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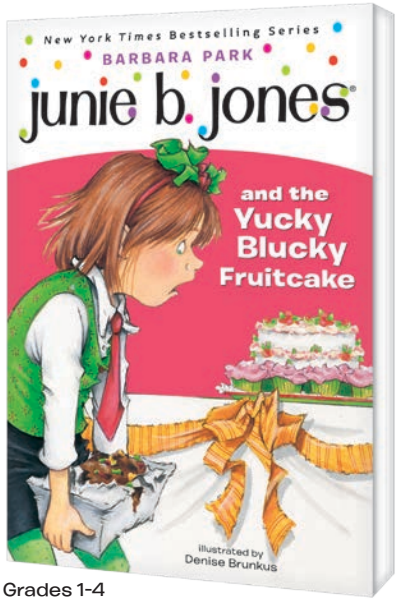
junie b. jones®

and the Yucky Blucky Fruitcake



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It's Carnival Night, and Lucille has already won a box of fluffy cupcakes with sprinkles on them. But when Junie B. wins the Cake Walk, she chooses the bestest cake of all-the one wrapped in sparkly aluminum foil. How was she to know it was a lethal weapon?

In this lesson, students will engage in a hands-on math lesson that reviews the addition and subtraction of fractions.

Junie B.'s Fruity Fractions

After Junie B. fixes herself a less than satisfying breakfast, Grandpa Miller saves the day by slicing some peaches, bananas, and strawberries into a bowl. Divide your class into groups, supplying each with Junie B.'s favorite fruits. Working together with safety knives, have your students divide their fruits into halves, fourths and eighths. Using their fractional fruit pieces, they can engage in addition and subtraction activities 1/4 + 3/4 = 1; as well as exercises in equivalent fractions 1/2 = 2/4 = 4/8. Finally, ask students to identify their own favorite fruit and draw pictures of it to illustrate whole, halves, quarters, and eighths illustrations.

Pre-Reading Activities

Junie B. attends Carnival Night in *Junie B. Jones and the Yucky Blucky Fruitcake.* Brainstorm with your class about carnivals. What are their favorite rides and games? What types of foods do they eat at carnivals? Have your students draw pictures of themselves at a carnival.