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## **Foreword:**

Last year at school, I really enjoyed watching people read my first issue. They laughed, asked questions, and overall liked it. I can only hope that this issue will do the same, bringing a stronger love of reading to my community.

This issue's theme is adventure. I chose this theme because adventure stories are a popular type of story, and they have a big range. For example, there could be an adventure story about a centaur with a magic sword, or there could be one about the adventures of a pebble, because an adventure is just an exciting story.

I have changed the phoenix logo on the front page. It is now differently shaped, to symbolize how, in myths, the phoenix is reborn each year, and each time it is reborn it looks different.

I would be thrilled to receive content from anyone who is interested! If you would like to write something for the next issue of the magazine, you can type it up and send it to this email: [naomig@kidsemail.org](mailto:naomig@kidsemail.org)

I hope that everyone who read the first issue will read this issue, and that The Franklin Phoenix will continue to prosper until the final issue has been finished. 🦅

## Poems:

### War

by Naomi Galil

Riding.  
Coming back.  
Village is dark.  
Ashes cover the ground.  
Is the war worth it?🔥

### Frog and Toad

by Naomi Galil

Two best friends, Frog and Toad  
Seek adventure, just can't wait  
Finally, on the road  
Come on and we'll celebrate

Food is gone  
Bags are lost  
All alone  
In the frost

Meet a big scary dog  
Who knew it was made of foam  
These two friends, Toad and Frog  
Just gave up, they're heading home🔥

### The Adventure of Life

by Naomi Galil

A tiny flower,  
Growing on a tall mountain,  
Insignificant.

Moon turns into sun,  
Small flower, growing bravely,  
Trying to be seen.

The mountain is tall,  
The lake is huge and shining,  
The flower is bright.

An elephant comes,  
Huge compared to the flower,  
Stomps without looking.

But the seed remains,  
Growing glorious again,  
It will be noticed.🔥

### Journey

by Nathan Galil

Over the mountain  
and through the forest we go  
we do not give up🔥

## Stories:

### **Sarah's Adventure**

by Eliza Sherman

Sarah was an ordinary girl, but she had a knack for fixing things. Whenever someone had a chipped tile or a broken chair, Sarah could fix it. One day, Sarah's grandmother took Sarah to the fair. First they had cotton candy. Sarah's grandmother didn't like the idea of sugar at her age. Then Sarah saw a phone accessory cart. She couldn't help but notice that the tire was popped on the left side of the back. She asked the man, "Excuse me, your tire is popped. May I fix it, please?" "Oh, I didn't realize the tire was popped. Yes, you can fix it. How much will it cost?" the man responded. "Oh, it's free," said Sarah. The man looked at her strangely and slipped \$20 into her grandmother's back pocket. "Oh, alrighty then," Sarah said. "Better get to work!" The sun sank lower in the sky as Sarah worked. When she was done, it was 7:00. "Wouldn't you like to go on a ride before we have to leave?" asked her grandmother. "Oh, sure," said Sarah. "How about that one?" "Sure, why not?" replied her grandmother. Sarah got on and she enjoyed the ride until the big drop. It was really high, but she wasn't scared about the height. She was scared there wasn't enough oil on the track to keep her going. She was right, there wasn't enough oil, so the cart stopped in the middle of the track. Everybody screamed like their life was about to end, but Sarah knew what to do. She called her dad because he was the operator of the track. She told him to get a really high ladder and bring it to the roller coaster. Her dad climbed up a ladder and onto her cart. He always had a box of tools on him even though he didn't know how to fix anything. Sarah told him to hand her the toolbox. There was oil in there, so she oiled the ramp and off she went. The ride was almost done, and when everyone got off, they thanked Sarah. From then on, Sarah was known as the girl who could fix it all. 🦅

## **The Adventures of Jordan**

by Oliver McKenzie

Let me tell you about an adventurer of my cat named Jordan.

Once, Jordan was sleeping on February the third in the year 2023. He knew this because on the cat calendar it read 2/3/23 on it. He walked to the kitchen, looking for food when he noticed the clock said 1:23 in the morning, so he went back to bed, but then he noticed that the bed was missing! He noticed his bed floating in the breeze outside and wondered "That's odd, How could the bed be there?" So he went outside to set off and get the bed.

He needed to chase his bed which was floating through Doris Parkway, until the bed blew to the right, so he turned to the right. Jordan chased the bed all the way to the south side parking lot. Then the bed went down the stairs, and Jordan followed it, but then the bed went up the other stairs, and Jordan could almost catch it, but now he was on the north side!!! So he chased it on Elm street, and the bed went into a building that had the number 37 on it. Jordan had to go inside to get his bed and was surprised to find his scent in one of the rooms. He went into that room and he rubbed the pianos which had his scent.

