



INTERACTIVE CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

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From werewolves and ghosts to leprechauns and aliens—the Bailey School Kids are ready for adventure in all shapes and sizes. Use the activities on the following pages to get your students' imaginations working as they read *The Adventures of the Bailey School Kids* books.

MEET THE AUTHORS



When author **Marcia Thornton Jones** was a third grade teacher and **Debbie Dadey** was a librarian at the same elementary school in Lexington, Kentucky, they wanted a clever way to get students to pay attention. If they sprouted horns two feet long, fangs the size of swords, and blew smoke out their ears, would their students *finally* behave?

Of course, they grew no horns; but with this funny idea, the character of Mrs. Jeepers was born. Marcia and Debbie started to write Bailey School stories together. They wrote in between classes and in the school cafeteria, working together

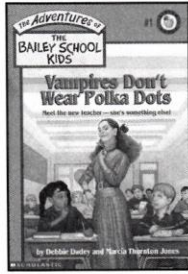
on each new manuscript. Then one day Debbie moved with her family to Illinois. How would they keep writing together?

Despite living far away, Marcia and Debbie keep in touch using the Internet, e-mail, and their own author Web site, www.baileykids.com. They have 50 Bailey School Kids original series titles published, as well as scores of super specials, special editions, and more.

Marcia lives in Lexington, Kentucky with her husband Stephen and two cats, Coco and Calli.

Debbie now lives in Fort Collins, Colorado with her husband Eric, three children, and two dogs, Bailey and Skip.





#1: Vampires Don't Wear Polka Dots

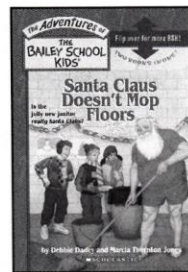
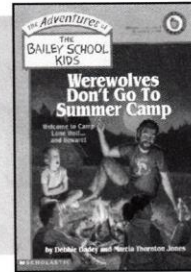
Make New Rules. Mrs. Jeepers only has three rules for her classroom. If you were the teacher, what would be your three rules?

Thank You from Around the World! Mrs. Jeepers is from Romania. Where is that? What can you find out about that country? What country did your ancestors come from? *Mulumiri* means "thanks" in Romanian. Research ways to say "thank you" in other languages.

#2: Werewolves Don't Go to Summer Camp

Go to Reading Camp! Bring your sleeping bags and pillows to school and have a reading party in the classroom. You could even pull down the shades and use flashlights to read in the dark.

Get Well Soon! Mistletoe and wolf bane may cure zombies. Make a list of helpful plants. What do they help cure?

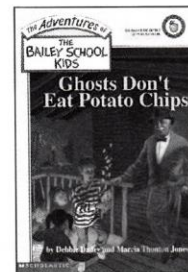
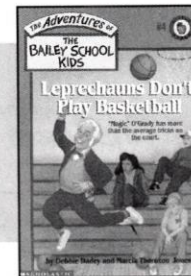


#3: Santa Claus Doesn't Mop Floors

What Do You Do? Mr. Jolly is always writing in his notebook. Could it be his list of things to do? Pretend you are Mr. Jolly/Santa Claus and make your "to do" list for a week. Now make your OWN "to do" list for a week.

#4: Leprechauns Don't Play Basketball

Animal Dance, Anyone? Eddie, quite by accident, discovers a new dance called the Honey Bee Waltz. What kind of animal dances can you and your friends create? How about the Bullfrog Bop or the Piggy-Wiggy Two-Step? Make up your own animal dance and give it a fun name!

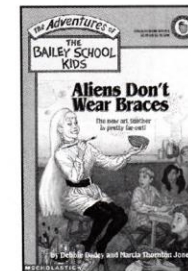
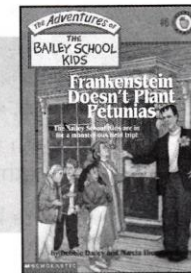


#5: Ghosts Don't Eat Potato Chips

Spooky Snack Time! If ghosts don't eat potato chips, what do they eat? Boo-berry pie? Ghoulish-ash? Use the food pyramid to plan a well-balanced and fun meal for a ghost party!

