

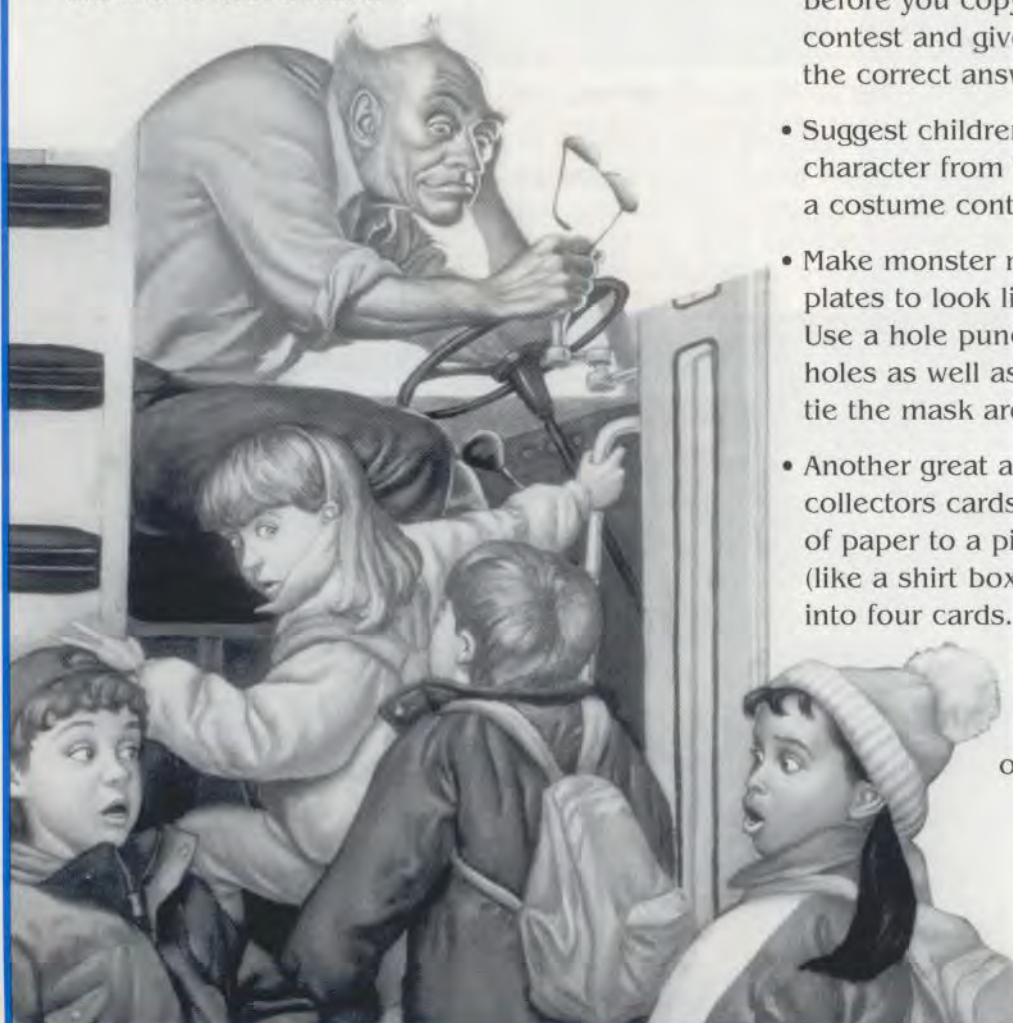
Activity Ideas

Here are some great ideas for using The Adventures of the Bailey School Kids books in your classroom, library, or bookstore:

- Young readers love the formula of The Bailey School Kids books. Let them outline their own Bailey School-like adventure as an individual or in groups (Reproducible A). After outlining a story, they could act it out as a play or actually write a short story. Instead of The Bailey School Kids, have the characters in the stories be The (your city or school) Kids.
- Find out how well your young readers know The Bailey School Kids characters with the fill-in-the-blank character sketches (Reproducible B). This activity also asks them to compare themselves with one or all of The Bailey School Kids. You could even have kids do some role-playing, asking them how Eddie or Liza would act in a certain situation.

- The Bailey School Kids books all feature strange creatures that people made up. Talk with the kids a little about make-believe and then have them make their own monster from their imagination. (Reproducible C). There's even room to draw their scary creations.

