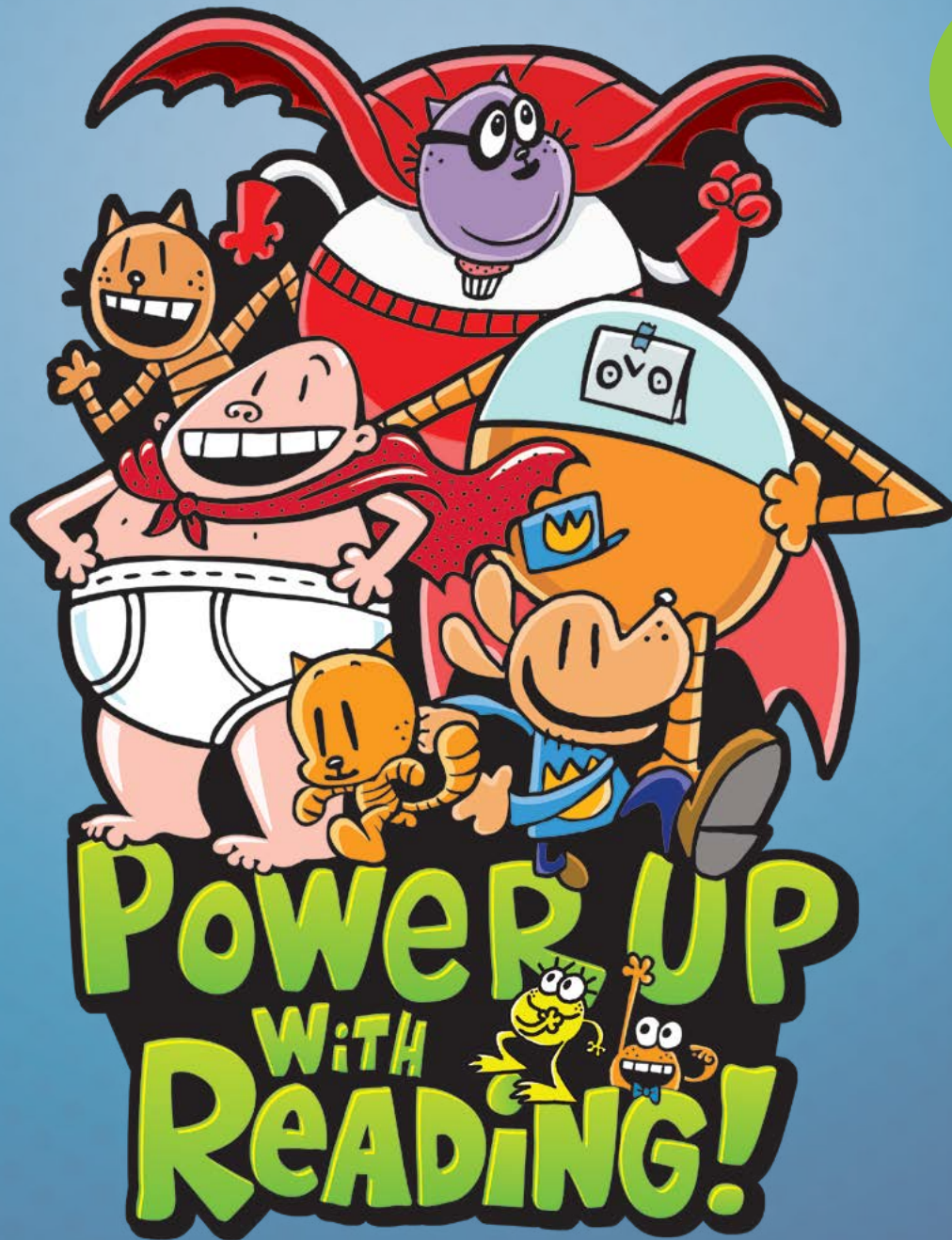


DAV PILKEY'S

# DOG MAN & FRIENDS

## EPIC ACTIVITY GUIDE

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# WELCOME TO FALL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK, NOVEMBER 3-9, 2025!

The Children's Book Council and Every Child a Reader are delighted to have bestselling and award-winning author and illustrator Dav Pilkey as this fall's anchor for our Power Up with Reading celebration!

This Dog Man & Friends Epic Activity Guide offers tips and tools to celebrate Children's Book Week using Dav Pilkey's engaging book series!

## INSIDE FIND:

Exclusive Children's Book Week activities and fun reproducibles for kids featuring Dav Pilkey's beloved characters and worldwide bestselling series including:



## ABOUT DAV PILKEY

When Dav was a kid, he was diagnosed with ADHD and dyslexia. He was so disruptive in class that his teachers made him sit out in the hallway every day. Luckily, Dav loved to draw and make up stories, so he spent his time in the hallway creating his own original comic books—the very first adventures of Dog Man and Captain Underpants.

