

2026 Suggested Reading for FRES Students Entering 4th Grade

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.

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



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."

Family and Friends



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.



Bad Badger by Maryrose Wood
Septimus is not good at being a badger. He befriends a gull of very few words. When his new friend goes missing, Septimus is bereft. Determined to find his best—and only—friend, he ventures into new territory and encounters a cast of surprising characters.



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.



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.



AJ Torres and the Treasure of Captain Grayshark

by José Pablo Iriarte

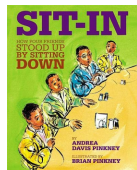
AJ and Jayden discover a gold coin washed up on the shore of Miami after a hurricane and think it may be part of the long lost treasure of Captain Grayshark.



A Strange Thing Happened at Cherry Hall

by Jasmine Warga

When Rami sees a floating girl in the museum, he knows he has seen her before. She looks just like the girl in the painting that has gone missing!



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



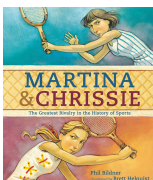
World of Weird Animals Series

by Jess Keating; illus. by David DeGrand

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Martina & Chrissie: The Greatest Rivalry in the History of Sports

by Phil Bildner; illus. by Brett Helquist

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Words with Wings and Magic Things

by Matthew Burgess j811.6 BUR



Once Upon a Tim

by Stuart Gibbs

Tim is just a peasant, but dreams big. When Prince Ruprecht needs knights to join him on his quest to rescue a princess, is this the chance Tim's been waiting for?



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.



One Crazy Summer

by Rita Williams-Garcia

In the summer of 1968, eleven-year-old Delphine and her two younger sisters spend a month with the mother they barely know. Check out the graphic novel version!



Pawcasso

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

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



Detective Beans

Meet Detective Beans (just Beans for short), a young cat sleuth dedicated to doing whatever it takes to solve the case.



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

by Sarah Aaronson; illus. by Robert Neubecker



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

by Lisa Robinson; illus. by Stacy Innerst



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

by Chris Barton; illus. by Don Tate



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

by Traci Sorell