#6: Frankenstein Doesn't Plant Petunias

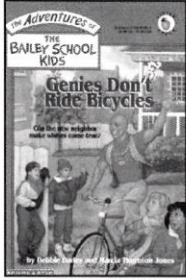
Let It Grow! Could Frankenstein really be growing giant petunias with a secret formula? What helps plants grow big? Experiment to find out with three different plants. Change the water, soil, or light conditions to see what helps the plants grow bigger and better.



#7: Aliens Don't Wear Braces

Hooray for Clay! Make an alien out of clay. You can use store-bought clay or make your own. For an easy clay recipe, mix together 2 1/2 cups flour; 1 cup salt; and 1 cup water. You can add food coloring, too, to make a green or blue alien.

Map the Stars! Splatter white paint onto a large piece of blue paper. The white splatter marks will look like stars. When the paint dries, use a black marker to connect the "stars" into your own constellations.



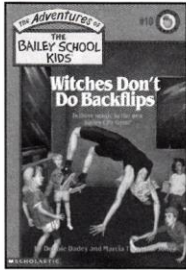
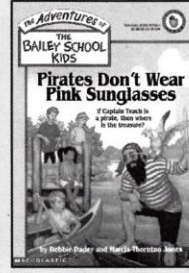
#8: Genies Don't Ride Bicycles

Wish List. What if your wishes really came true? Make a list of all that would happen—the good AND the bad!

#9: Pirates Don't Wear Pink Sunglasses

Costume Party! Reward your class for working hard: Have a dress-up day for your favorite Bailey School Kid character. Be a pirate with pink sunglasses, an angel who knows karate, or choose from over 48 other characters. And the costumes don't have to be monsters or teachers only. Don't forget Eddie and the gang!

Aye, Pirates! Pirates really existed. They looted unarmed ships from sea to sea. Look up pirates in the library or on the Web. Find two interesting things to tell your class about pirates.



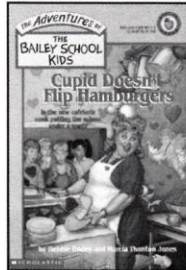
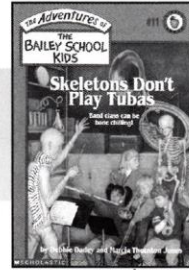
#10: Witches Don't Do Backflips

Home, Sweet Home! Make your own gingerbread house. Have students decorate the house with frosting, sprinkles, and gumdrops.

Twisted Tales? Read a fairy tale and then make up your own version. Will you make it modern or silly?

#11: Skeletons Don't Play Tubas

Making Music! What is your favorite instrument? Discuss the differences and similarities of wind, percussion, and string instruments. Then choose your favorite!



#12: Cupid Doesn't Flip Hamburgers

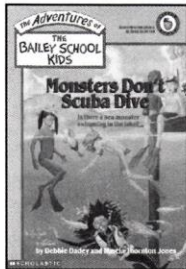
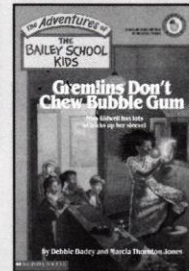
Poetry Fun! Roses are red, daffodils are yellow...Have students write a poem and make a card for a friend.

Have a Heart! Make Valentine's Day decorations for your school cafeteria or for a community space like an old person's home or a firehouse.

#13: Gremlins Don't Chew Bubble Gum

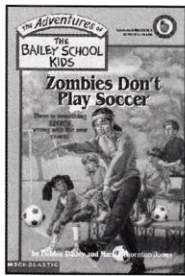
Words, Words, Words. The origin of the word "gremlin" may date back as far as World War I. A gremlin is an imaginary creature that causes trouble. Ask students to pick out another unusual word from the dictionary. Research its origins. Try "abracadabra," "quiz," or "stuff."

