

READ-ALONG GUIDE JUNES BJONSS MONTH!











DEAR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS,

Get ready to read along with everyone's favorite sassy kindergartner, Junie B. Jones! You may remember laughing with Junie B. during your own childhood, and now you'll have the chance to share the first graphic novel adaptation with the young readers in your life. This new format can be a great gateway into longer chapter books for both reluctant and avid readers alike!

The following activities can be done at home or in the classroom and celebrate the spirit of Junie B., the universal experience of starting a new school, and the versatility of the graphic novel format.

YOUR FRIENDS.





TA-DAA!

After writing you name in the speech bubble, draw yourself, adding facial features, hair, clothing, etc. Then, in the panels, share a few important things about yourself that you'd like people to know. Like, your middle name, your favorite color, or anything that makes you special.







BIG FEARS



Junie B. is having some big feelings about riding the bus, but she is not alone—everyone has fears! What is one of your fears? Complete the chart below.

Your Fear	Worst Possible Outcome	Best Possible Outcome	What would Junie B. say to put you at ease?

SCHOOL TOUR

Junie B. Jones takes a walking tour of her school. Give a tour of your school by drawing the library/media center, the cafeteria, your classroom, the nurse's office, the restrooms, the gym, etc. Be sure to label each location with an explanation of what each one is for.

FRIENDLY FACES

Although Junie B. has fears about her first day of kindergarten, there are plenty of adults who work at the school who can help her and make her feel safe. Have a discussion with a trusted grown-up about the key adults at your school and discuss why each one is important to the school community. What should you do if you ever find yourself lost and without an adult?









GRAPHIC NOVEL SCAVENGER HUNT

Graphic novels can be fun to read together or independently! The words and pictures are equally important, and readers will find new things to discover each time they read the book.

Go on a scavenger hunt to find these fun elements within Junie B. Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus: The Graphic Novel.

- ☐ Speech bubbles
- ☐ Thought bubbles
- Personification: a figure of speech that gives human characteristics to something that is not human—like a bus!
- Onomatopoeia: when words sound like the noise being described
- ☐ Use of colors to demonstrate a certain mood or feeling
- □ Dream sequences

BIG FEELINGS

Junie B's facial expressions help us understand how she is feeling. Look at each image below and talk about how Junie B is feeling. Was there a time when you experienced any of these feelings in your own life?























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