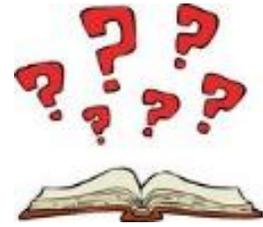


Welcome to Fourth Grade Summer Reading!

Mrs. Kennedy and Ms. Boyd



This summer we are encouraging students to read like a detective and solve the mystery of summer reading. There is no written assignment for rising fourth-graders. We offer some questions below to foster discussion about your summer reading at home. As many students enjoy keeping a record of their summer reading, we are providing a reading log (completion optional) and also the link to the Montgomery County Public Libraries summer reading program.



Why read a mystery? Mysteries are engaging and fun to read! They often get off to a fast start with an event that has just happened and a setting where you quickly meet interesting characters. **Many mysteries are written as part of a series, so if you find one you like, you can keep reading the series.**

As you read, you become a detective -- working to find clues, recognize red herrings (false clues), and identify the witnesses and suspects. While making inferences about characters from what they say and do, you sharpen your reading *and* your thinking skills while reading mysteries! These are skills you can then bring to reading all kinds of fiction and nonfiction books.



These questions help to categorize characters:

- Who is the detective?
- Who are the suspects?
- Who are the witnesses?



These questions support sequencing the plot:

- What is the mystery/crime/problem to be solved?
- What clues does the detective find? Pay attention to the order!
- What red herrings (false clues) distract the detective?
- How does the detective solve the mystery/crime/problem?



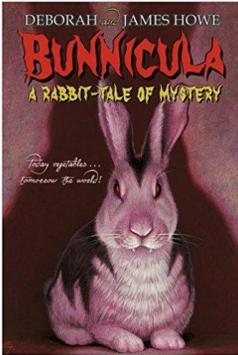
Reading like a detective means that you wonder:

- What will happen next?
- Why do characters act and speak a certain way?
- How do you think the problem will be solved?
- Who would you like to be in the story? Why?



Mystery Series Suggestions:

Below are some suggested mystery series at different reading levels to help you get started! You can find most of these suggestions at your local library, bookstore, on online vendor.



BUNNICULA by James Howe

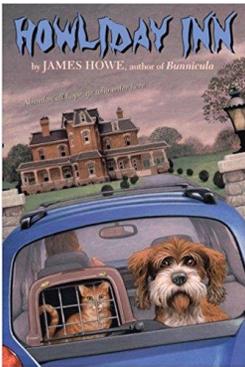
Book #1 of 7 in the Bunnacula Series

BEWARE THE HARE!

Is he or isn't he a vampire?

Before it's too late, Harold the dog and Chester the cat must find out the truth about the newest pet in the Monroe household -- a suspicious-looking bunny with unusual habits...and fangs!

Guided Reading Level Q



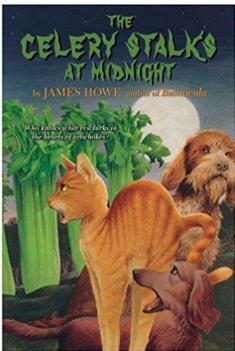
HOWLDAY INN by James Howe

Book #2 of 7 in the Bunnacula Series

Not a great place to visit, and you wouldn't want to live there.

The Monroes have gone on vacation, leaving Harold and Chester at Chateau Bow-Wow -- not exactly a four-star hotel. On the animals' very first night there, mysterious cries in the night are just the beginning of the frightening goings-on. Soon animals start disappearing, and there are whispers of murder. Is checkout time at Chateau Bow-Wow going to come earlier than Harold and Chester anticipated?

Guided Reading Level P



THE CELERY STALKS AT MIDNIGHT by James Howe

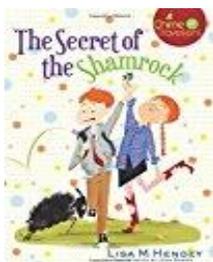
Book #3 of 7 in the Bunnacula Series

Hare today, gone tomorrow!

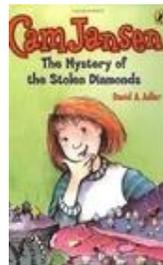
Bunnacula is missing! Chester is convinced all the world's vegetables are in danger of being drained of their life juices and turned into zombies. Soon he has Harold and Howie running around sticking toothpicks through hearts of lettuce and any other veggie in sight. Of course, Chester has been known to be wrong before...but you can never be too careful when there's a vampire bunny at large!

Guided Reading Level R

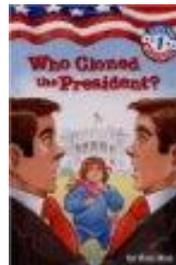
MORE MYSTERY SERIES TO CONSIDER



The Chime Travelers
Catholic faith-based



Cam Jansen
GRL L – N



Capital Mysteries
GRL N



Boxcar Children
GRL O



Spy X
GRL Q

With your parent or other trusted adult, check out the websites below to cyber-search for some great books in these different genres. Remember, a librarian is ready and willing to offer expert help at any local library—here at home, at the beach, or wherever you visit this summer!

READING LIST LINKS FOR PARENTS OF RISING THIRD GRADERS

Montgomery County Public Libraries offer wonderful resources—online and in person. Explore the website for features like “What should I read next?”, digital catalog and e-books. Start with the link below:

<https://montgomerycountymd.libguides.com/kids/books>

Be sure to check out **Montgomery County Public Libraries Summer Read and Learn program**. You may register online and log your reading online as well.

<https://montgomerycountymd.libguides.com/kids>

Read Brightly suggests these eight chapter books for fourth-graders:

<https://www.greatschools.org/gk/book-lists/favorite-books-for-fourth-graders/>

The **Great Schools** website features experts’ favorite books for Fourth-Graders, noting the books’ genres.

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RISING FOURTH GRADE READING LOG

(NOT REQUIRED)

Read like a detective and solve the mystery of summer reading.



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