Chew on THIS! Did you know that ancient Greeks chewed gum? Prepare a brief history of bubble gum from ancient times until today. You can work on timelines for other popular foods or inventions, too.



#14: Monsters Don't Scuba Dive

A Real-Life Monster Hunt! What is it really like where the Loch Ness Monster lives? Research to find out about the landforms, climate, plants, and animals in the real Loch Ness, Scotland.



#15: Zombies Don't Play Soccer

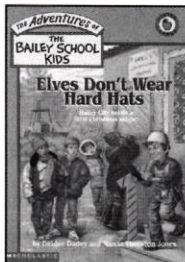
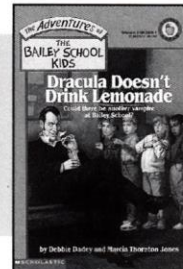
Shoot and Score! Do you know how to play soccer? Learn the rules and give it a try.

Rap and Roll! Write a funny rap song about playing soccer with a zombie.

#16: Dracula Doesn't Drink Lemonade

Go Batty! Are there really such things as vampire bats? Research different types of bats and their habitats.

Get Thirsty! Make a lemonade or fruit punch stand and raise money for a good cause. Sell your goods at recess, lunch, or after school.

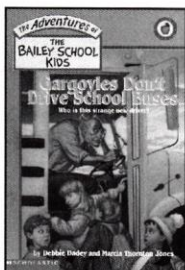
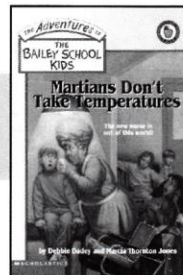


#17: Elves Don't Wear Hard Hats

Play Time! Design the perfect playground for your school. Make a map of it. Be sure to be creative and invent at least one cool new ride, swing set, or climbing apparatus.

#18: Martians Don't Take Temperatures

Space Out! Illustrate the solar system then find out how far Mars is from all the other planets.



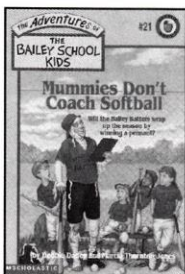
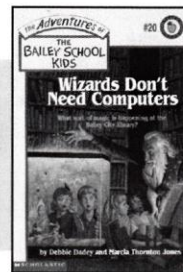
#19: Gargoyles Don't Drive School Buses

Save Our City! Do you think old buildings should be saved? Why or why not? Write a letter to the mayor of your town convincing him of your position.

Looking for Gargoyles? Find pictures of the gargoyles on the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris and the National Cathedral in Washington D.C. Do you think these gargoyles come to life? Can you find out if there are any gargoyles on your city buildings?

#20: Wizards Don't Need Computers

Keys to the Kingdom! Challenge students with your own "Kingdom of Reading" program. Students can become a duke or duchess by reading one book, or a prince or princess by reading two. The one who reads the most can be named king or queen.

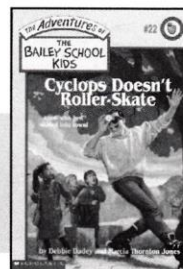


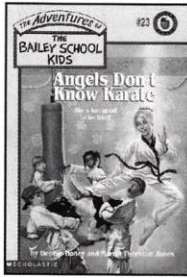
#21: Mummies Don't Coach Softball

Go Team! Play math softball. "Pitch" a math problem using a flashcard. If you get it right, go to first base. If you get it wrong it's a strike! Watch out...three strikes and you're out!

#22: Cyclops Doesn't Roller-Skate

It's All Greek to Me! Greek myths are full of stories about unusual creatures like Cyclops. Find other Greek myths to share with your class.





