



Summer Reading 2023

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Dog Squad by *Chris Grabenstein*

When trouble calls...it's Dog Squad to the rescue. Duke fights crime while Fred is a pretty average dog and not as brave as his heroes that are on the Dog Squad. Will Fred be brave enough to save the day when the situation calls for it? This humorous adventure story will be fun for the whole family.

Meet Fred: The Inspiration *for Dog Squad*

Meet author Chris Grabenstein and his dog, Fred, by watching a video at tinyurl.com/ocpsmeetfred
Do you know any famous dogs?



Read and Write **About It**

Read or watch any of the resources listed below at bit.ly/ocpsdogread.

- **Read:** RAZ Plus Articles
 - Caring for Your Dog (Level G)
 - Breed of Dogs (Level P)
- **Watch:** Gale Florida Electronic Library
 - Dogs! Learning About Dog Facts for Kids!
- **Write:** Write 10 words related to dogs. Then, compose a poem that includes the words.



Create Successful Reading Habits

Parents and caregivers can turn reading into something special.

- Plan a visit to the public library to get a library card.
- Ask your student questions about what they are reading.
- Read with and to your student to make it a shared experience.
- Ask questions about the characters or illustrations and encourage your student to mention details and describe events.
- Reading just 20 minutes a day will enrich your student's vocabulary by 1.8 million words.
- Help your student log their minutes in Beanstack to enter our Summer Reading Celebration prize drawings.



Vocabulary Scavenger Hunt

Be on the lookout for these words. If necessary, look them up on dictionary.com or use the context clues in the sentence to infer what the word means.

Chapters 1-15

- noble
- tousle
- spunky
- scamper
- pedigree

Chapters 16-30

- obnoxious
- anticipation
- underestimate
- charade
- adrenaline

Chapters 31-46

- diabolical
- marquee
- tattered
- nemesis
- fluctuate

Chapters 47-67

- vault
- burly
- fateful
- evacuation
- fiasco

Chapter 68-Epilogue

- cringe
- debris
- oblige
- illuminate
- hearty

Ask Questions and Make Connections

Pause to ask questions as you read the book with your student. Encourage your student to make connections to their life, other books and the world around them. Discuss the illustrations in the book and connect them to the story.

Before

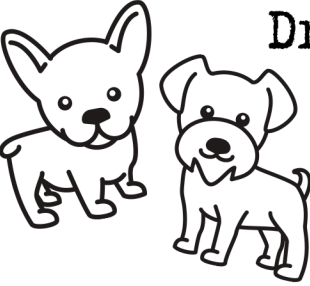
- The title of this story is Dog Squad. What do you think this story will be about?
- Look at the front cover of the book. Which dog do you think is the main character?
- Read the back cover of the book to see the summary.

During

- Is this book fiction (made up) or nonfiction (real)?
- What is the name of the main character?
- What did you learn about producing a streaming show?

After

- Which of the dog characters would you want as a pet?
- What was the most humorous part of the book?
- Read the Author's Note to find out about the "real" Fred.



Draw a Dog Squad Dog

Learn how to draw a cartoon dog by watching a PBS Learning Media video at [tinyurl.com/ocpsdrawadog](https://www.tinyurl.com/ocpsdrawadog). What would you name your *Dog Squad* dog?

Keep Reading

If your student liked this book, they may also enjoy the titles below which are available on **LaunchPad** in **Sora**.

Also by Chris Grabenstein:

- *The Smartest Kid in the Universe*

By other authors:

- *Dinosaur Boy* by Cory Putman Oakes
- *Leonard (My Life as a Cat)* by Carlie Sorosiak

