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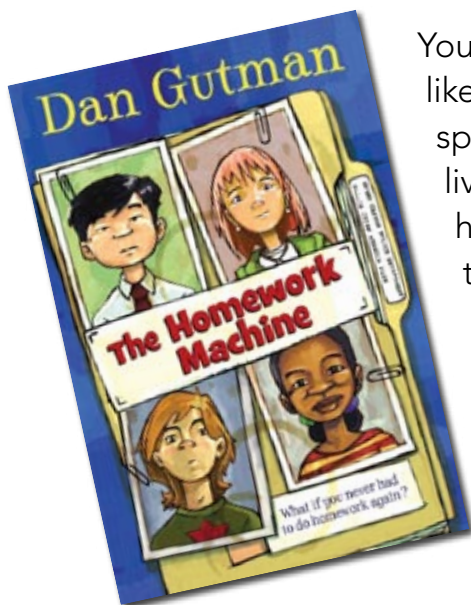
The Homework Machine

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Brenton Damagatchi is the smartest fifth grader at Grand Canyon School. Everybody knows it, and it only took fast-talking, wise-cracking newcomer Sam Dawkins (aka Snikwad) about a second to figure it out. Snik tricks Brenton into admitting his secret: He's invented a homework machine. As Snik himself might say, "Get outta town!"

An unlikely foursome forms around that magical machine: Brenton and Snik include two girls, one studious, one not, in their after school "study sessions." Soon the group is spending all their time together and handing in flawless homework day after day. Their brand-new teacher is clueless. One classmate, in particular, is suspicious. Can such unusual academic activity continue undetected?



Appropriate for
grades 3 – 6

You all know Dan Gutman. He's written wildly popular books like *The Kid Who Ran for President* and *Honus and Me*. Gutman spins funny, fast-moving stories that are about kids – how they live, how they think, and how they talk. Hey, his tales usually have some serious things to say, too. But don't tell the kids that.