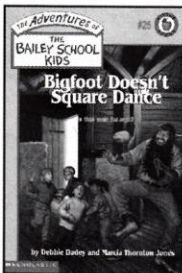
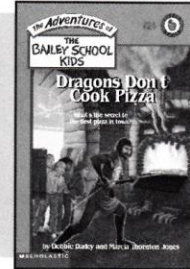
#23: Angels Don't Know Karate

Paper Puppets! After reading the Bailey School Kids story, provide paper bags for kids to decorate as puppets. Then let the students act out a puppet play from the book.

#24: Dragons Don't Cook Pizza

Best Book Picks! Make up your own favorite books bulletin board in class. Students can write a brief summary of their favorite book each month. Extra credit: have students draw pictures to go with the book picks.

Fire Breath! What if a dragon moved into your neighborhood? Have students write a story about it.



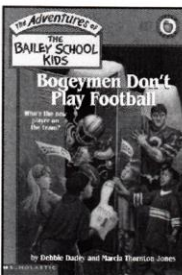
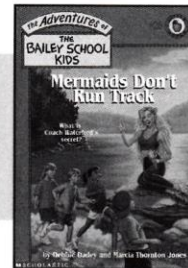
#25: Bigfoot Doesn't Square Dance

Do-Si-Do! Learn to square dance.

Plant Walk! Take a nature hike and see how many different plants you can find and identify.

#26: Mermaids Don't Run Track

Something's Fishy! Set up a classroom aquarium. Don't want the mess of real fish? Have children research a type of fish, draw it, and make a pretend aquarium. Don't forget the mermaid!

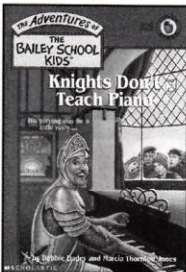
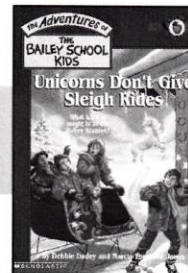


#27: Bogeymen Don't Play Football

Touchdown! On a map of the United States, fill in the state's names and then fill in the names of the pro football teams for each state. If your state doesn't have a team, make one up!

#28: Unicorns Don't Give Sleigh Rides

Roll Over, Rover! Write a pet guide that explains how to feed and care for your favorite animal.



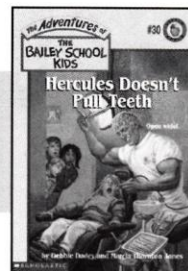
#29: Knights Don't Teach Piano

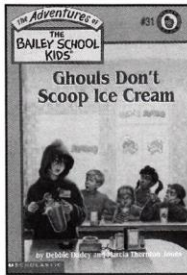
Knights of the Round Table! Get a book about King Arthur and share it with your class.

Homemade Bandstand! Let students share their musical ability in class. Don't have any talented musicians? Make up your own rhythm band with boxes, pencils, and rubber bands.

#30: Hercules Doesn't Pull Teeth

Open Wide! Take a field trip to the dentist's office or invite a local dentist to your classroom. Often they will bring goodies such as new toothbrushes.

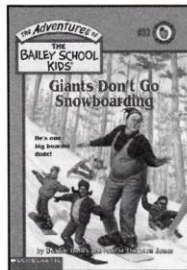




#31: Ghouls Don't Scoop Ice Cream

Freeze! Have an ice cream party.

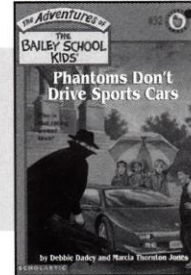
Cocoa! Mocha! Macaroni? Read Jack Prelutsky's poem "Bleezer's Ice Cream" from *New Kid on the Block* and make your own wacky ice cream flavors and poems.



#32: Phantoms Don't Drive Sports Cars

Listen Up! Play music from Phantom of the Opera.

What's in Your CD Player? There are many types of music. Listen to different types (rock and roll, classical, jazz) and take a survey of which is the most popular in your class.

