



About the Book

Amelia Bedelia can't wait for Valentine's Day and everything that comes with it—cards to give and receive, a party at school, and sweet surprises. But when Amelia Bedelia leaves the valentines she's decorated on the bus, she has to come up with a creative solution quickly, all the while keeping an eye out for Cupid and his pesky arrow.



Classroom Activities

- **Surrounded by Love.** Amelia Bedelia sees hearts everywhere—in the clouds in the sky, in the catsup on her french fries, and on her mother's playing cards. Where do your students see hearts? As a class, see where you can spot hearts in the classroom, around the school, and in the library. How many hearts can your class count?
- **Amelia Bedelia Valentines.** Amelia Bedelia decorates cards that her teacher, Miss Edwards, made for the class, and your students can do the same. Download and make copies of the reproducible valentines available on www.ameliabedeliabooks.com. Give your students scissors, crayons, and other art supplies so that they can cut out and decorate their own Amelia Bedelia valentines.
- **Wearing Your Heart on Your Sleeve.** Miss Edwards says, "Amelia Bedelia, you are wearing your heart on your sleeve," a saying that means a person expresses his or her feelings openly for all to see. Of course, Amelia Bedelia doesn't see a heart on her sleeve—only stripes! In the way of Amelia Bedelia, have students interpret this expression literally by cutting out construction paper hearts on which they write how they are feeling that day and why. Help students tape their hearts to their sleeves, and if their emotions change partway through the day, encourage them to flip their hearts over and write about their new feelings.
- **Party Your Heart Out.** Host a Valentine's Day party in your classroom or library, complete with a heart-shaped cake, fizzy pink punch, decorations, and a card exchange. Offer several games and activities, just as Miss Edwards does, such as creating heart-shaped boxes, playing Pin the Heart on the Skeleton, and playing the Hearts card game. Hooray for Valentine's Day!



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