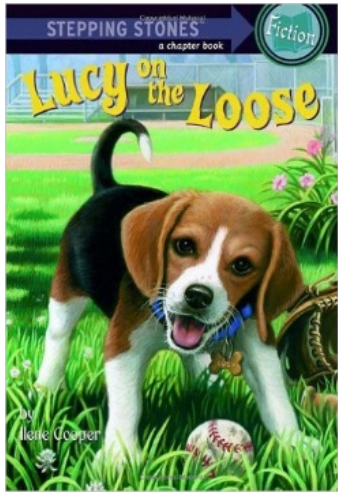


## Mrs. Burke's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading List

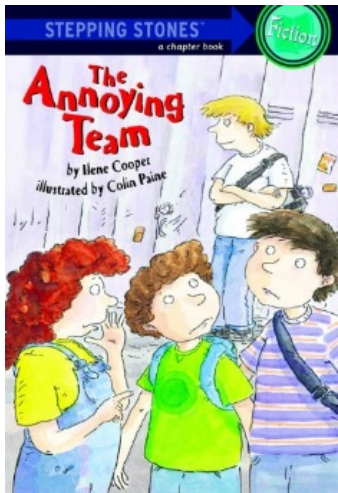


### ***Lucy on the Loose*** (Stepping Stones) by Ilene Cooper (\*Series)

When Bobby Quinn got a beagle puppy for his eighth birthday, his whole life changed. Lucy helped him forget his shyness and make new friends. But now Lucy's taken off after a fat orange cat, and no one in the neighborhood has seen her anywhere. What will Bobby do if his best friend is gone for good?

In this sequel to *Absolutely Lucy*, Ilene Cooper continues the irresistible story of a boy and his beagle.

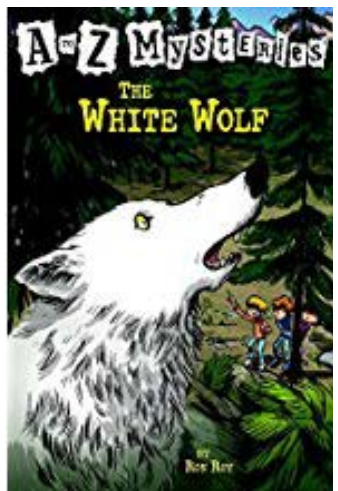
\*Any book in this 7-book series is a good choice.



### ***The Annoying Team*** by Ilene Cooper

Tim has a big problem. A big, tall problem named Jon. Jon always teases Tim. Then Tim gets the idea to start the Annoying Team. With the help of other kids who hate being picked on, Tim can bug Jon back. But will being annoying ever get . . . annoying?

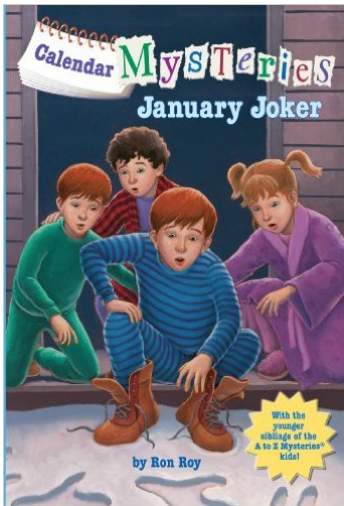
\*Any book from the *Stepping Stones* collection is a good choice. However, please keep in mind that the decoding level in this collection of books varies.



### ***The White Wolf*** by Ron Roy (\*Series)

W is for Wolf . . . Where could those wolves be? When the kids visit the Maine wilderness, they spot a white mother wolf and her babies on a cliff. But soon after that, the pups are stolen! Can Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose sniff out the culprits?

\*Help Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose solve mysteries from A to Z! Any book in the *A to Z Mystery* series is a good choice. However, please do not read *White House White Out*, which is part of our reading curriculum.

