

Bookfolio for **From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler**

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Recommended for: [Grades 4-6](#)

Classification: Fiction

Genre: [Realistic Fiction](#)

Story Summary: For twelve-year old Claudia, the Metropolitan Museum of Art was the perfect place to run away to. It was comfortable, beautiful, and full of things to learn about. Claudia planned every detail of her escape from her boring suburban existence. She had the foresight to take her brother Jamie along for his advice and because he had money. Together, they quickly learned to be inconspicuous. They managed to live at the Museum for a whole week without getting caught! Claudia couldn't go home, though, until she discovered who created the mysterious and beautiful Angel, rumored to have been sculpted by Michelangelo. Claudia and Jamie visit Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler to find the answer. There, Claudia learns a secret that enables her to return home.

Read-aloud Recommendation: Chapter 3

**The skills for each activity are identified by the following abbreviations:
R=Reading, W=Writing, S=Speaking, L=Listening, D=Drawing**

From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler - Independent Activities	Skills
1. Jamie's Story (Rewriting a story event)	S , W
2. Claudia's Secret (Writing a new chapter)	S , W
3. The Front Page (Writing a news article)	W
4. North-South-East-West (Researching a topic)	R , S
5. New York City: Then and Now (Drawing a picture)	D , R
6. Your World (Making a map)	D
From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler - Group Activities	Skills
1. Two Perspectives (Writing a diary entry)	S , W
2. Dear Mrs. Frankweiler (Writing a letter)	W
3. I Want My Mummy (Writing a report)	D , R , W
4. Made in the U.S.A. (Researching a topic)	R , S
5. A Symbols Match (Making a collage)	D , S
6. "Let's Talk About..." (Discussing the story)	L , S

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