**Kids of Polk Street School: Sunny-Side Up (series)**
Giff, Patricia Reilly
Call Letters: BC  Pgs: 74  Lexile: 180
Summer for Richard Best, nicknamed Beast, means facing the two ordeals of summer school and losing his best friend, who is moving to a distant state.

**Bink & Golly**
DiCamillo, Kate
Call Letters: O Dic  Pgs: 81  Lexile: 310
Two roller-skating best friends - one tiny, one tall - share three comical adventures involving outrageously bright socks, an impromptu trek to the Andes, and a most unlikely marvelous companion.

**Kids of Polk Street School: Beast in Ms. Roony’s Class (series)**
Giff, Patricia Reilly
Call Letters: BC  Pgs: 76  Lexile: 340
Held back for a year in second grade, Richard can't seem to help getting into trouble, until he gets really interested in reading and helps his class in a special way.

**Ghost Dog**
Warren, C
Call Letters: F Wa  Pgs: 33  Lexile: 350
When Nate and Jack are awakened by ghostly sounds of a dog howling, they are led to a starving pup tied up in an abandoned yard.

**Sleepwalker**
Powell, Jillian
Call Letters: F Po  Pgs: 33  Lexile: 360
Josh and his new stepbrother, Tom, seem to have nothing in common when they first move in together, but when Tom begins sleepwalking, Josh makes a frightening discovery.

**Cool Zone with Pain and the Great One (series)**
Blume, Judy
More adventures at school and at home with Jake, a 1st-grader, and his older sister Abigail, known to each other as the Pain and the Great One.

**Monica and the Bratty Stepsister (series)**
Gallagher, Diana G.
Call Letters: F Gal  Pgs: 78  Lexile: 370
Monica tries to be nice to her 8-year-old stepsister, Angela, but she begins to wonder why she bothers when it seems like Angela is trying to get her in trouble.
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**Pee Wee Scouts: Camp Ghost-Away (series)**  
Delton, Judy  
Call Letters: BC  Pgs: 80  Lexile: 380  
The Pee Wee Scouts sell donuts to raise money for a camping trip. When they arrive at the camp, a strange and scary voice scares them during the night.

**Jake Maddox: Mr. Strike Out (series)**  
Maddox, Jake  
Call Letters: BC  Pgs: 65  Lexile: 380  
David is a great baseball pitcher, but he always strikes out at bat until he learns about Babe Ruth and the importance of practice.

**Roscoe Riley: Never Glue Your Friends to Chairs (series)**  
Applegate, Katherine  
Call Letters: BC  Pgs: 79  Lexile: 380  
Roscoe Riley, upset with the notion that his teacher could get in trouble, comes up with a plan to keep the bee antennae on the first graders' heads, and help the drummers stay in their seats for the open house play.

**Calvin Coconut: Trouble Magnet (series)**  
Salisbury, Graham  
Call Letters: F Sal  Pgs: 152  Lexile: 410  
9-year-old Calvin catches the attention of the school bully on the day before he starts fourth grade, while the unfriendly, 15-year-old daughter of his mom's best friend takes over his bedroom.

**Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie**  
Cordell, Matthew  
Call Letters: F Cor  Pgs: 122  Lexile: 440  
When 9-year-old Eleanor's beloved babysitter Bibi moves away to care for her ailing father, Eleanor must spend the summer adjusting to a new babysitter while mourning the loss of her old one.

**Jake Drake, Bully Buster (series)**  
Clements, Andrew  
Call Letters: F Cle  Pgs: 67  Lexile: 460  
Jake Drake has his hands full trying to survive in second grade with Link Baxter, the class bully.

**Tales of a 4th Grade Nothing (series)**  
Blume, Judy  
Call Letters: F Bl  Pgs: 120  Lexile: 470  
Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever-increasing problem.
**Miami Jackson Makes the Play (series)**
McKissack, Patricia
Call Letters: BC M  Pgs: 91  Lexile: 470
Miami's enjoyment of summer baseball camp is threatened by the presence of an antagonistic lodgemate and his main enemy, Destinee Tate.