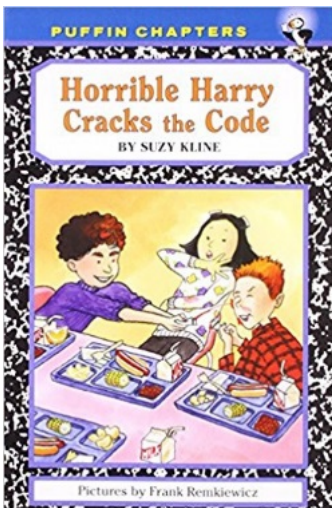


***The Calendar Mysteries* by Ron Roy (\*Series)**

It's a mystery every month from popular A to Z Mysteries author Ron Roy! With the younger siblings of the A to Z Mysteries kids!

In the first book of the Calendar Mysteries—an early chapter book mystery series—Green Lawn has a problem! When Bradley Pinto wakes up in the night to strange lights in his backyard, he wonders if there are aliens in town. When he sees three-toed tracks in the snow, he's sure of it. His twin, Brian, and friends Lucy and Nate aren't so certain. But then Lucy's cousin Dink, the twins' brother Josh, and Nate's sister Ruth Rose all disappear. Are there *really* aliens in Green Lawn? And where could they be taking Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose?

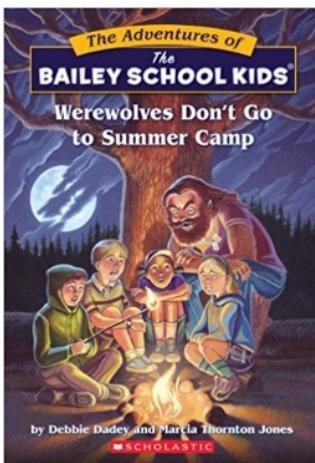
\*Any book in *The Calendar Mystery* series is a good choice.



***Horrible Harry Cracks the Code* by Suzy Kline (\*Series)**

Horrible Harry thinks he's the world's second-best detective - second only to Sherlock Holmes, of course. But the rest of the kids in Room 3B aren't so sure. So he's determined to prove himself by solving the latest mystery at South School - how to win the new cafeteria contest. He knows the cafeteria lady is using a special mathematical code, but can he crack the code before his classmate Mary tattles on him again? Or will the case go cold right before Harry's eyes?

\*Any book in the *Horrible Harry* series is a good choice.

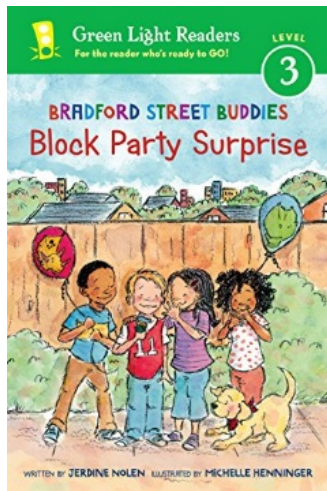


***The Bailey School Kids: Werewolves Don't Go to Summer Camp* by Marcia Thornton, Debbie Dadey, and Jones Dadey (\*Series)**

The new director at Camp Lone Wolf seems like a nice guy. But when the kids learn the legend of a local boy who disappeared and the wolf that prowls the campgrounds howling in the night, they start to wonder if Camp Lone Wolf is more than just a name. Mr. Jenkins is covered in hair, eats his meat almost raw, and has an obsession with wolves. But could he really be a werewolf?

\*Any Book in the *Bailey School Kids* series is a good choice.

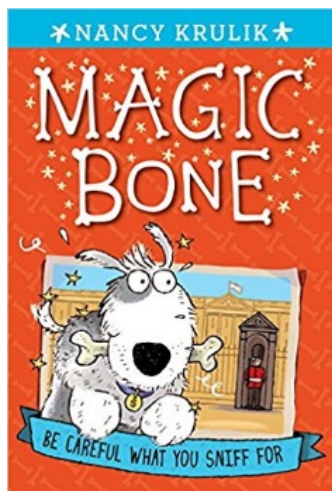




***The Bradford Street Buddies: Block Party Surprise*** by Jerdine Nolen (\*Series)

Welcome to the neighborhood! Join twins Jada and Jamal, and their best friends, Carlita and Josh, for Bradford Street's fall block party. Beginning and newly independent readers are in for a surprise of prehistoric proportions as they explore this fun-filled multicultural neighborhood brimming with community spirit.

