



## School of Monsters

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### School of Monsters series

- Imagine there's a new student at the School of Monsters. Draw a picture of them, give them a name, and tell or write some things about them.
- Act out the stories of the School of Monsters with some friends or classmates.

### Mary Has the Best Pet

- Why does Mary hide her pet in her hat?
- What happens to Mary's pen?
- Make up a funny name for Mary's pet.
- Tell three things about a pet, your own or an imaginary one. You can write them down or ask your grown-up to do it for you. Draw a picture of this pet, if you like.
- Why might it not be a good idea to bring pets to school? Does your school ever allow pets to visit?

### Hairy Sam Loves Bread and Jam

- Why do you suppose the school stinks?
- Can you find Sam in the first spread of the story?
- Why is Jess mad? Why is Sam sad? How does Sam fix his mess?
- Do you like to eat bread and jam, like Sam does? What other foods do you like?

### Pete's Big Feet

- What's your favorite outdoor sports activity and why is it your favorite?
- Think of three words to describe how Pete feels after his fall. Have you ever had those feelings?
- How do the other monsters act toward Pete after his fall?
- How is Pete feeling by the end of the story?
- What do you think the author's message to the reader is in this story?



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### **Bruno Won't Dance**

- Why doesn't Bruno want to dance?
- What makes Bruno change his mind about dancing?
- There's a name for the kind of dancing Wolfman Dan does. Can you find out what it is?
- Why do you think Bruno says he'd rather teach like Pat?
- Ask a grownup to play some of your favorite music and have your own dance party with some friends or your classmates.

### **Bug's First Day**

- Why does Bug hide?
- How do you feel when you first try something new?
- What does Teacher Pat do to help Bug feel better?

### **Jem's Big Idea**

- How is Jem different from the other monsters? How is she like them? How do you think the other monsters feel about Jem?
- What is Jem's "big idea"?
- How do you think the other monsters feel when they finally see her in the tree?

### **Pip Loves to Cook**

- Why does Pip choose the ingredients she picks for her soup?
- Sometimes things that seem wrong at first turn out to be fine in the end. Can you describe a time when that happened to you?
- Ask your grownup to help you find a recipe and make or bake something tasty! Invite your family or friends to share it.

