



Insect Superpowers: 18 Real Bugs That Smash, Zap, Hypnotize, Sting, and Devour!

by Kate Messner; illus. by Jillian Nickell j595.7 MES  



World of Weird Animals Series

by Jess Keating; illus. by David DeGrand 
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j591.6 KEA
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Martina & Chrissie: The Greatest Rivalry in the History of Sports

by Phil Bildner; illus. by Brett Helquist j796.342 BIL  






Wet Cement: A Mix of Concrete Poems

by Bob Raczka j811.6 RAC 






Adventure & Humor

The Terrible Two by Mac Barnett   



Master prankster Miles Murphy moves to a sleepy town and challenges the local prankster in an epic battle of tricks.



The Magic Misfits

by Neil Patrick Harris   
Six young magicians and illusionists team up to save their small town from a crooked carnival owner and his goons.



Enginerds by Jarrett Lerner  

When a group of nerdy best friends receive robots that start to act real, they must save the day, and the planet.



Graphic Novels

Pawcasso by Remy Lai 

Jo follows Pawcasso on his weekly shopping trip, but doesn't correct anyone when she's mistaken for the owner. What could go wrong?



Shirley and Jamila Save Their Summer by Gillian Goetz 

Shirley's a detective. Jamila wants a friend. Together they search for a missing gecko.



Sparks! by Ian Boothby & Nina Matsumoto 

Charlie and August are cat pals who save lives every day as they pilot a powerful, mechanical dog suit!




Biography

Just Like Rube Goldberg: The Incredible True Story of the Man Behind the Machines

by Sarah Aaronson; illus. by Robert Neubecker jBIO GOLDBERG



The Sweetest Scoop: Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Revolution

by Lisa Robinson; illus. by Stacy Innerst jBIO BEN 



Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-soaking Stream of Inventions

by Chris Barton; illus. by Don Tate jBIO JOHNSON   



Classified: The Secret Career of Mary Golda Ross, Cherokee Space Engineer

by Traci Sorell jBIO ROSS 