\*Any book in the *Bradford Street Buddies* series is a good choice.



***Magic Bone*** by Nancy Krulik

Sent to the backyard for breaking a tick-tock-ticking toy, Sparky (an adorable but clumsy sheepdog puppy) immediately begins his favorite activity: diggety-dig-digging. Little does he know, he's about to dig up the most amazing toy ever--a magic bone! With one bite into that sparkling bone, Sparky is magically transported to London, where he makes new friends, sees the sights, and gets into a bit of trouble. Join Sparky on his adventure to see how he escapes and makes it back home!



***Busybody Nora*** by Johanna Hurwitz (\*Series)

That's what Nora asks her neighbors as she rides up and down the elevator of her apartment house. She doesn't *mean* to be a busybody. She just wants to be like doorman Henry and know all the people in her building--all 200 of them! And then one day Nora gets a great idea: they'll have a giant party, for everyone in the building!

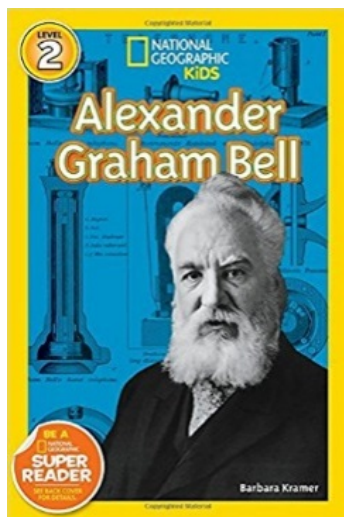
\*Any book from the *Riverside Kids* series is a good choice.



***Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie*** by Julie Sternberg (\*Series)

Eleanor's beloved babysitter, Bibi, is moving away. Suddenly, the things she used to enjoy aren't fun anymore—everything reminds her of Bibi. To make matters worse, Eleanor has a new babysitter, who just isn't the same. But as the new school year looms ahead, so do new beginnings. And Eleanor is about to learn some special things about herself, friendship, and the bittersweet process of growing up.

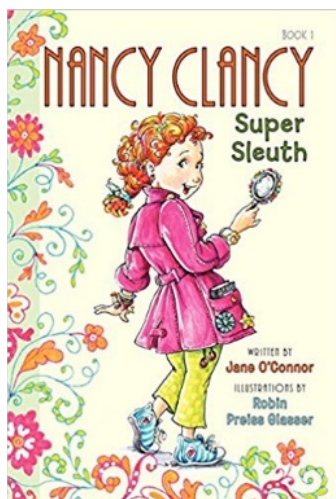
\*Any book in this series would be a good choice.



***Alexander Graham Bell*** by Barbara Kramer

Say hello to the inventor of the telephone—and so much more! Through leveled text and engaging photos, kids meet Alexander Graham Bell and learn about his important invention as well as his role in the founding of the National Geographic Society.

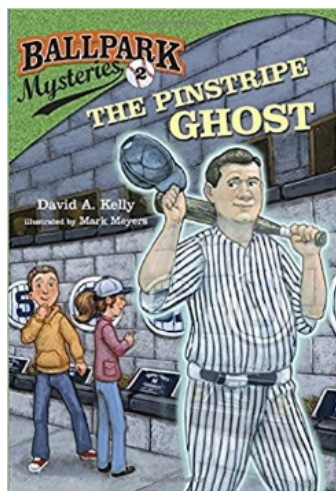
\*Any book in this collection is a good choice.



***Nancy Clancy Super Sleuth*** by Jane O'Connor (\*Series)

In this first in a series of delightful chapter books, Fancy Nancy takes on the role of detective. When one of Nancy's classmate's most treasured possessions disappear from school, it's up to detective Nancy to solve the mystery and save the day. With the help of her friend Bree, she follows the clues to an unexpected source.

