



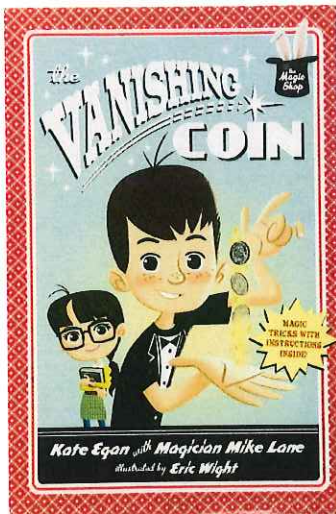
ELLIOTT STREET SCHOOL  
2019 SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT  
**Entering Grade 4**



**BOOK:** Magic Shop the Vanishing Coin #1

By: Kate Egan

**GENRE:** Fiction



**SUMMARY:** Fourth grade was supposed to be a fresh start, but Mike's already back in the principal's office. He's not a bad kid. He just can't sit still. And now, his parents won't let him play soccer anymore; instead he has to hang out with his new neighbor Nora, who is good at everything!

Then, Mike and Nora discover the White Rabbit. It's an odd shop—with a special secret inside. Its owner, Mr. Zerlin, is a magician, and, amazingly, he believes Mike could be a magician, too. Has Mike finally found something he's good at?

**ASSIGNMENT:**

1. Students will read each chapter of The Vanishing Coin and answer the corresponding questions for each chapter on separate sheets of paper.
2. Suggestion: Complete the questions for each chapter as you read it.
3. Rate your book and write a recommendation at the very end.

1. What caused Mike to get up during the math test, therefore getting him sent to the principal's office?- He couldn't sit still anymore and needed to get up and move around
2. In the beginning of the book, Mike did not like going to Nora's house after school because her parents had too many rules. Name two rules they had at her house. - No foods with artificial ingredients, no fun until homework is done, no screen time, no playing video games unless they are educational and no wearing shoes in the house
3. Why wasn't Mike playing on the soccer team at school?- He needed to focus on schoolwork
4. According to Mike, when he asked himself what was wrong with him the answer was ----- - Everything
5. What did Mike buy at the "White Rabbit" store with Nora?- Two Wind-Up Chattering Teeth toys
6. What went wrong when Mike showed his Wind-Up Chattering Teeth toy to Jackson?- It fell apart, broke in to two pieces
7. What did the door mat at "The White Rabbit" store say on it?- Believe
8. The items at "The White Rabbit" were very old. Mike said his dad would call it all junk, but his mom would called the old things ----- - Antiques
9. What did the banner say above the hidden door at "The White Rabbit"?- "Secrets Inside"
10. When Mr. Zerlin showed Mike and Nora a card trick, what was the card that they picked out of the stack?- Three of Spades
11. What is the answer to Mike's riddle; "What can you catch, but never throw?"- A fever
12. When given the "Shape Shift" Challenge, what object did Mike say the shape of the paper resembled?- A hula-hoop
13. What is the name of the first magic trick that Mr. Zerlin taught Mike?- The Floating Cup Trick
14. Why did Mr. Zerlin suggest that Mike practice magic tricks in front of a mirror?- So he could see what the audience would see when he performed the trick

15. What is the secret to The Floating Cup Trick? - You poke a hole in the back of the cup so you can hold the cup with your thumb in the hole without anyone seeing the hole.
16. While Mike showed The Floating Cup Trick to his friends, he told a girl to do what to make the cup come back down? - Clap her hands
17. What advice did Nora give to Mike based on his Floating Cup Trick performance? - He needed a better magic word
18. Why couldn't Mike check-out the magic books from the library? - He had a lost book/ book he hadn't returned yet
19. What did Mr. Zerlin give to Mike while he was rushing out of The White Rabbit after closing the store? - A book called "The Book of Secrets"
20. What is the missing word in the following quote from "The Book of Secrets"? "Magic is believing in \_\_\_\_\_. If you can do that, you can make anything happen." - Yourself
21. What item was necessary for Mike's coin trick, besides the coin? - Double sided tape
22. Why did Mike give Jackson a quarter? - Mike had bet Jackson that he couldn't score a soccer goal against Nora
23. Who did Mike choose to write his book report on? - Harry Houdini
24. What did Jackson take from Mike, crumple up and slip in to his pocket? - His note cards on Houdini for his book report
25. What did Jackson threaten to do if Mike didn't give him the quarter back? - Call the police
26. During the "Making Change" trick, what did Mike drop in to Jackson's hand, making it appear to fall out of the five dollar bill? - A quarter
27. While waiting for Mike's dad to pick him and Nora up after the soccer game, what appeared in Mike's pocket when they were at the Payphone? - a handful of quarters
28. What word did Mike see written on the glass of the payphone booth? - Believe