Later he asked himself "Why am I here?" and he noticed the bed and grabbed it. He started to go home but he accidentally dropped the bed when he reached Doris parkway. The bed started floating again and he chased it to Tamaques. Then he followed it to Jefferson. Bolted after it to McKinley. Then he shouted "I've passed all the south side schools. What next!?". But he still chased the bed when it flew to Franklin, Washington, and Wilson, and he finally caught the bed at Wilson. Then he questioned "How do I get home?". He waited until he came across a bus and looked at the bus driver's phone and navigated home. By the time he got home, it was 1:23 in the afternoon. "What a long day," said Jordan, and he went to bed after eating lunch.

The end. 🦋

## **The Sorcerer**

by Naomi Galil

The king rode forth triumphantly at the head of a huge parade with shiny new trumpets and brightly colored flags, for he had defeated the sorcerer whose name was feared throughout the kingdom. The sorcerer's name was... Sam.

King Charlie the Brave rode up to Sam, who was promptly shoved onto his knees by two fierce-looking guards.

Then Charlie said, "Rise, my brother, and come to my feast tonight. I will welcome you, and we will make amends."

There was a collective gasp from the crowd. Sam was Charlie's brother! As they sat down to feast, Sam told his story.

"I went to a woman's house, to try to heal her husband of an illness. When I arrived, her husband was lying on the bed, moaning. I knew I could do nothing but ease his pain," Sam said. "I started to do so, but just as I finished the spell, he breathed his last. The woman set up an outcry over the whole town, and I was chased out. That is, until you found me, for which I am ever so grateful."

The brothers lay down in the royal bed and slept soundly. They lived out the rest of their lives as companions and had a very good time together. 🦅

## Book Reviews:

**The Hero and the Crown** by Robin McKinley  
(reviewed by Naomi Galil)

The Hero and the Crown is an adventurous fantasy book starring a brave princess who wants to be a heroine. She puts on a potion she invented for resisting dragon fire and goes off to fight dragons. After a particularly bad battle with a dragon, she is pulled back in time by a sorcerer to hear something she can't believe... She fights an evil magician for a legendary artifact and comes back with it just in time to save her kingdom from an attacking army.

This book has suspense, drama, excitement, battle, and a few scary parts. Fantasy lovers would enjoy it, but so would science fiction readers. Also, if you like The Hero and the Crown, you should read the other one in the series, The Blue Sword. But The Hero and the Crown can also be read by itself with no less enjoyment. If you think this book sounds fun, read it yourself!🔥

**Mossflower** by Brian Jacques  
(reviewed by Naomi Galil)

Mossflower is a thrilling fantasy adventure by Brian Jacques, the second book in the Redwall series. It tells the story of how Martin the Warrior, a brave mouse, leads a rebellion against the evil wildcat queen Tsarmina, who rules over Mossflower Woods with an iron paw.

Martin is joined by Gonff, a clever mouse thief, and Dinny, a strong mole, as they embark on a quest to find Boar the Fighter, the legendary badger lord. Along the way, they face dangers and make friends, such as Lady Amber the archer squirrel, Skipper the leader of the otters, and Columbine the pretty harvest mouse.

Mossflower is a book full of action, humor, friendship, and heroism. It will appeal to readers who love animals, adventure, and fantasy. The characters are memorable and likable, the plot is exciting, and the setting is beautiful. Mossflower is sure to thrill, and so are the rest of the books in the series Redwall!🔥



## Visual Art:

### Tranquil Moonlight

by Naomi Galil



## Promoted Content:

# Tightly Knit

Tightly Knit is a new club in Wilson that makes bracelets to sell at the school store. This will help students, faculty, janitors, crossing guards, and aides if they are having a bad day to realise that everyone goes through tough times and they have a whole community to support them. A bracelet can be a symbol of pride, love, and community. If we are successful in this, then it will be a great reflection of our school spirit. We will all eventually become tightly knit.

If you know how to finger knit and would like to make a change in your school, contact Naomi and tell her "Contact Eliana Dörner to set up a Tightly Knit chapter in Franklin School."

## Wilson Wizards: Hand-Knit Goods



## **The Last Word:**

Brusque (adjective) – harsh, sharp  
*/ “It doesn’t matter!” she snapped,  
brusquely./*

This is the tone of voice used when  
a character snaps at someone, or  
gets angry.

I only use this word once or twice  
per book, and then only in cases of  
extreme anger, because readers  
easily get bored of reading the word  
“brusque” too much. 🦅