- Pass out copies of the games and puzzles for children to enjoy and test their Bailey School Kids knowledge (Reproducibles D and E). If you want, you can cover up the answers before you copy the pages, then have a contest and give small prizes to anyone with the correct answers.
- Suggest children come dressed as their favorite character from The Bailey School Kids and hold a costume contest.
- Make monster masks! Kids can decorate paper plates to look like monsters from the books. Use a hole punch to cut eye, nose, and mouth holes as well as holes for string so children can tie the mask around their heads.
- Another great art idea is Bailey School collectors cards. Glue an 8½" x 11" piece of paper to a piece of thin cardboard (like a shirt box or notepad back). Cut it into four cards. Let kids draw their favorite Bailey School characters on the cards. Then they can keep the cards, hang them up, or even trade them.



Illustrations from *Zombies Don't Play Soccer* and *Gargoyles Don't Drive School Buses*.



Name _____

Presenting the latest Bailey School Kids adventure... by YOU!

Use this page to create an outline for a new Bailey School Kids adventure! Think about your new story, fill in the questions below, and draw a picture of the character from the title.

Here's an example from a real Bailey School Kids adventure: In *Leprechauns Don't Play Basketball*, the main question is—"Is Coach O'Grady really a leprechaun?" The Bailey School Kids are suspicious because Mr. O'Grady is short and Irish, doesn't look people in the eye, and carries a bag of colorful stones. At first, Eddie doesn't believe he's a leprechaun, but Howie, Liza, and Melody do believe. Eddie tries to prove Mr. O'Grady is not a leprechaun by out-tricking him. Then, the kids try to prove he is a leprechaun by staring him in the eye to rid him of his powers.

DRAW YOUR CHARACTER HERE.

Title of the book:.....

Main question: Is.....really a.....?

Why are The Bailey School Kids suspicious?

Who believes it at first? Who doesn't?

How can they prove the truth?

How Well Do You Know The Bailey School Kids?

Fill in the missing information about these characters.
Then write about you—what Bailey School Kid are you most like?



Eddie has curly
1 (color) hair and lots of
.....
2 on his face. He lives with his
.....
3 He likes to wear
4
whenever possible. He has an aunt named
5

Liza has
6 (color) eyes. She always wears a
.....
7 in her
8 (color) hair.
She isn't good at
9 The musical instrument she
plays is the
10



Howie has
11 (color) hair. He wants to be a
.....
12 someday. Howie's dad works at
.....
13 His favorite snack is
14
His mom makes him take
15 lessons. Howie is
allergic to
16

Melody has long
17 (color) hair and she usually wears it
.....
18 Her best friend is
19
The sports she is good at are
20



The Bailey School Kid I am most like is

This is because
.....
.....
.....

Answers: 1. Red 2. Freckles 3. Grandmother 4. Jeans and t-shirts 5. Mathilda 6. Gray 7. Headband 8. Blond 9. Sports
10. Flute 11. Sandy blond 12. Doctor 13. FATS—The Federal Aeronautics Technology Station 14. Garlic potato chips 15. Piano
16. Dogs 17. Black 18. In pigtails 19. Liza 20. Soccer and softball



Creature Features!

The creatures in the Bailey School Kids books—vampires, aliens, gargoyles, gremlins, elves—are characters that people have made up. Create your own scary make-believe creature!

Draw a picture of this creature in the space below. Then write all about your creature. What is it called? What does it look like? What does it do? Why is it scary? What would happen if it showed up in Bailey City?

My creature is a

Who Doesn't Do What?

Draw a line from the monster name in column A to the description from the Bailey School Kids book in column B.

COLUMN A

Don't/Doesn't

COLUMN B

1. Aliens
2. Monsters
3. Vampires
4. Cupid
5. Zombies
6. Pirates
7. Santa Claus
8. Frankenstein
9. Dracula
10. Ghosts
11. Elves
12. Witches
13. Leprechauns
14. Genies
15. Skeletons
16. Werewolves
17. Gremlins

