

Friendbots: Blink and Block Make a Wish



ABOUT THE BOOK

Introducing I Can Read Comics, a brand-new early reader line that familiarizes children with the world of graphic novel storytelling and encourages visual literacy in emerging readers.

Meet the robots Blink and Block in this STEM-inspired story by debut author-illustrator Vicky Fang. Blink is scanning the playground for treasure, and Block is pretty sure there's no gold to be found. Will Blink prove that treasure does exist—or will these two new pals find something even better?

Friendbots: Blink and Block Make a Wish is a Level Two I Can Read Comic, an engaging story for children starting to read on their own.

ABOUT VICKY FANG

Vicky Fang is a product designer who spent 5 years designing kids' technology experiences for both Google and Intel, often to inspire and empower kids in coding and technology. She started writing to support the growing need for early coding education, particularly for girls and kids of color. She is the author of ten new and upcoming STEAM books for kids, including Invent-a-Pet, I Can Code, Layla and the Bots, and her author-illustrator debut, Friendbots.

Find out more about Vicky by following her on Twitter at @fangmous or on her website at www.vickyfang.com.

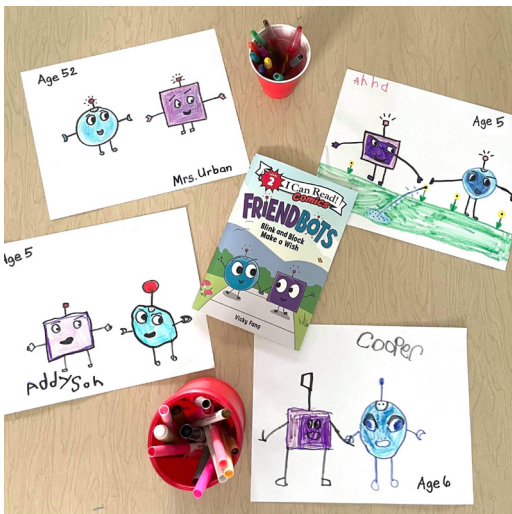
"Amply demonstrates the values of a positive attitude and a little creative thinking." -Kirkus Reviews

ACTIVITIES



MATH - Coin Activity

In the book, Blink and Block find a penny and make a wish! Block points out that if they find a dime, they get to make ten wishes! Ask kids how many wishes they might get for a nickel, or a quarter. Use actual coins to talk about their different values.



ART - Draw the Friendbots

Author-illustrator Vicky Fang teaches kids of all ages how to draw Blink and Block in this free online video. Watch the video and invite kids to draw Blink and Block.

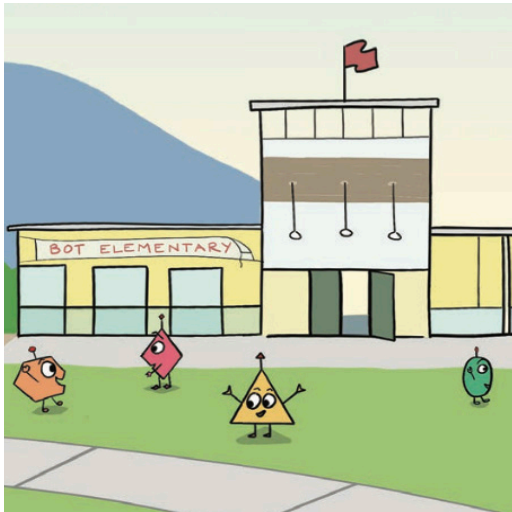
[LINK TO VIDEO](#)



WRITING - Wish Activity

Invite kids to share their own wishes. Have them write out and draw pictures of their wishes!

MORE ACTIVITIES



STEAM - Design a Friendbot

Blink is round and Block is square, but look closely and you'll find all sorts of Friendbots in the first spread of the book! Invite kids to design their own Friendbot. Friendbots can be any shape or color, so kids can be as creative as they like.

What is a **SENSOR**?

Robots use **sensors** to understand the world around them.

Like **cameras** to see or **microphones** to hear!

Robots are good at sensing **some** things, but not **everything**.

Yep! Stinky socks?

STEAM - Sensors in Your World

In the back of the book, there is a one-page comic introducing sensors. Read the comic together and then talk about what sensors kids might encounter in their world. For example, the buttons in an elevator, or microphones on phones, or motion sensors on lights/automatic doors. See if you can find any sensors around you!

Share Your Creations!

I can't always respond, but if you tag me on Twitter @fangmous or IG @fangmousbooks, I will do my best! I even sometimes post creations in my [Creation Gallery](#) on my website. Happy reading and making!

-Vicky Fang