Since then, Dav has written and illustrated a number of bestselling and award-winning children's books, including the Caldecott Honor book *The Paperboy*. His Captain Underpants and Dog Man graphic novels have sold millions of copies worldwide and have been translated into many languages.

Launched in 1919, Children's Book Week commemorates its 106<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2025. It is the longest-running national literacy initiative in the country. Since 2008, Every Child a Reader has provided millions of young people, teachers, librarians, and parents with original and engaging programming and free educational materials that entertain and inform. Learn more at [everychildareader.net](http://everychildareader.net).



# POWER UP WITH READING WITH **DOG MAN**



## ACTIVITIES FOR COMMUNITY READ PROGRAMMING

The Dog Man series celebrates creativity and imagination and explores universally positive messages including the importance of doing good, empathy, and compassion. Here are some fun Dog Man-inspired ideas for your Community Read activities!

- Imagine a new Dog Man story and create a comic about it.
- Host a Dog Man Readers Theater with kids reading various character parts aloud from one of the books in the series.
- Invite kids to create Dog Man Supa Reviews that describe their favorite Dog Man books in words and drawings or in short videos.
- Stage a TV talk show with Sarah Hatoff interviewing the cast from any Dog Man book.
- Create posters promoting reading that feature favorite Dog Man characters. Look for How to Draw instructions in almost every Dog Man book!
- Hold a Dog Man Read-A-Thon where kids read Dog Man books for a specific hour each day of your community read program.
- Be a helper like Dog Man! Brainstorm a list of all the ways Dog Man helps those around him.

- Invite a community leader (principal, librarian, town mayor, firefighter, etc.) to read from a Dog Man book at a special story hour.



- Write a poem or song about Dog Man or a favorite character from the series.
- Craft shoebox dioramas depicting key scenes from Dog Man adventures.



# SUPERPOWER SHOWCASE

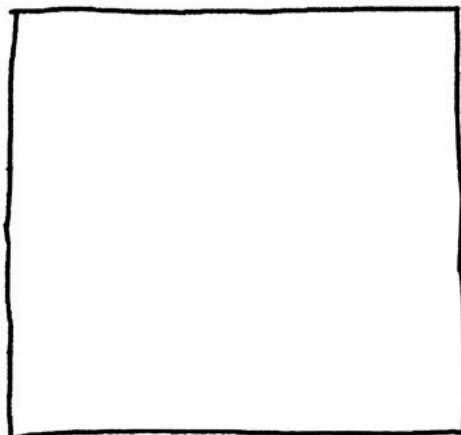
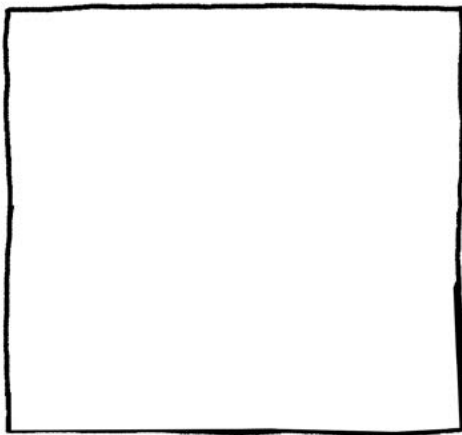
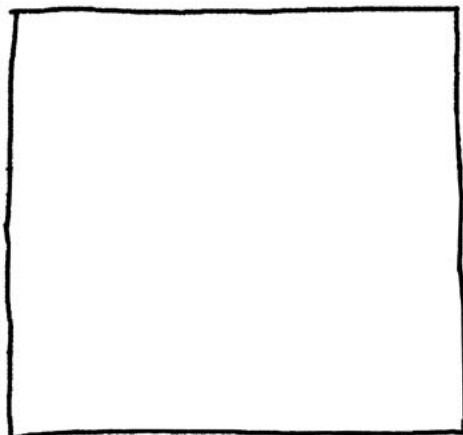
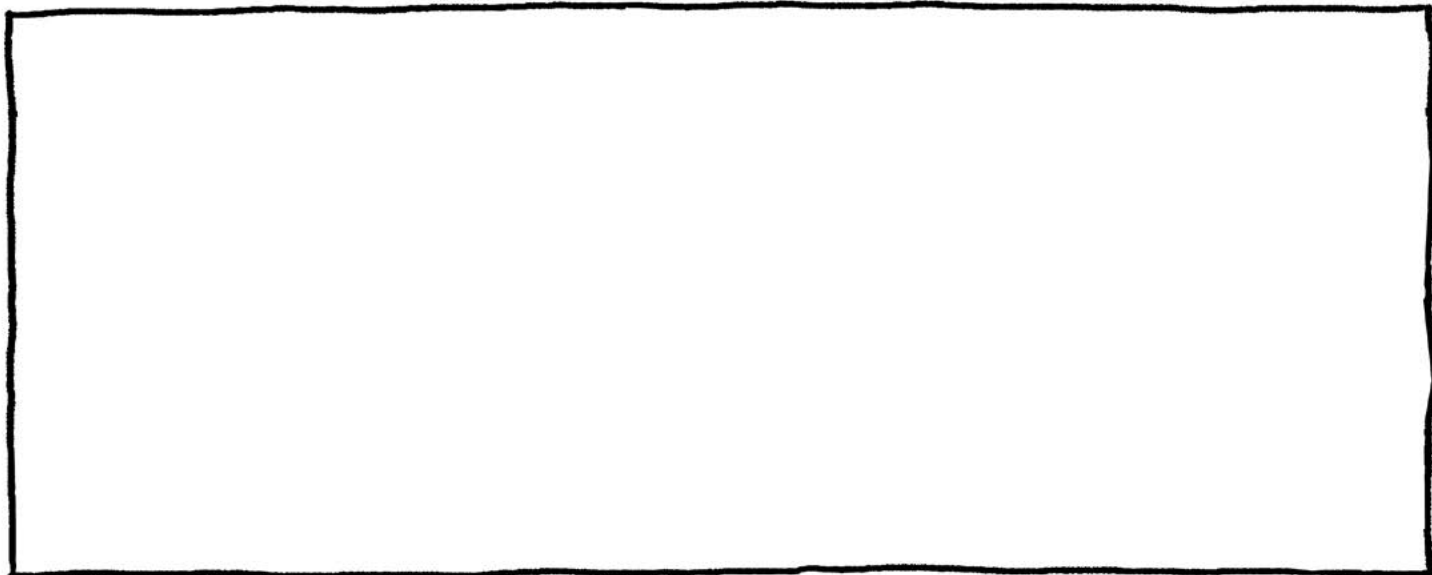
Super Diaper Baby can fly and he has super strength. He and Diaper Dog save the Earth from Deputy Doo-Doo and Dr. Dinkle. Superpowers rule!