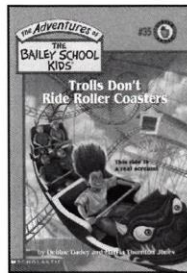
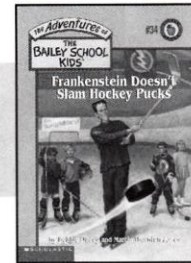


#33: Giants Don't Go Snowboarding

Think BIG! Find a copy of Jack and the Beanstalk. Make a comparison chart that shows the similarities and differences between the popular fairy tale and the Bailey School Kids story.

#34: Frankenstein Doesn't Slam Hockey Pucks

Nice Ice! Hockey is a sport that takes lots of physical fitness. Have a Frankenstein fitness event, complete with tug-of-war and relay races. Pass out hockey puck awards for those who try hard.



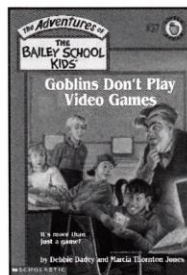
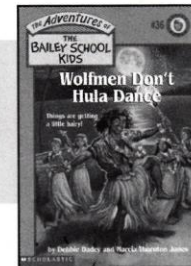
#35: Trolls Don't Ride Roller Coasters

You're Coasting! Design your own amusement park, complete with roller coaster.

Math Challenge! You have \$10 to spend at the amusement park. Each ride costs \$1 while pizza and soda costs \$3. How many rides can you go on? Depends on how hungry and thirsty you are! Let students make up other amusement park riddles for each other.

#36: Wolfmen Don't Hula Dance

Aloha! Plan a virtual trip to Hawaii using travel guides or the Internet. How far would you travel? How would you get there? Which island would you visit first? What would you see? How much money would you need to get there?



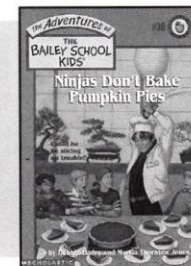
#37: Goblins Don't Play Video Games

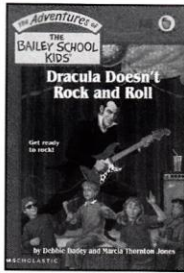
Bleep and Beep! A famous toy-maker just contacted you. They want you to plan the new awesome video game about the Adventures of the Bailey School Kids. What would you design? What would you name it?

#38: Ninjas Don't Bake Pumpkin Pies

Classroom Treat! Make pumpkin pies or pumpkin muffins for the class to share.

Natural History! President Teddy Roosevelt had his own natural history museum as a child. You can make your own museum, too. Students can bring in dead bugs and butterflies along with rocks to identify and display.

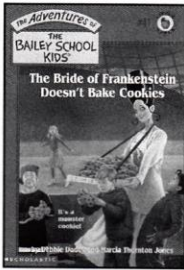




#39: Dracula Doesn't Rock and Roll

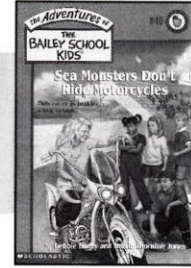
Strike a Chord! Have students write a rock and roll song about the Bailey School Kids using the tune from their favorite songs, but with different lyrics.

Look Close! Everyone has a different blood type. Encourage kids to find out their blood type. Get a microscope to observe a prepared slide of animal blood. What do your students see? Have them write down their observations.



#40: Sea Monsters Don't Ride Motorcycles

News Flash! Pretend to be a new team reporting from a local TV station. Make a news report about this book as if it was happening right now in your own neighborhood. Groups of students can cover weather, sports, and current events.