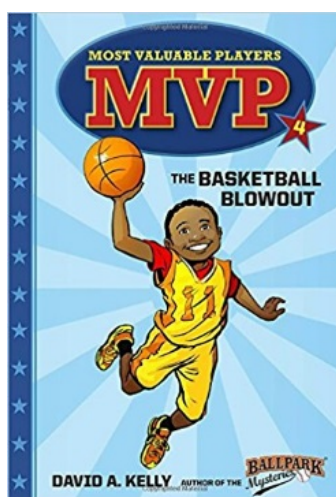
\*Any book from the *Nancy Clancy* series is a good choice.



***The Pinstripe Ghost*** by David A. Kelly (\*Series)

Mike and Kate are waiting for Kate's mom at a boring press conference in Yankee Stadium when the team official says something that makes Mike perk up his ears. There are rumors that the ghost of Babe Ruth is haunting the new stadium! A chill air blasts down a service hallway before every home game, along with various thumps and bumps. Is the Bambino really searching for his missing locker?

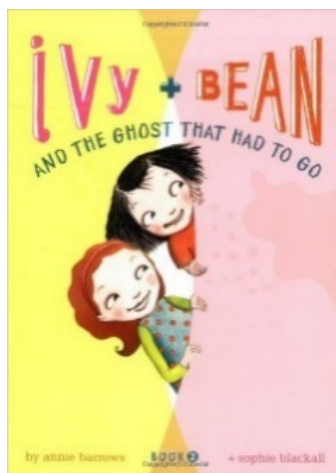
\*Any book from the *Ballpark Mysteries* series is a good choice.



***The Basketball Blowout*** by David A. Kelly (\*Series)

The MVP club needs to raise money for their basketball tournament. At first, they think selling popcorn will be easy... but then Luke eats more popcorn than he sells! Plus there's a new kid at school who might need the money even more than the team does. Can the MVP kids raise enough money, win the tournament, *and* help their friend?

\*Any book from the *Most Valuable Players MVP* series is a good choice.

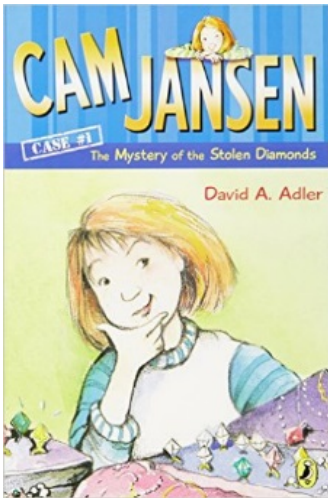


***Ivy & Bean and the Ghost that had to Go*** by Annie Barrows

Best friends Ivy and Bean are back and looking for adventure in the second installment of this engaging new series. This time they've made an amazing discovery - a ghost in the school bathroom! Ivy and Bean can see its cloudy form and its glowing eyes. They can hear its moaning voice. This is the best thing that ever happened at school until the teachers find out. Now Ivy and Bean have to figure out how to get the ghost out of the bathroom. Will they succeed? Maybe. Will they have fun? Of course!

\*Any book in the *Ivy and Bean* series is a good choice.



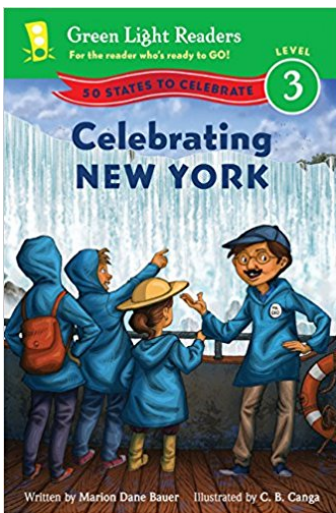


**Cam Jansen Series** by David Adler (\*Series)

No mystery is too great for super-sleuth Cam Jansen and her amazing photographic memory!

