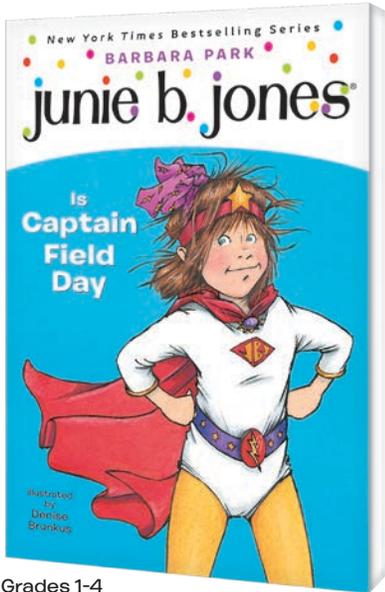


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Is Captain Field Day



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Afternoon kindergarten is having a field day, and Junie B. Jones is team captain! Only, here's the problem. Room Eight keeps on winning too many events. And so how will Room Nine ever become the kindergarten champions? As Captain Field Day, will Junie B. find a way to lead her team to victory? Or will it be up to someone else to save the day?

This social studies lesson in the classroom activity will put an international spin on field day!

Field Day Goes International!

The relay racing and tug-of-war games in Junie B.'s Field Day are traditional in Field Day competitions throughout America. But what would Field Day be like in Ethiopia? Brazil? Using resources such as *The Multicultural Game Book* or *Children's Traditional Games*, give Field Day a whole new dimension by introducing kids to games and activities from around the world. Organize an International Field Day in which teams play games such as *Catching Stars* (Zaire), *Coyote and Sheep* (Mexico), and many others in their program of events.

Pre-Reading Activities

According to Junie B. in *Junie B. Jones Is Captain Field Day*, "losing does not feel joyful." Start a classroom discussion about friendly competition. Ask your students how it feels to win and to lose in events such as little league games, spelling bees, and field events. Write the phrase "it doesn't matter if you win or lose, it's how you play the game" on the board. Ask the students what they think this popular phrase means.

