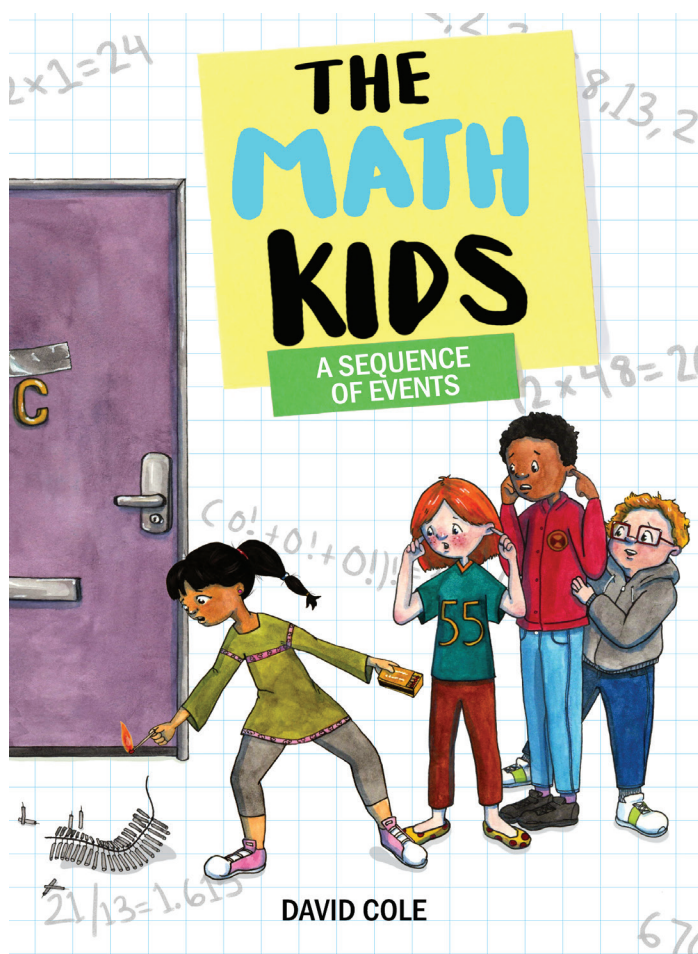


Discussion Guide for *The Math Kids: A Sequence of Events* by David Cole



The Math Kids Club is back! After solving the case of the prime-time burglars, The Math Kids, Jordan, Justin, and Stephanie are ready to return to the original purpose of their club: solving math problems. And the district Math Olympics is the perfect opportunity to do just that. But before they can enter the competition, they need a fourth teammate. The Math Kids set their sights on Catherine Duchesne.

Even though Catherine has been quiet in class, she knows some really cool math tricks that are sure to help The Math Kids win the competition. But when Catherine doesn't show up for school and Jordan, Justin, and Stephanie find out her father's been kidnapped, the group springs into action to help their new friend.

The Math Kids: A Sequence of Events

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TYPE OF ACTIVITY: Individual work and class discussion

LEVEL: Grades 4 & 5

SUBJECT: Math

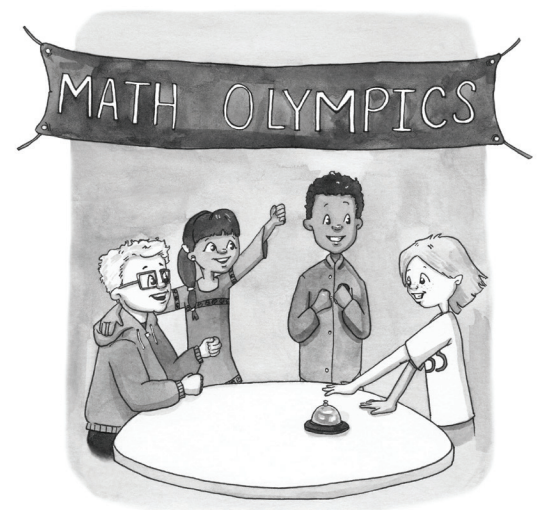
Begin with a short discussion with these questions:



1. Flip back to the first page and look at the cover. Explain what you like or don't like about it.
2. What do you think the Math Kids are up to?
3. What elements do you like about Prime-Time Burglars' cover when you compare it A Sequence of Events' cover? Explain your answer.

Now discuss the students' thoughts on the sequel of Math:

1. What is your favourite scene in *A Sequence of Events*?
2. What are your thoughts on Catherine? Do you like her as a character?
3. What do you think about the new antagonists in the sequel? Are they more exciting than the robbers in *Prime-Time Burglars*?
4. Do you like how the Math Kids use Math as a way to save the day? Explain your answer.
5. What do you think about the Math Olympics? Would you join a Math team at your school? Why or why not?



Name:

Date:

Name your favourite Math Kids member. Explain your choice.

Explain how each member of the Math Kids has matured over the past two books.



Catherine's father thinks boys are better than girls at Math? Do you think this is true? Why or why not?

Are there some areas where girls are better than boys or boys better than girls?

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Now, you're onto the final activity: the word search! Find the words listed below. You'll see words commonly used in each of the Math Kids books.

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