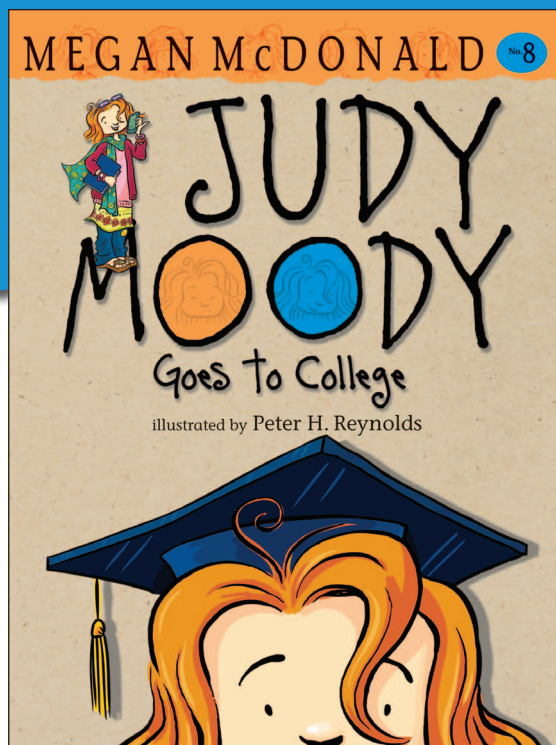


# Judy Moody Goes To College

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A few sessions with a college-age math tutor turn Judy into a jargon-spouting polygon princess—and these classroom activities will inspire the same passion for math in your students. Crucial!

## A Mathless World?

Ask students how math impacts their lives in or outside of school. They might offer such examples as:

- keeping track of the time they go to bed
- the time of their favorite TV show
- counting their lunch money or allowance
- following sports scores
- checking out prices while shopping

Ask the class: What would happen to the world without math? Encourage students to use their imaginations to picture the chaotic scenarios that might result.

## Shape Shifting

When Judy gets sent to the Attitude Tent, she draws a picture of Mrs. Grossman using geometrical shapes (page 56). Have the class identify the shapes Judy uses, then invite students to create their own geometrical drawings of people or objects.

For more ideas, please visit [www.judymoody.com](http://www.judymoody.com) or [www.candlewick.com](http://www.candlewick.com)

## Math-iti!

When Judy and Chloe make a graph of Volkswagen Beetles, Chloe says she'll hang it on the wall and call it graph-iti (page 33). Challenge students to make their own math graffiti. Hang a giant piece of poster paper on a classroom wall, then invite students to write math-inspired slogans on it. Encourage creativity and humor. Some examples might be: "Geometry covers all angles" or "Fractions are the great divide."

