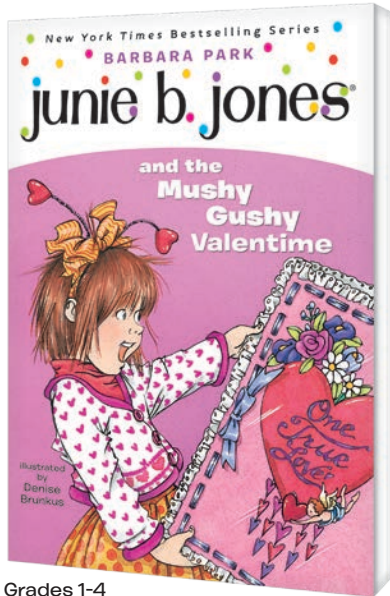


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and the Mushy Gushy Valentine



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Pre-Reading Activities

Junie B. decides that she really likes Valentine's Day in *Junie B. Jones and the Mushy Gushy Valentine*. Ask each student what his or her favorite holiday is and why. Have your students draw a picture of themselves celebrating the holiday.

Hurray! February 14—Valentine's Day, Junie B. calls it—is just around the corner. Junie B. can't wait to see all the valentines she'll get. But, she wasn't expecting a big, mushy card from a secret admirer! Who is this secret mystery guy, anyway? Junie B. is determined to find out!

This activity uses the festivities of Valentine's Day to help teach a math lesson that includes graphing.

Valentine Candy Count

Valentine's celebrations could easily offer an opportunity for a fun graphing activity just by including a 12 oz. bag of Valentine's candy hearts in the party menu. Break your students into groups, giving each equal numbers of candy hearts in a paper cup. Have each group sort and do a color count for the candies in their cups. Then, using crayons to match candy colors, have each group illustrate its findings in a color-coded bar graph. Finally, group results can be combined into an overall class bar graph showing total color counts before students set about munching their candies.

