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Activity Guide

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Madeline (Edición en Español)

ABOUT THE STORY

After proudly displaying her scar following a hurried appendectomy, a little French girl is envied by her classmates in the private girls' school she attends.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR / ILLUSTRATOR

Probably the greatest gift this native German gave to his adopted America is Madeline, one of the classic heroines of children's literature. Her refreshing adventures are continued in *Madeline and the Bad Hat*, *Madeline and the Gypsies*, *Madeline in London*, and *Madeline's Rescue* (for which the late Mr. Bemelmans was awarded the Caldecott Medal). The adventures and settings of the Madeline books reflect the author/illustrator's wide personal experiences.

INTRODUCING THE STORY

In many countries there are boarding schools where children stay during the school months. They eat and sleep there; they attend classes there, and sometimes they go on outings with their teachers.

Madeline is one of Miss Clavel's students at a boarding school in Paris, France. This book tells about one of her adventures.

READING ACTIVITIES

Comprehension/Thinking Skills

- "Why do you think the girls always walked in two straight lines?"
- "Why was Madeline crying in the night?"
- "Why did Miss Clavel think something was wrong?"
- "Why did each of the other girls want her appendix out also?"

Vocabulary

From Many to One

Because there are 12 girls in this story, many of the words used are plural. Change the following verbs from their (3rd person) plural form to their (3rd person) singular form.

desayunan	almuerzan
cenan	se cepillan
salieron	dijeron
se quedaron	viven

Change the following nouns and adjectives from plural to singular.

filas	tristes
veces	ratones
ojos	pájaro
árboles	noches

Antonym or Synonym?

Tell if the following words are antonyms (opposites) or synonyms (similar meanings).

viejo – anciano	encendió – apagó
malo – bueno	se acostaron – se levantaron
tristes – contentos	niña – muchacha
pequeña – chica	cerró – abrió
invierno – verano	contesearon -- respondieron

CROSS-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Social Studies: Where in the World

Locate Paris on a map of the world. Share some photographs of Paris, show other examples of French culture. Teach children how to count to 12 in French: un, deux, trois, quatre, cinq, six, sept, huit, neuf, dix, onze, douze.

Math: Number Sense

There are 12 girls in the story. Give each child 12 counters. Have the children arrange them in 2 lines, like the girls. How many are in each line? What other arrangements can be made with the counters? (3x4, 4x3, 6x2, 12x1). What happens if you put 5 or 7 counters in a line?

Each girl brought Madeline a flower when she was in the hospital. How many flowers did she receive all together? How many would she have gotten if each girl brought 2, 3, etc.?

Two by Two

The girls always walk in 2 straight lines. Brainstorm other things that come two by two. (spider legs, fingers, a dozen eggs, etc.)

Language Arts: Outside the Window

Madeline spent much of her time in the hospital looking out the window. Have children write a description of what she might have seen. Use illustrations in the book or other photographs of Paris to help generate ideas.