

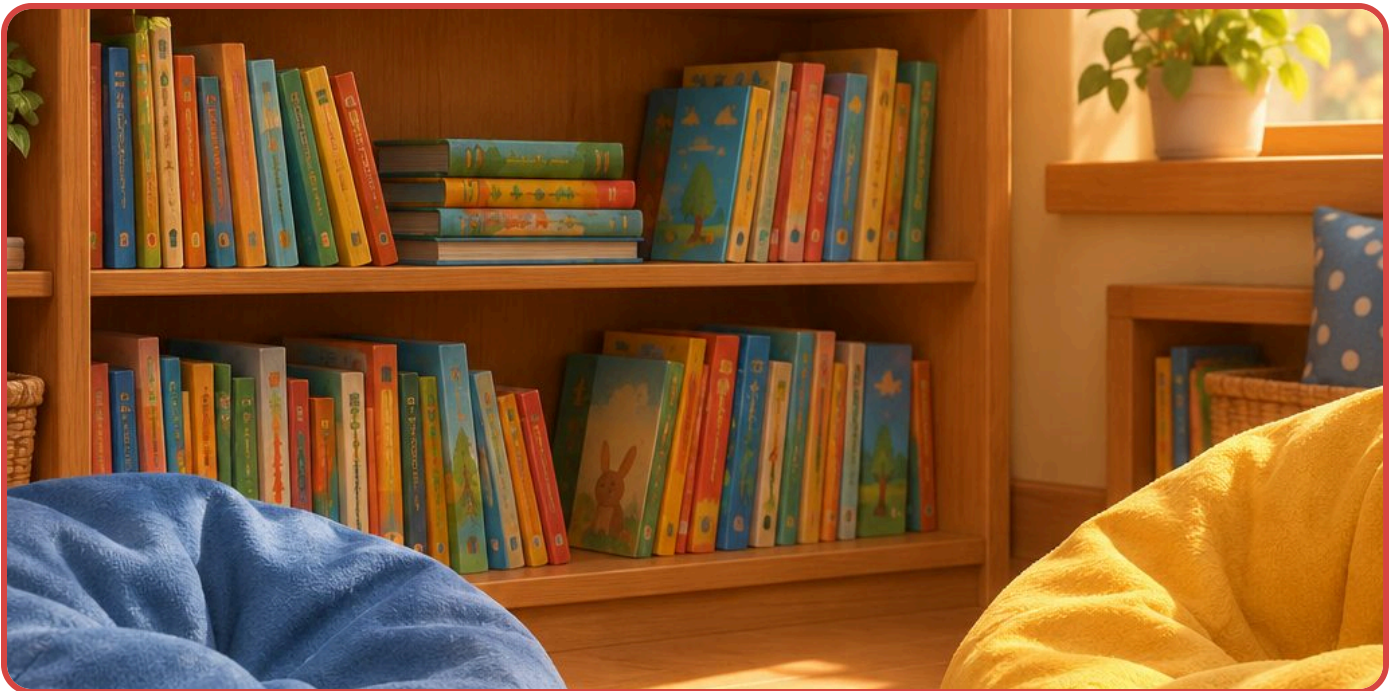


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**FREE BONUS CASE**

# Case #0: The Missing Mascot

**A FREE Junior Detective Academy bonus case -- not found in any book**



**3 suspects. 2 clue stations. 1 bonus map. Can you crack the case?**



**CASE #0 -- OPEN**

# The Missing Mascot

Scene: the classroom reading corner

Every Friday, the “Reader of the Week” gets to keep Professor Wiggles on their desk all weekend. This Friday, right before afternoon story time, the shelf where he always sits was empty. No feathers. No note. No Professor Wiggles.

## Who was in the room that morning?

Mrs. Alvarez, Diego, Sam. One of them knows exactly what happened to Professor Wiggles.

## Your first observations

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_



**THE SUSPECT WALL**

# Who moved Professor Wiggles?



**Mrs. Alvarez**

**The Classroom Aide**

*"I was setting up the art table all morning. Ask anyone who walked by."*



**Diego**

**This Week's Reader of the Week**

*"I put him right back on the shelf after morning circle, I promise!"*



**Sam**

**The New Kid**

*"I was just looking at him earlier. I didn't take him anywhere."*

Everyone says they didn't do it. Two of them are telling the whole truth. Follow the clues at the next two stations to find out who isn't.



STATION

1

## Crack the Code

A smudge was found right where Professor Wiggles used to sit

Each number stands for a letter. A is 1, B is 2, and so on. Write the letter under each number.

16

5

14

3

9

12

Whoever moved Professor Wiggles left a dry, dusty \_\_\_\_\_ smudge on the shelf --  
not paint, not anything sticky.

**Key: A to Z**

A1 B2 C3 D4 E5 F6 G7 H8 I9 J10 K11 L12 M13 N14 O15 P16 Q17 R18 S19 T20 U21 V22 W23 X24 Y25 Z26



STATION

2

## Logic Grid

Use the clues to test each suspect

If a clue does NOT fit a suspect, put an X in that box. The one suspect with NO X anywhere in their row is the culprit.

**Mrs. Alvarez** -- Her apron was covered in finger paint all morning -- everyone saw it.

**Diego** -- He sits in the chair closest to the reading shelf, and wore the reading-corner crown all day.

**Sam** -- Sam is new this month and sits at the desk across the room, by the window.

### The clues

1

Whoever moved Professor Wiggles left a dry, dusty PENCIL smudge on the shelf -- not paint, not anything sticky.

2

Whoever moved Professor Wiggles was sitting close enough to reach the shelf without standing up.

3

Whoever moved Professor Wiggles was still wearing the reading-corner crown when the bell rang.

| Suspect      | Clue 1 | Clue 2 | Clue 3 |
|--------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Mrs. Alvarez |        |        |        |
| Diego        |        |        |        |
| Sam          |        |        |        |

The suspect with no X -- the culprit -- is:



BONUS

3

## Decode the Map

A note was taped under the empty shelf

*Every letter was moved one step forward in the alphabet. Move each one back to read where Professor Wiggles is hiding.*

D

P

T

U

V

N

F

C

J

O

**Professor Wiggles is hiding in the:**

**Example: if you see the letter B, move back one step in the alphabet to get A.**



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CASE #0 -- SOLVED

# IT WAS... DIEGO

It was Diego! He didn't take Professor Wiggles to be mean -- he wanted to surprise the whole class by dressing him up for Picture Day. He got so excited putting on the tiny bow tie that he lost track of time, and the bell rang before he could bring Professor Wiggles back. Everyone forgave him in about two seconds -- the bow tie was adorable.

Where he was hiding: COSTUME BIN.

Solved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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and cracked the case wide open.

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