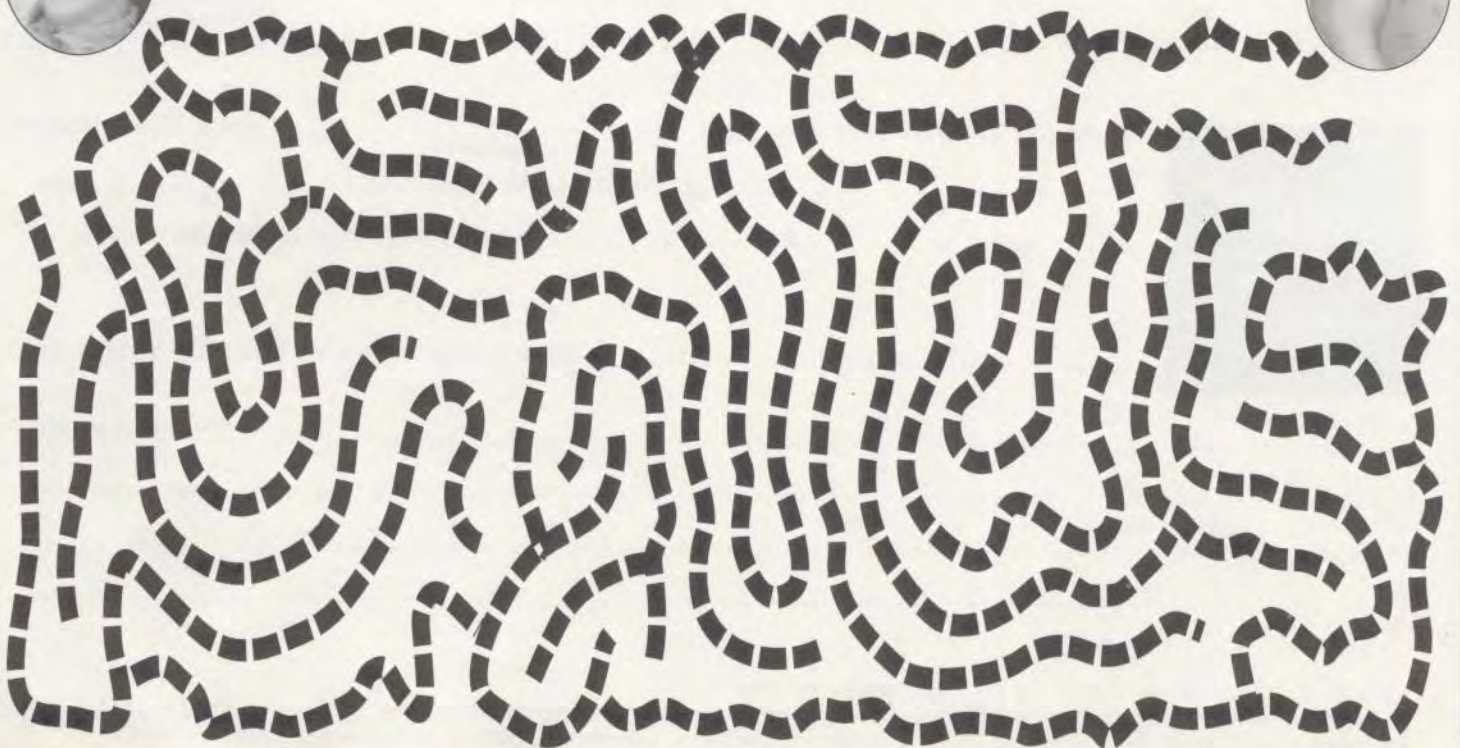
- A. Wear Pink Sunglasses
- B. Go to Summer Camp
- C. Ride Bicycles
- D. Play Basketball
- E. Eat Potato Chips
- F. Scuba Dive
- G. Play Tubas
- H. Do Backflips
- I. Chew Bubblegum
- J. Wear Polka Dots
- K. Flip Hamburgers
- L. Mop Floors
- M. Wear Braces
- N. Play Soccer
- O. Plant Petunias
- P. Drink Lemonade
- Q. Wear Hard Hats



Answers to "Who Doesn't Do What?"
1-M; 2-P; 3-J; 4-K; 5-N; 6-A; 7-L;
8-O; 9-P; 10-E; 11-Q; 12-H; 13-D;
14-C; 15-G; 16-B; 17-I.

Help Mrs. Jeepers Find Her Brooch!

Someone has stolen Mrs. Jeepers's magical brooch and hidden it!
Can you help her find it?



Bailey City Search

Be a Bailey City sleuth! Find the people and things from Bailey City listed here and circle them in the word puzzle! Words are hidden across, down, and diagonally.

