

# 2023 Suggested Reading for FRES Students Entering 3rd Grade

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## Science Fiction & Fantasy



**Dragons in a Bag** by Zetta Elliott

In Brooklyn, Jax finds himself on a quest to deliver three baby dragons to a magical world with Ma, a curmudgeonly witch.



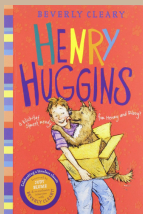
**Two Dogs in a Trench Coat Go to School** by Julie Falatko

Sassy and Waldo are two dogs who dress up in a trench coat to follow their human to school after he comes home smelling of anxiety.



**The Creature of the Pines (Unicorn Rescue Society)** by Adam Gidwitz

Elliot and Uchenna help their weird teacher Professor Fauna rescue the mythological Jersey Devil from a pair of greedy billionaire brothers.



**Henry Huggins** by Beverly Cleary

When Henry finds and adopts Ribsy, a dog of no particular breed, he is in for a world of fun and adventures.



**Stella Diaz Has Something to Say**

by Angela Dominguez Stella Díaz wants to be friends with the new boy in class, but sometimes she accidentally speaks Spanish instead of English and pronounces words wrong, which makes her turn roja.



**Lights, Camera, Cook! (Next Best Junior Chef)** by Charise Mericle Harper

Follow Tate, Rae, Caroline, and Oliver both on and off-camera as they compete in a televised cooking competition.



**Maybe Maybe Marisol Rainey** by Erin Entrada Kelly

Her best friend makes things look easy but it's not easy for Marisol Rainey. Does she have the courage to try new things?

## Realistic & Historical

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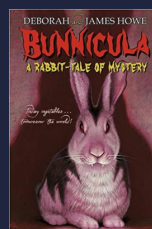
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## Mystery & Spooky



**Just Harriet** by Elana K. Arnold

When Harriet arrives on Marble Island, she discovers that it's full of surprises, and even a mystery. One that seems to involve her Dad, back when he was a young boy. One that Harriet is absolutely going to solve.



**Bunnicula: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery** by James and Deborah Howe

Chester the cat tries to convince his humans and friend Harold the dog that their new bunny is a vampire.



**Secret Spy Society: The Case of the Missing Cheetah** by Victoria Mang

Three girls get pulled into a mystery when they mistakenly uncover a secret society of some of the most famous female spies in history!



**I Survived Hurricane Katrina, 2005**

by Lauren Tarshis Barry's family tries to evacuate before Hurricane Katrina hits their home in New Orleans. But when his little sister gets sick, they're forced to stay and wait out the storm.



**Ways to Make Sunshine** by Renee Watson

The Hart family of Portland, Oregon, faces many setbacks after Ryan's father loses his job, but no matter what, Ryan tries to bring sunshine to her loved ones.



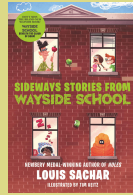
**Beatrice Zinker Upside Down Thinker**  
by Shelley Johannes   
Beatrice is afraid she is losing her best friend so she uses her topsy-turvy way of thinking to get things looking up.



**Real Pigeons Fight Crime**  
by Andrew McDonald   
Master of disguise Rock Pigeon, bendy Tumbler, strong Frillback and super-finder Homey, will solve any mystery!



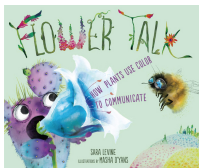
**Accidental Trouble Magnet (Planet Omar)**  
by Zanib Mian   
Omar goes through the ups and downs of starting a new school and making new friends with the help of his wonderful (and silly) Muslim family.



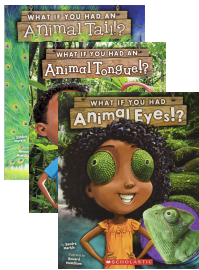
**Sideways Stories from Wayside School**  
by Louis Sachar   
Meet the students on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story.



**The Brilliant Deep: Rebuilding the World's Coral Reefs - The Story of Ken Nedimyer and the Coral Restoration Foundation** by Kate Messner j333.955 MES



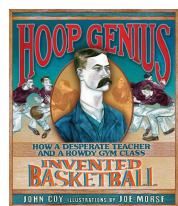
**Flower Talk: How Plants Use Color to Communicate** by Sara Levine; illus. by Masha D'Yans j582.13 LEV



**What if You Had Animal...? Series** by Sandra Markle; illus. by Howard McWilliam j591.44 MAR



**Eureka! Biography of an Idea Series** by various authors and illustrators j620 DRI/HOU/ZOE



**Hoop Genius: How a Desperate Teacher and a Rowdy Gym Class Invented Basketball** by John Coy; illus. by Joe Morse j796.23 COY



**Poem-Mobiles: Crazy Car Poems** by J. Patrick Lewis and Douglas Florian; illus. by Jeremy Holmes j811.54 LEW



**What Was Hurricane Katrina?** by Robin Michal Koontz; illus. by John Hinderliter j976.335 KOO



**InvestiGATORS** by John Patrick Green   
With their Very Exciting Spy Technology and their tried-and-true, toilet-based travel techniques, the InvestiGators are undercover and on the case!



**I Survived...** by Lauren Tarshis and HAUS Studio   
The popular *I Survived* series is now a graphic novel series!



**Mr. Wolf's Class** by Aron Nels Steinke   
Chronicles the everyday adventures of Mr. Wolf, a new teacher at Hazelwood Elementary school, and his class.



**Shark Lady: The True Story of How Eugenie Clark Became the Ocean's Most Fearless Scientist** by Jess Keating; illus. by Marta Alvarez Miguens jBIO CLARK



**The Crayon Man: The True Story of the Invention of Crayola Crayons** by Natascha Biebow; illus. by Steven Salerno jBIO BINNEY



**Guitar Genius: How Les Paul Engineered the Solid-Body Electric Guitar and Rocked the World** by Kim Tomsic; illus. by Brett Helquist jBIO PAUL



**Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor: The Woman Who Loved Reptiles** by Patricia Valdez; illus. by Felicita Sala jBIO PROCTER