Gallagher hopes to lead his team to victory with the secrets of the now disgraced player, Dante Del Gato. J FIC

BREAKAWAY
By Andrea Montalbano
When seventh-grade soccer star LJ befriends Tabitha, who could not be more different from her, LJ learns to curb her competitive nature, which has been slowly alienating her friends. J FIC

THE FAST AND THE FURRIEST
By Andy Behrens
The overweight and non-athletic son of a famous former football star discovers that his equally fat and lazy dog is unexpectedly—and obsessively—interested in dog agility contests. J FIC

FULL COURT FEVER
By Fred Bowen
Will Michael and the rest of the seventh-grade basketball team find a way to beat the taller and stronger eighth-graders? J PBK

SIX INNINGS: A Game in the Life
By James Preller
Sam and Mike, best friends, are trying to come to terms with Sam’s newly diagnosed cancer. The baseball diamond becomes the ultimate testing ground of Sam and Mike’s remarkable friendship.

SPORTS CAMP
By Richard Wallace
It’s hard enough for a shrimp like Riley to fit in at sports camp. He just turned eleven in April, and most kids here are older—and gigantic. How can he avoid being the weak link as his bunk competes for the Camp Olympia Trophy? J PBK, J FIC

There’s a Girl in My Hammerlock
By Jerry Spinelli
Maisy Potter’s life gets complicated when she decides to try out for her school’s all-boy wrestling team. J PBK, J FIC

Great Books recommended by the Youth Librarians at The Ferguson Library

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Fourth-grader Bobby is

By Lisa Yee

(Bobby vs. Girls Series)

Sometimes not so bad after all. Leaning that the dog—him to join a team, and

Fourth-grader Mason

By Claudia Mills

Basketball Disasters

The ball hogs

(Kickers Series)

By Rich Wallace

Nine-year-old Ben, a member of the Bobcats soccer team, tries to

overcome his inexperience, but his annoying teammate keeps hogging

the ball. J BEG

Basketball disasters

(Mason Dixon Series)

By Claudia Mills

Fourth-grader Mason struggles to enjoy playing

basketball after his best friend persuades him to join a team, and learns that the dog-hating

next door is not so bad after all. J FIC

Booby the brave

(sometimes)

(Bobby vs. Girls Series)

By Lisa Yee

Fourth-grader Bobby is

hurt when his former pro-football player father says the two of them are

nothing alike, but finally summons the courage to talk about it after his

public humiliation attack proves how right his father is. J FIC

Centerfield ballhawk

(Peach Street Muddlers Series)

By Matt Christopher

Jose worries about disappointing his father when his batting average starts

to sink. J BEG

Dirt on their skirts

By Doreen Rappaport

& Lyndall Callen

Margaret loves watching the playoffs of the historic first All-American Girls Professional

Baseball League. J BEG

Doubles troubles

(Gym Shorts Series)

By Betty Hicks

Henry worries that his partner, Rocky, will keep

them from winning the doubles tennis trophy, and Henry’s friend Jazz worries that Henry won’t

finish his part of their history project. Can Henry serve up an ace on and off the court? J BEG

Frankie pickle and the pine run 3000

By Eric Wight

Fourth-grader Frankie’s vivid imagination does not impress the rest of his

scout troop, but winning the Pine Run 3000 Model Car Race sure willl J BEG

HAT TRICK

(Soccer ‘Cats Series)

By Matt Christopher

Stookie’s brother Greg scores three goals in one game and insists that

strikers should always score a hat trick in every game. Stookie runs wild

chasing the ball during the next game, but is that really the best way for

him to play? J BEG

Mia

(american girl series)

By Laurence Yep

Tired of ice skating in her brother’s shadow, Mia decides to become a figure skater. J FIC

Owen foote, soccer star

By Stephanie Greene

Owen is looking forward to playing on a soccer team with his best friend

Joseph—but a tough new coach and an obnoxious teammate just might spoil the fun. J BEG

Salt in his shoes

By Roslyn Jordan

Although he is the shortest player on his team, young Michael Jordan learns the importance of

practice and determination. J BEG

Soccer Sam

By Jean Marzollo

When Sam’s cousin from Mexico comes to visit, he teaches the entire second grade class how to play

soccer. J BEG

Stink and the ultimate thumb-wrestling smack-down

By Megan McDonald

Time for Stink Moody to get into fighting shape after getting a U for

unsatisfactory in gym. A scan of the sports channel leads to a knock-out find: world-class thumb-wrestling it is! J BEG

Swish!

By Bill Martin, Jr. & Michael Sampson

Feel the excitement as

a huge Mets fan—but can he convince his dad that his “baseball fever” isn’t

frying his brain? J PBK

Bases loaded

(Raymond and Graham Series)

By Mike Knudsen

Fourth-graders Raymond and Graham try to avoid

the outcome of one baseball game, and Tom...