**Please Write in This Book (MHL Winner 2012)**
Amato, Mary
Call Letters: F Am  Pgs: 97  Lexile: 480
When 4th grade teacher Ms. Wurtz leaves a blank book in the Writer's Corner with a note encouraging those who find it to "talk to each other" in its pages, the student's entries spark a classroom-wide battle.

**Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid**
McDonald, Megan
Call Letters: F Mc  Pgs: 102  Lexile: 480
Every morning, Judy Moody measures Stink and it's always the same: 3 feet, 8 inches tall. Stink feels like even the class newt is growing faster than he is. Then, one day, the ruler reads 3 feet, 7 and 3/4 inches! Is Stink shrinking?

**Good Dog**
Avi
Call Letters: F Av  Pgs: 243  Lexile: 480
McKinley, a malamute, is torn between the domestic world of his human family and the wild world of Lupin, a wolf that is trying to recruit dogs to replenish the dwindling wolf pack.

**Loser List**
Kowitt, Holly
Call Letters: F Ko  Pgs: 213  Lexile: 480
Danny Shine tries to get his name off the "Loser List" in the girls' bathroom and winds up in detention, where the school bullies befriend him. But when the bullies steal from his favorite store, Danny needs to find a way to return it and end his association with the bullies before he gets a new reputation.

**Crunch**
Connor, Leslie
The oldest Mariss brother, 14-year-old Dewey, juggles the management of the family's bicycle repair business after a sudden energy crisis strands their parents far from home.

**Big Nate: In a Class By Himself**
Peirce, Lincoln
Call Letters: F Pei  Pgs: 214  Lexile: 500
Supremely confident middle school student Nate Wright manages to make getting detention from every one of his teachers in the same day seem like an achievement.
Kylie Jean: Drama Queen (series)  
Peschke, Marci  
Call Letters: F Pes  Pgs: 103  Lexile: 500  
Kylie Jean Carter knows she would be perfect to play the Queen of Hearts in the class play, but the new girl, Paula Dupree, also has her sights set on the role.

Ellie McDoodle: New Kid in School  
Barshaw, Ruth  
Call Letters: F Ba  Pgs: 170  Lexile: 510  
11-year-old Ellie McDoodle illustrates her sketchbook with chronicles of her adventures and mishaps while camping with her cousins, aunt, and uncle.

Girl With 500 Middle Names  
Haddix, Margaret Peterson  
Call Letters: F Ha  Pgs: 81  Lexile: 510  
Janie's parents move to the suburbs so she can go to a better school, but when she discovers that all the other students are richer than she is, she feels out of place--until she realizes that there are more important things than money.

Ivy and Bean (series)  
Barrows, Annie  
Call Letters: F Ba  Pgs: 113  Lexile: 510  
When 7-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected.

Nasty Stinky Sneakers  
Bunting, Eve  
Call Letters: F Bu  Pgs: 105  Lexile: 510  
Will 10-year-old Colin find his missing stinky sneakers in time to enter The Stinkiest Sneakers in the World contest?

George Brown: World's Worst Wedgie (series)  
Krulick, Nancy  
Call Letters: BC  Pgs: 123  Lexile: 520  
10-year-old George Brown tries his best to earn money for a special toy he wants, but whether he is working in his mother's craft shop or setting up a backyard circus, the magic burps erupt at exactly the wrong time and foil his plans.

Secret Identity (Book 1: Shredderman)  
Van Draanen, Wendelin  
Call Letters: F Va  Pgs: 138  Lexile: 520  
5th-grader Nolan Byrd, tired of being called names by the class bully, has a secret identity--Shredderman!
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**Chicken!: Be Brave with David Mortimore Baxter (series)**
Tayleur, Karen
Call Letters: F Ta  Pgs: 88  Lexile: 520
While at camp with his classmates, David is too scared to walk over a suspension bridge and gets the nickname chicken, which he tries to live down.

