

Stinky Writing

An Author Program

for Kindergarten and First Grade

Please use the following pre and post event activities for a richer, fuller literacy experience.

Find more information about Dadey on www.debbiedadey.com;
including games, activities, and complete teaching units.

A complete Author Visit Activity guide can be found at
http://www.debbiedadey.com/upload/school_visits/Author_Visit_Activity_Guide.pdf

Stinky Writing with Debbie Dadey

*Hurrah, a celebrated author is visiting our school! Please do this **before** the author visit.*



Ask students if they know what an author is.

Have they ever met one?

It is hard to be one?

Tell students they are going to get to meet one.

They are also going to learn to be one!

Share with them the following.

Debbie Dadey loves to write stories! She is the author of a whole bunch of books. This picture shows her with her dogs Carmen (big) and Shadow (little).

Sometimes dogs can be stinky. Can you think of **four** things that are **stinky**? Draw or write about them below. Use the back if you need more space.

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Author Debbie Dadey thought sky-diving was very hard to do. Name or draw three things that you think are really hard to do. Use the back to draw two more!



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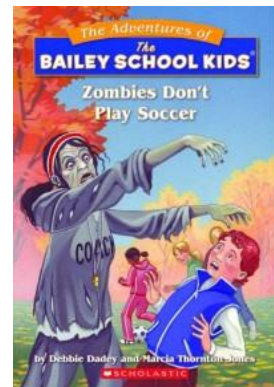
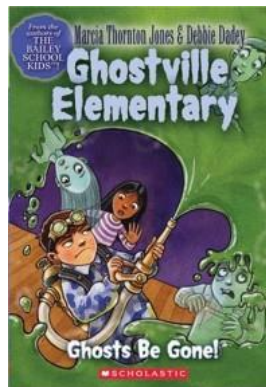
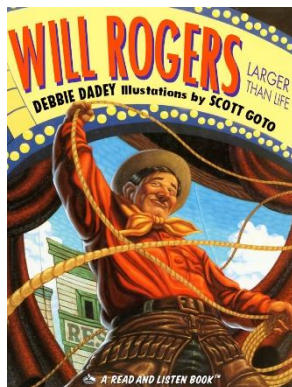
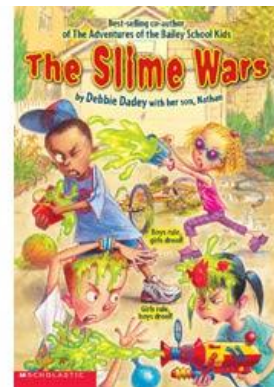
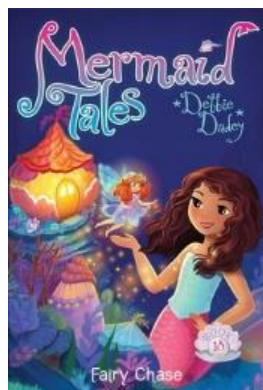
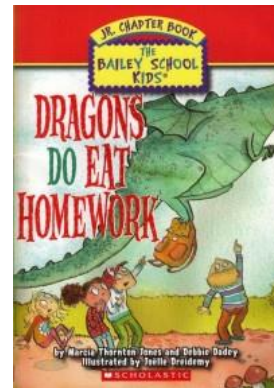
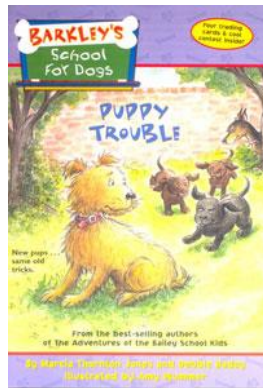
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Put an **X** a scary-looking book. Circle a dog book. Draw a square around a mermaid book. Draw a green circle around a cowboy book. Can you find a dragon book? Draw your own dragon or dog on the back.

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Name _____

Author Debbie Dadey creates characters for her stories.

You can create your own character below by making up things about your starfish. This is called a character sketch.



Starfish's name _____

Best friend's name _____

Teacher's name _____

Pet's name _____

Favorite thing to do after school _____

Favorite sport to play _____

Hates to do this _____

Favorite food _____

Hates to eat this _____

Scary thing _____

You can use the back to draw a map of where your starfish lives, much like the map in Mermaid Tales.

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Debbie Dadey has fun writing about ocean creatures. You can too! Use your starfish character sketch to create your own story. Remember sometimes writing can be stinky, but it can be fixed! Try reading your finished story aloud.



Story's Title: _____

What is wrong with your starfish? Every story must have a problem! (conflict)

Now, in the space below write about an adventure your starfish has. Make sure it solves the problem. Can you have a beginning, a middle, and an end? Can an adult help you write your story? You can use the back to finish.

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