

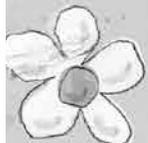
## About the Book

Amelia Bedelia is sure she will love everything about the first day of school: new friends, her teacher, her very own desk, and fun classes. And Amelia Bedelia is right—she does love school, even if she gets a little confused in every class! That's just how Amelia Bedelia is, and no one would want her to be any other way.



## Classroom Activities

- **Your First Day.** After reading *Amelia Bedelia's First Day of School* to your group, facilitate a conversation about how Amelia Bedelia's first day was similar to and different from your students' first day this year. How does Amelia Bedelia feel about school? How did your students feel about school on their first day, and how do they feel about it now?
- **Getting to Know You.** Amelia Bedelia's class engages in activities that let them express themselves and get to know one another. You might also provide clay for your students to use in the same way. Ask them to sculpt their favorite animals. Finish the activity by having partners talk with each other about their animals and why they like them.
- **What's in a Name?** Illustrator Lynne Avril displays the double meanings of the names of many children in Amelia Bedelia's class when Miss Edwards calls the roll. Using the library, the Internet, and children's families as resources, help each child find the meaning of his or her name. Ask students to create pictures that show themselves and the meaning of their names. Display the pictures in the classroom or hallway as a beginning-of-the-year student showcase.
- **Amelia Bedelia's Second Day of School.** In small groups, have students create a story about Amelia Bedelia's second day of school. What might she mix up during the assembly? She's already gotten confused during art, music, and recess, as well as on the bus, in the library, and in the cafeteria. What funny situations might arise during other parts of the school day, such as math or science class? Encourage students to illustrate their stories.



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