**Cody Unplugged (series)**
Duffey, Betsy
Call Letters: F Di  Pgs: 87  Lexile: 530
Concerned that his television and video habits have gotten out of hand, Cody's parents send him to Camp Bear where he learns to experience real life rather than virtual reality.

**Eyes on the Goal**
Coy, John
Call Letters: F Co  Pgs: 164  Lexile: 530
While away at soccer camp, Jackson learns that his mother's boyfriend has invited them to move into his house, and friend Diego's father is deployed to Afghanistan.

**Judy Moody (series)**
McDonald, Megan
Call Letters: F Mc  Pgs: 160  Lexile: 530
3rd grader Judy Moody is in a first day of school bad mood until she gets an assignment to create a collage all about herself and begins creating her masterpiece, the Me collage.

**Top of the Order**
Coy, John
Call Letters: F Co  Pgs: 182  Lexile: 530
10-year-old Jackson lives for baseball, but becomes distracted by the approach of middle school, his mother's latest boyfriend, and the presence his good friend's sister on his team.

**Mallory on the Move (series)**
Friedman, Laurie
Call Letters: F Fr  Pgs: 158  Lexile: 550
After moving to a new town, 8-year-old Mallory keeps throwing stones in the "Wishing Pond" but things will not go back to the way they were before, and she remains torn between old and new best friends.

**Morgy Makes His Move**
Lewis, Maggie
Call Letters: F Le  Pgs: 74  Lexile: 550
When 3rd-grader Morgy MacDougal-MacDuff moves from California to Massachusetts with his parents, he has a lot of new things to get used to before he feels comfortable.
Winners Take All
Bowen, Fred
Call Letters: F Bo   Pgs: 104   Lexile: 560
When Kyle fakes a catch, his baseball team goes on to win the league championship but Kyle doesn't feel good about winning by cheating.

Alvin Ho: Allergic to Camping, Hiking and Other Natural Disasters (series)
Look, Lenore
Call Letters: F Loo   Pgs: 170   Lexile: 570
Alvin makes a new friend and learns that he can be brave when his father takes him camping, hoping to instill a love of nature.

Gooney Bird Greene (series)
Lowry, Lois
Call Letters: F Lo   Pgs: 88   Lexile: 590
A most unusual new student who loves to be the center of attention entertains her teacher and fellow second graders by telling absolutely true stories about herself, including how she got her name.

Sloppy Copy Slip-Up
DiSalvo, Dyanne
Call Letters: F Dis   Pgs: 103   Lexile: 590
4th-grader, Brian Higman, worries about how his teacher Miss Fromme will react when he fails to hand in a writing assignment; but he ends up being able to tell his story after all.

Niagara Falls, Or Does It? (Book 1: Hank Zipzer)
Winkler, Henry
Call Letters: F Wi   Pgs: 133   Lexile: 610
When Hank Zipzer has to write an essay on what he did over the summer, he decides instead to "show" what he did.

Because of Winn-Dixie
DiCamillo, Kate
Call Letters: F Di   Pgs: 182   Lexile: 610
10-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.

Keena Ford and the Second Grade Mix-Up
Thomson, Melissa
Call Letters: BC T   Pgs: 102   Lexile: 620
Second grader Kenna Ford tries to do the right thing, but always seems to make things worse, especially when it comes to a mixed up birthday.
Melonhead
Kelly, Katy
Call Letters: F Kel  Pgs: 209  Lexile: 620
Adam "Melonhead" Melon, a budding inventor with a knack for getting into trouble, enters a science contest that challenges students to recycle an older invention into a new invention.

Lemonade War
Davies, Jacqueline
Call Letters: F Da  Pgs: 173  Lexile: 630
Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for 4th grade and as summer's end approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars.

Boys are Dogs
Margolis, Leslie
Call Letters: F Ma  Pgs: 195  Lexile: 630
After Annabelle's mother starts dating a new boyfriend, she faces life in a new town with a new school, and a new puppy, and while training the dog Annabelle decides to experiment with some of her training techniques to deal with the unruly middle school boys in her class.