If you could have one superpower, what would it be? \_\_\_\_\_

Why would you like to have that particular power? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you use it? \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a comic of your superpower-self doing awesome things!



# DRAGON

## FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS

Dragon is a humble hero with a heart of gold, and he always helps those who need him. Dragon knows a lot about being a good friend. Share these Dragon-inspired bracelets with your friends!



**GOOD FRIENDS**  
are good  
listeners.



**GOOD FRIENDS**  
have a lot in common.

**GOOD FRIENDS**  
always  
share.



Create your own  
sayings!



Cut out each bracelet. Wrap around a wrist and tape to secure.







# CREATIVITY CHALLENGE

Molly and Li'l Petey encourage the friends of the Cat Kid Comic Club to try new things and to be creative! Starla loves to write haiku, Japanese poems that are seventeen syllables, divided into three lines of five, seven, and five beats.



## STARLA'S HAIKU

**Tiny scarlet leaf** (5 beats)

**Clinging fiercely to the branch** (7 beats)

**It's time to let go** (5 beats)

Write your own haiku! You might want to use a separate piece of paper to brainstorm and revise your haiku again and again. Try substituting words or change where they're placed in each line.

## ADD YOUR FAVORITE VERSION OF YOUR HAIKU HERE:

\_\_\_\_\_ (5 beats)

\_\_\_\_\_ (7 beats)

\_\_\_\_\_ (5 beats)

How might you creatively interpret Starla's haiku or your own?  
Try one or more of these ideas or come up with your own!



Photography!

Comic panels!



Collage!



Interpretive dance!



Watercolor painting!





# MOTTO WORD SCRAMBLE

George and Harold, creators of the Captain Underpants comics, love to switch around letters on signs and classroom bulletin boards to make new words and phrases. Unscramble the letters below to spell out what Captain Underpants fights for!

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N D A L A L H T T A  
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S I R E P - R N K S H U  
\_ \_ \_  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

D A N T O Y T O C N  
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## BONUS!

Take the letters within the circles and unscramble them to reveal Captain Underpants' famous catchphrase!

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## SNEAK PREVIEW!

Scan the QR code to see pages from *Captain Underpants: The First Epic Manga*, written and adapted by Dav Pilkey with art by Motojiro!



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## COLORING PAGE





# POWER UP WITH READING!