Can Cam help catch the diamond thief? Cam and her friend Eric are sitting at the mall when the jewelry store is robbed. Cam sees the thief, but the police arrest the wrong person. Now it's up to Cam to catch the real criminal!

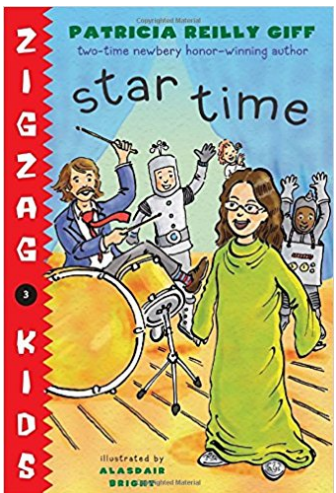
\*Any book in this series is a good choice.



**Celebrating New York: 50 States to Celebrate** by Marion Dane Bauer (\*Series)

Meet Mr. Geo, everybody's favorite geography teacher! He loves to explore new places. Today, he's visiting New York, the Empire State. His first stop is Times Square on New Year's Eve. He plans to climb to the top of the Statue of Liberty and watch a Broadway show, too. Then, he's heading north to visit many historic landmarks and scenic wonders, including Niagara Falls. Join Mr. Geo on his travels all around New York. Together, you will discover what makes this a state to celebrate.

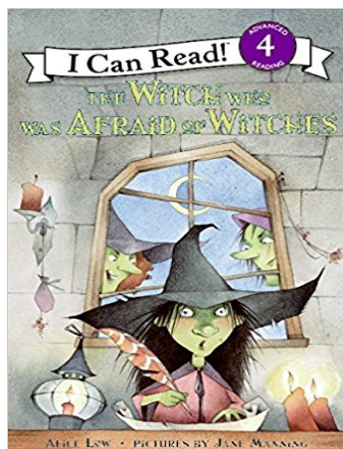
\*Any book in the *50 States to Celebrate* series is a good choice.



**Star Time** by Patricia Reilly Giff (\*Series)

In the fourth book in the Zigzag Kids series, it's show time at the Zelda A. Zigzag Afternoon Center. Gina loves to sing and she's determined to be the star of the play. She's already told everybody she knows to come see her. But her friend Destiny wants to be the star, too!

\*Any book in the *Zigzag Kids* series is a good choice.



***The Witch Who Was Afraid of Witches*** by Alice Low (\*Series)

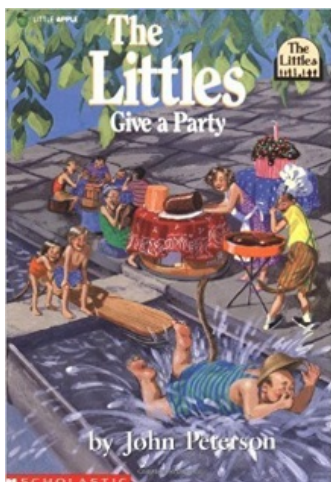
Wendy is a little witch who is afraid of her mean, bossy witch sisters—until one special Halloween night when she makes a magical discovery: Wendy's sisters can fly fast, cackle loudly, and cast spells, but Wendy can fly even faster. Can she find a way to out-witch her sisters?

\*Any book in the I Can Read Level 4 series is a good choice.



***Amazing Rescues*** by George Shea and Marshall H. Peck

A skydiving collision and rescue in midair; a girl snatched from the jaws of an alligator; a toddler saved after falling down an abandoned well: the three exciting true rescue stories in this title are told with realistic detail and suspense.



***The Littles Give a Party*** by John Peterson and Roberta Carter Clark (\*Series)

Granny Little is sad but no one is sure why. To cheer her up the Littles decide to throw her a surprise party! They'll have to find a way to get all her old friends to the party. But with the help of Cousin Dinky and his glider, they just might be able to get everyone there in time for the big surprise. With any luck, the party will be just what Granny needs to put a smile back on her face.

\*Any book in *The Littles* series is a good choice. However, please do not read *The Littles and the Big Storm* or *The Littles Take a Trip*, which are part of our reading curriculum.