It's Raining Cupcakes
Schroeder, Lisa
Call Letters: F Sch  Pgs: 193  Lexile: 640
12-year-old Isabel dreams of seeing the world but has never left Oregon, and so when her best friend tells her of a baking contest whose winners travel to New York City, she eagerly enters despite concerns about her mother, who is opening a cupcake bakery.

The Jacket
Clements, Andrew
Call Letters: F Cle  Pgs: 89  Lexile: 640
Sixth-grader Phil comes to an awareness of his own racial prejudice after he sees Daniel, an African-American boy, wearing his brother's one-of-a-kind jacket and leaps to the conclusion that Daniel has stolen the coat.

STAT #1: Home Court (series)
Stoudemire, Amar'e
Call Letters: F Sto  Pgs: 134  Lexile: 650
When an older group of boys start bullying his friends on the basketball court, Amar'e is forced to step in and use his athletic ability and intelligence to save the day.

Bobby vs. Girls (Accidentally)
Yee, Lisa
Call Letters: F Ye  Pgs: 170  Lexile: 650
Bobby inadvertently gets into a fight with his best friend Holly, and their disagreement develops into a boys versus girls war involving their whole 4th-grade class.
**Marty McGuire**
Messner, Kate  
Call Letters: F Me  Pgs: 129  Lexile: 660  
Marty loves playing in the mud and catching frogs, but when she learns that her teacher has cast her as the Frog Princess in the 3rd-grade play, she is anything but happy.

**Nikki & Deja**
English, Karen  
Call Letters: BC E  Pgs: 76  Lexile: 670  
When an arrogant new girl comes to school, third-graders and best friends Nikki and Deja decide to form a club that would exclude her but find the results not what they expected.

**Pick of the Litter**
Wallace, Bill  
Call Letters: F Wal  Pgs: 172  Lexile: 680  
12-year-old Tom learns first-hand about honor, first when he is wrongly accused of lying at school and then when he faces the risk of losing a puppy he has come to love.

**Champ (MHL 1st Place 2010)**
Jones, Marcia Thornton  
Call Letters: F Jo  Pgs: 187  Lexile: 690  
Riley struggles to make his father proud, despite his poor athletic abilities, but when he meets Champ, a 3-legged former show dog, Riley learns that winning doesn't always have to mean coming in first.

**Year of the Dog**
Lin, Grace  
Call Letters: F Lin  Pgs: 134  Lexile: 690  
Frustrated at her seeming lack of talent for anything, a young Taiwanese American girl sets out to apply the lessons of the Chinese Year of the Dog, those of making best friends and finding oneself, to her own life.

**Elvis & Olive**
Watson, Stephanie Elaine  
Call Letters: F Wa  Pgs: 230  Lexile: 690  
In spite of their differences, Natalie Wallis and Annie Beckett become friends and decide to spend their summer spying on their neighbors.

**How to Steal a Dog**
O'Connor, Barbara  
Call Letters: F Co  Pgs: 170  Lexile: 700  
Living in the family car after their father leaves them virtually penniless, Georgina, desperate to improve their situation, persuades her younger brother to help her in a scheme to get money by stealing a dog and then claiming the reward that the owners are bound to offer.
Road to Paris
Grimes, Nikki
Call Letters: F Gr  Pgs: 153  Lexile: 700
Inconsolable at being separated from her older brother, eight-year-old Paris is apprehensive about her new foster family but just as she learns to trust them, she faces a life-changing decision.

Ten (Winnie Years series)
Myracle, Lauren
Call Letters: F Myr  Pgs: 208  Lexile: 700
Winnie Perry is certain that she will gain more courage and responsibilities with her 10th birthday and, with her best friend Amanda by her side, Winnie is determined to make the most of her last year of elementary school.

Sugar and Ice
Messner, Kate
Call Letters: F Me  Pgs: 275  Lexile: 710
12-year-old ice skater Claire Boucher is offered a scholarship to train at Lake Placid, where she finds herself rocked by the challenges of competitive ice skating.

