

2023  
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: Overdrive Hoopla Playaway Wonderbook Book on CD

Science Fiction & Fantasy



**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** by Roald Dahl   
A golden ticket gets Charlie a tour of Willy Wonka's strange & magnificent factory.



**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!



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



**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.



**The Bookwanderers** by Anna James   
Tilly Pages finds comfort in her grandparents' bookshop since her mother's disappearance, and learns that she can bookwander into stories.



**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."

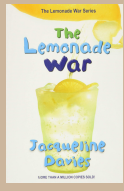
Realistic & Historical



**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



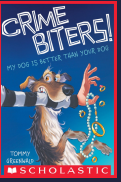
**The Book Scavenger**

by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman   
Emily and James follow clues in an odd book they find to learn who attacked Emily's hero, publisher Garrison Griswold.



**Midnight at the Barclay Hotel**

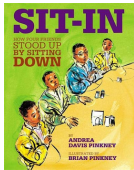
by Fleur Bradley   
Five murder suspects are invited to the haunted Barclay Hotel for a weekend, and it is up to JJ, Penny, and Emma to figure out who committed the crime.



**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



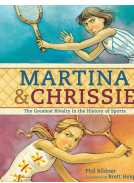
**Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down** by Andrea Davis Pinkney; illus. by Brian Pinkney j323.119 PIN



**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  
j590 KEA



**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



**Flight for Freedom: The Wetzel Family's Daring Escape from East Germany** by Kristen Fulton; illus. by Torben Kuhlmann j973.087 FUL

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 Sorrell jBIO ROSS