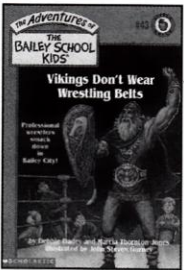
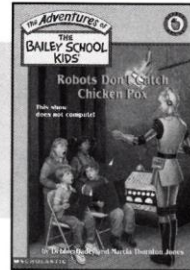
#41: The Bride of Frankenstein Doesn't Bake Cookies

Chocolate Chip or Peanut Butter? What is the favorite all-time cookie in your classroom? Have students survey their friends and family to find out. Make a bar graph showing what you learn.

#42: Robots Don't Catch Chicken Pox

It's a Play! Write a skit with dialogue that includes the three most important parts of this story.

Just Robotic! Build your own robot using boxes, cans, aluminum foil, pipe cleaners, and duct tape.



#43: Vikings Don't Wear Wrestling Belts

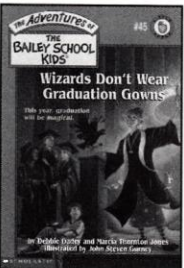
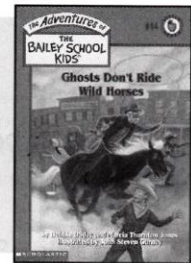
Hang On! Make a mobile of the characters. For the top of the mobile, make a long strip of paper that looks like a wrestling belt.

Pick a Side! Have a debate. Which students like wrestling? Which do not?

#44: Ghosts Don't Rope Wild Horses

Who Made That? Make a list of things that were not invented yet in the 1800s that we have today.

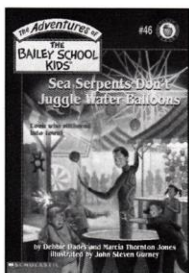
Gold Rush! Try panning for gold using dirt, fake gold (small stones or tiny balls of foil), and an old wash tub. Talk about the Gold Rush and how Americans moved West hoping to make their fortunes by finding gold.



#45: Wizards Don't Wear Graduation Gowns

When I Grow Up... Survey students and see what jobs they might be interested in doing when they get older. Have them research what type of training they will need.

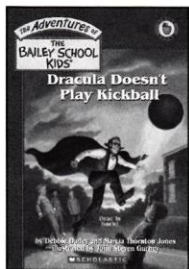
Fill It Out! Fill out job applications. Local stores may donate them to you. The best application will get the job!



#46: Sea Serpents Don't Juggle Water Balloons

Balls, Cups, and Pins! Have students learn to juggle using three balls. Try juggling other objects, too, like plastic cups.

Splat! Can your students drop a water balloon without it breaking? Are there ways to protect it to keep it from breaking? Make a list together.



#47: Frankenstein Doesn't Start Food Fights

Food Favorites? Make a graph to find out which food is the class top pick. Make another graph to show which food they would like to eliminate.

#48: Dracula Doesn't Play Kickball

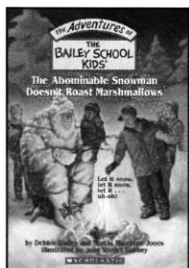
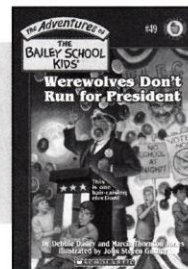
Kicker Up! Make your own question and answer "kickball" team. Divide students into two sides. Have the sides make up questions about the book for each other. Each question that is answered correctly gets a point.



#49: Werewolves Don't Run for President

Election Art! Have students design posters or ads that show what they'd do as the best candidate for Class President.

May the Best Person Win! Have your own election and see if your class elects the same President as the rest of the country.



#50: The Abominable Snowman Doesn't Roast Marshmallows

There's "Snow" Place Like School! Celebrate the Bailey School Kids by having a living "wax" museum. Students should choose a character, dress-up as that character, and write a bio about that character. Then have students stand still pretending to be made of wax. Ask other students to be museum guides for visitors from other classes.

DO YOU HAVE A GREAT BAILEY SCHOOL KIDS TEACHING IDEA? WE WANT TO HEAR ABOUT IT!

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