Frankly Franny (series)
A.J. Stern
Call Letters: F Ste  Pgs: 123  Lexile: 710
Frannie Miller, who cannot wait to grow up and work in an office with a swivel chair and her own assistant, causes havoc when she tries to help out while on a school field trip to the local radio station.

Crooked Kind of Perfect
Urban, Linda
Call Letters: F Ur  Pgs: 213  Lexile: 730
10-year-old Zoe Elias, who longs to play the piano but must resign herself to learning the organ instead, finds that her musicianship has a positive impact on her workaholic mother, her jittery father, and her school social life.

Second Life of Abigail Walker
Dowell, Frances O'Roark
Call Letters: F Do  Pgs: 228  Lexile: 740
Bullied by two mean girls in her sixth-grade class, a lonely, plump girl gains self-confidence and makes new friends after a mysterious fox gently bites her.

Captain Nobody
Pitchford, Dean
Call Letters: F Pit  Pgs: 208  Lexile: 750
When 10-year-old Newton dresses up as an unusual superhero for Halloween, he decides to keep wearing the costume after the holiday to help save townspeople and eventually his injured brother.
Big One-Oh
Pitchform, Dean
Call Letters: F Pi  Pgs: 181  Lexile: 750
Determined not to be weird all his life like his neighbor, Charley Maplewood decides to throw himself a 10th birthday party, complete with a "house of horrors" theme, but first he will have to make some friends to invite.

Strange Case of Origami Yoda
Angleberger, Tom
Call Letters: F An  Pgs: 141  Lexile: 760
6th-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future.

Beauty and the Beast: The Only One Who Didn't Run Away
Mass, Wendy
Call Letters: F Ma  Pgs: 282  Lexile: 760
Living in the shadows of their seemingly perfect older siblings, Beauty and Prince Riley have a hard time figuring out who they’re supposed to be. When each experience an unusual turn of events, however, they realize that the only way to save each other is by saving themselves.

Kickoff!
Barber, Tiki
Call Letters: F Ba  Pgs: 156  Lexile: 760
12-year-olds Tiki and Ronde tryout for the junior high football team and hope to not only get a spot but also to be a part of the starting lineup.

Thing About Georgie
Graff, Lisa
Call Letters: F Ga  Pgs: 220  Lexile: 770
Georgie's dwarfism causes problems, but he could always rely on his parents, his best friend, and classmate Jeanie the Meanie's teasing, until a surprising announcement, a new boy in school, and a class project shake things up.

Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester
O'Connor, Barbara
Call Letters: F Oc  Pgs: 168  Lexile: 770
An amazing secret has tumbled off a freight train and Owen Jester is the only person who knows about it. If he can simply manage to evade his grandfather's housekeeper, organize his two best friends, and keep his nosy neighbor at bay, he just might be in for the summer of a lifetime.

Lost and Found
Clements, Andrew
Call Letters: F Cl  Pgs: 161  Lexile: 780
Twin brothers Jay and Ray Grayson learn about friendship, honesty, and themselves after taking advantage of a clerical oversight in which their new school thinks there is only one Grayson boy.
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**Justin Case: School, Drool and Other Deadly Disasters**  
Vail, Rachel  
Call Letters: F Vai  
Pgs: 245  
Lexile: 790  
Justin is very nervous about starting third grade and must make the best of things when he does not get the teacher he wanted, his best friend is in another class, and his favorite stuffed animal disappears.

**Clementine (series)**  
Pennypacker, Sara  
Call Letters: F Pe  
Pgs: 133  
Lexile: 790  
While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, 8-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.

**The Penderwicks**  
Birdsall, Jeanne  
Call Letters: F Bi  
Pgs: 262  
Lexile: 800  
While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother.

**Julia Gillian**  
McGhee, Alison  
Call Letters: F M  
Pgs: 280  
Lexile: 810  
9-year-old Julia Gillian learns a lot about facing fear as she and her St. Bernard, Bigfoot, take long walks through their Minneapolis neighborhood one hot summer, and she seeks the courage to finish a book that could have an unhappy ending.