Eddie
Melody
Mrs. Jeepers
Howie
Liza
Diamond
Principal Davis
Mr. Jenkins
Green Brooch
Public Library
Shelley Museum
Clancy Estate
Camp Lone Wolf
Burger Doodle

B	T	L	I	S	G	E	Q	K	L	Z	E	D	D	R	T	P
X	A	E	V	U	H	O	W	I	E	O	G	B	J	W	U	Y
H	O	D	P	J	S	E	E	S	V	K	W	L	X	I	E	A
O	S	C	R	P	U	B	L	I	C	L	I	B	R	A	R	Y
D	J	P	I	U	E	H	O	L	D	E	E	M	P	R	S	M
C	F	O	N	E	B	U	R	G	E	R	D	O	O	D	L	E
L	A	B	C	A	H	C	G	O	G	Y	E	L	C	M	D	N
A	K	M	I	D	L	T	A	E	R	K	M	I	V	R	R	H
N	N	E	P	I	P	I	M	W	E	Z	R	U	A	S	Y	C
C	F	M	A	L	B	J	Z	G	E	S	J	P	S	J	E	B
Y	O	E	L	L	O	L	U	A	N	K	E	S	H	E	W	F
E	G	L	D	P	U	N	S	X	B	X	N	D	L	E	U	J
S	A	O	A	B	Q	Z	E	O	R	A	K	J	W	P	B	M
T	I	D	V	R	J	P	A	W	O	M	I	F	H	E	Q	U
A	E	Y	I	E	D	D	I	E	O	C	N	E	V	R	I	R
T	M	E	S	D	T	R	E	H	C	L	S	N	R	S	O	S
E	D	I	A	M	O	N	D	O	H	S	F	K	G	D	A	U

The Bailey School Kids have a secret for YOU!

The Bailey School Kids want to tell you something, but you've got to do a little detective work first. Here's how you break the secret code:

The words in the message are made up of letters from Alphabet #1. All you have to do is replace them with the letters from Alphabet #2.

#1: Z Y X W V U T S R Q P O N M L K J I H G F E D C B A

#2: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

O R U V R M

Y Z R O V B X R G B R H

!

K I V G G B D V R I W

Answer:

LIFE IN BAILEY CITY IS PRETTY WEIRD!



Meet the Bailey School Kids authors, Debbie Dadey and Marcia Thornton Jones!

The idea for The Bailey School Kids series began at an elementary school in Lexington, Kentucky, where Debbie Dadey was a librarian and Marcia Thornton Jones was a teacher. One day, Debbie and Marcia noticed that the kids in school just wouldn't behave. During their lunch break, the two authors began to imagine what would happen if they sprouted horns two feet long, grew fangs the size of swords, and blew smoke out of their ears. "Then the kids would pay attention to us!" they thought.

And Mrs. Jeepers—The Bailey School Kids' teacher—was born.



Debbie and Marcia's first book, *Vampires Don't Wear Polka Dots*, was published in 1990. In it, some troublemaking third-graders meet their match when they get a new teacher who they think might be a vampire. The characters and the idea behind the book proved so popular that The Bailey School Kids became a series. Eddie, Howie, Liza, and Melody have gone on to meet (or believe they've met!) leprechauns, pirates, werewolves, genies and more.

At first, Debbie and Marcia would come up with an idea for a book, then sit down and write the stories together. But things changed in 1992. Debbie and her family moved to Texas, then California, then Illinois, while Marcia and her husband stayed in Kentucky. So now they write their stories through computer modems, fax machines, and the old-fashioned telephone.

With more than 18 books in the series, a brand-new series called Triplet Trouble, and plans for even more Bailey School Kids books, Debbie and Marcia are busier than ever!

For bookstores to order, contact your local sales representative or call toll-free **1-800-331-4624**. For libraries and teachers, send orders to Scholastic Inc., 2931 East McCarty Street, P.O. Box 7502, Jefferson City, MO 65102, or call toll-free **1-800-325-6149**.

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The Adventures of THE BAILEY SCHOOL KIDS™

ACTIVITY GUIDE

There are some pretty weird grown-ups living in Bailey City. And children everywhere love reading about them in the humorous mystery series, *The Adventures of The Bailey School Kids*.

Besides entertaining young readers, these best-selling books also encourage children to use their imaginations and help to hone their deductive reasoning skills. The series offers plenty of opportunities for writing and creativity. Whether you devote an entire afternoon or a couple of hours to *The Bailey School Kids* series, you'll find plenty of ways to keep young readers entertained and learning at the same time.

Inside this guide are activity ideas and reproducibles to use with *The Adventures of The Bailey School Kids* series in your classroom, library, or bookstore.

