

**BARNES & NOBLE SUMMER READING**  
with **ANDREW CLEMENTS**

# “IMAGINE IF YOU CALLED IT A FRINDLE”

Belief in the power of words is at the heart of all of Andrew Clements’s stories and books, especially the bestselling *Frindle*.

“Sometimes,” Clements writes, “kids ask how I’ve been able to write so many books. The answer is simple: one word at a time.” Clements’s words have added up to become popular books like *No Talking*, *The Landry News*, and *Lunch Money*—school stories that are funny and wise. Now Andrew Clements wants you to join him in taking reading outside the classroom this summer—and to help you earn a FREE book from Barnes & Noble.

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2. Use your **Summer Reading Journal** (see other side) to tell us your favorite part of each book. Have your parent or guardian sign your journal when it is complete.
3. Bring your completed **Reading Journal** to a Barnes & Noble store between May 29th and Sept. 2nd.
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STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT / GUARDIAN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT / GUARDIAN PHONE # or EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE and AUTHOR	FAVORITE PART OF THE STORY
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This form serves as your entry form. Be sure to include a parent or guardian's phone number or email address so we can let him or her know if you win.

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## ACTIVITY 1

### FIND YOUR FAVORITES

Identifying your favorite authors and illustrators is an important part of exploring the world of books. Answer the questions below to focus on why you like this person's work.

1. Who is your favorite author or illustrator?

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2. What was the first book you read by this person?

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3. Who recommended this book or read it to you?

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4. What other books have you read by your favorite author or illustrator?

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5. What additional books by him or her do you plan to read this summer?

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6. What makes this person's book(s) so special to you?

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7. Are you able to identify this author/illustrator's writing/art style?

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8. What makes it so easy to recognize?

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9. What else would you like this person to write or draw?

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10. Does anything else you've read share similar qualities?

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## ACTIVITY 2

### FICTION AND NON-FICTION

It's important to understand the difference between fiction and non-fiction. Fiction is a story made up from the writer's imagination. It can include real people and events, but the story is imaginary. Non-fiction is written entirely from factual information. Even though they are filled with details of classroom life, Andrew Clements's books are fiction.

There are a number of different types (or genres) of books you can read. Use the check boxes to mark which types of books are fiction and which non-fiction. Then list an example of each from your own reading.

	Fiction	Non-Fiction	Examples You Have Read
Mystery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Humor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Biography	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Diary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Fantasy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
History	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Nature	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Tall Tale	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Reference	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

You should read different types of books just as you should eat a well-balanced diet. Have fun this summer by exploring different genres. Start your reading list here.

- Biography \_\_\_\_\_
- Humor \_\_\_\_\_
- History \_\_\_\_\_
- Mystery \_\_\_\_\_
- Series \_\_\_\_\_



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## ACTIVITY 3

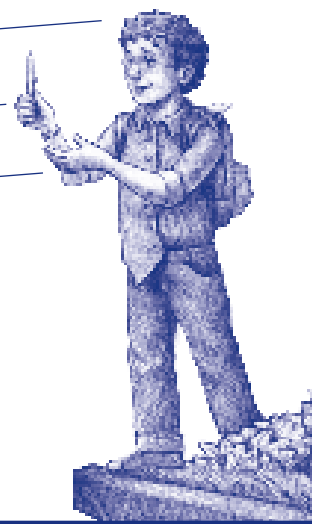
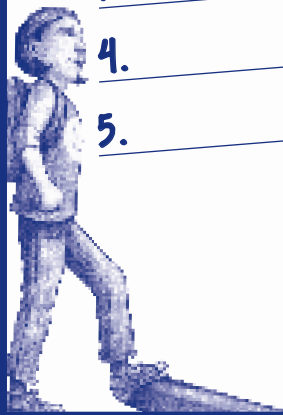
### WHAT'S IN A WORD?

*Frindle* is about a boy who makes up a new word for a common object. On the left hand blanks below, write the name of five things you use every day. Then make up new names for these things and write them on the right. See if your classmates can guess what your invented words mean.

Old Word	New Word
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____

Ask your teacher to provide five unfamiliar words. Write them on the lines on the left below. On the right, guess what they might mean.

Unfamiliar Word	Your Guess
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____



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# ACTIVITY 4

## LESSONS THAT LAST

Think of the teacher who has taught you the most.  
Can you remember the first day in his or her classroom?  
Begin a story about your experiences with this teacher by describing  
the classroom as it looked to you on the first day of school.

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