**No Talking**  
Clements, Andrew  
Call Letters: F Cl  
Pgs: 146  
Lexile: 820  
The noisy 5th grade boys of Laketon Elementary School challenge the equally loud fifth grade girls to a "no talking" contest.

**Frindle**  
Clements, Andrew  
Call Letters: F Cl  
Pgs: 105  
Lexile: 830  
When he decides to turn his 5th-grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.

**Ellray Jakes is Not a Chicken (series)**  
Warner, Sally  
Call Letters: BC W  
Pgs: 108  
Lexile: 840  
Eight-year-old EllRay's father has promised a family trip to Disneyland if EllRay can stay out of trouble for a week, but not defending himself against Jared, the class bully, proves to be a real challenge.
Lunch Money
Clements, Andrew
Call Letters: F Cl  Pgs: 222  Lexile: 840
12-year-old Greg, who has always been good at moneymaking projects, is surprised to find himself teaming up with his lifelong rival, Maura, to create a series of comic books to sell at school.

Moving Day: Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls (series)
Cabot, Meg
Call Letters: F Ca  Pgs: 228  Lexile: 850
9-year-old Allie Finkle has rules for everything and is even writing her own rule book, but her world is turned upside-down when she learns that her family is moving across town, which will mean a new house, school, best friend, and plenty of new rules.

Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Writing Thank-You Notes (series)
Gifford, Peggy
Call Letters: F Gi  Pgs: 159  Lexile: 870
10-year-old Moxy Maxwell has promised to write twelve thank-you notes by the day after Christmas so that she and her twin brother Mark can go to Hollywood to visit their father, but all her brilliant ideas to help finish the task more efficiently end up creating chaos in the house.

Oggie Cooder
Weeks, Sarah
Call Letters: F We  Pgs: 176  Lexile: 880
Quirky 4th-grader Oggie Cooder goes from being shunned to everyone's best friend when his uncanny ability to chew slices of cheese into the shapes of states wins him a slot on a popular television talent show, but he soon learns the perils of being a celebrity - and having a neighbor girl as his manager.

Dog for Life
Matthews, L.S.
Call Letters: F Ma  Pgs: 167  Lexile: 910
John finds that his dog, Mouse, is scheduled to go to the pound and decides to run away and find his uncle, who may be able to help him.

Comeback Kids: Hot Hand (series)
Lupica, Mike
Call Letters: F Lu  Pgs: 165  Lexile: 930
In the wake of his parents' separation, 10-year-old Billy seems to have continual conflicts with his father, who is also his basketball coach, but his quiet, younger brother Ben, a piano prodigy, is having even more trouble adjusting, and only Billy seems to notice.

Green Dog: A Mostly True Story
Staples, Suzanne
Call Letters: F St  Pgs: 119  Lexile: 960
During the summer before 5th grade, Suzanne, a daydreaming loner who likes to fish and walk through the woods, acquires a canine companion.
Ida B
Hannigan, Katherine
Call Letters: F Ha   Pgs: 246   Lexile: 970
In Wisconsin, 4th-grader Ida B spends happy hours being home-schooled and playing in her family's apple orchard, until her mother begins treatment for breast cancer and her parents must sell part of the orchard and send her to public school.

100 Days and 99 Nights
Madison, Alan
Call Letters: F Ma   Pgs: 137   Lexile: 970
Living on the army base in Alexandria, Virginia, 7-year-old Esme is "mad-sad" when her father, a sergeant, is called to war. As she counts off the 100 days of his tour of duty, her zoo of stuffed animals comforts her.

Just Grace (series)
Harper, Charise Mericle
Call Letters: F Ha   Pgs: 138   Lexile: 1060
Misnamed by her teacher, 7-year-old Just Grace prides herself on being empathetic, but when she tries to help a neighbor feel better, her good intentions backfire.

Lucy Rose: Here's the Thing About Me (series)
Kelly, Katy
Call Letters: F Ke   Pgs: 137   Lexile: 1190
8-year-old Lucy Rose keeps a diary of her first year in Washington, D.C., where she spends time with her grandparents, makes new friends, and longs to convince her teacher to let her take care of the class pet during a holiday.