

# Q & A WITH BONNY



How did you get the idea for *Recess Magic*?

When I lost my leg to bone cancer in 2007, I searched for picture books to read with my class about my new wheelchair. Soon after, I decided to write my own story so readers could understand new perspectives and talk about kindness.

How long did it take you to write *Recess Magic*?

I saved my notes and outline on my computer for several years before I officially began to write the story. Once I got started, it took about four months to complete. I worked on it when I was not teaching and during the summer.

Is *Recess Magic* a true story?

Although it is not a true story, there are elements in *Recess Magic* from my own life. I was born with a disability. My amazing fourth grade teacher's name is Mrs. Lopez. I also create a similar Kindness Chart with my own class each year.

Should I write my own book?

Absolutely! Whether you choose to tell your story with fiction or research a topic to write nonfiction, everyone can be a writer. Your work does not have to be perfect to be amazing. Start with your own ideas and keep writing!

# FAST FACTS ABOUT BONNY

I love aquatic animals and my favorite indoor place is the Georgia Aquarium. We loved spending the day there when we lived in Atlanta. We even swam with the whale sharks!



I love the ocean! When we go to the beach, I use a beach wheelchair to get into the water as fast as I can. I stay in for as long as possible!

When I was in preschool, I used to pretend to teach my Grandma and Grandpa to read. I knew I wanted to be a teacher when I grew up. I've worked with students in kindergarten through fifth grade and I know it's the best job in the world!

My favorite foods are bibimbap, japchae, tacos, and fruit. My mom is Korean and in our culture, food is what brings people together. She is the best cook!

I love churros! I think they are the world's best dessert.

One of my favorite children's books is *If I Built a House* by Chris Van Dusen.

I grew up in Pennsylvania. When I was 16, my dad taught me to drive safely, especially in the snow. Each winter, I am so grateful he taught me that important skill!



I love imagining, creating things, and photography. This photograph shows my favorite time of year in Washington, DC. We love to see the cherry blossoms each spring.