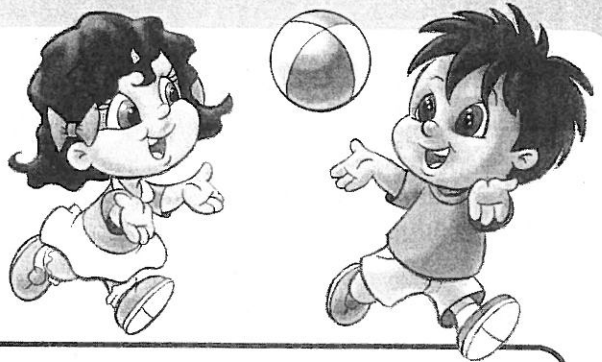


# Dear Parents,

Did you know that your child is learning healthy, germ busting habits at school? To support this learning, Scholastic and Clorox have created **The Adventures of Squeaky and Sully**, a rhyming story that helps young children learn about germs. You can encourage this learning and reinforce the good habits at home by playing the following games. Be sure to praise your child's healthy habits and for learning how to be a Germ Buster.



## What Can You Share?

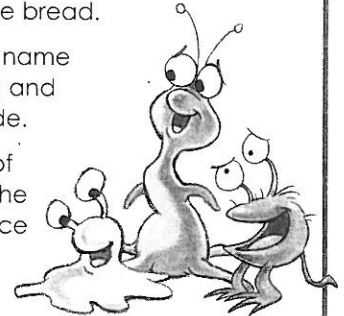
It's important that kids know what—and what not—to share in order to prevent the spread of germs. Play a sorting game. A spoon, toothbrush, cup, fork, tissue, pacifier, and whistle are non-share items. Books, toys, tools, crayons, pencils, trucks, drums, dolls, and chairs can be shared. Talk about why it's okay to share some items, but not all.



## YUCK!

This science experiment shows how "germs" can grow.

- Ask children to wipe their unwashed hands on a piece of white bread.
- Write each child's name on a sealable bag and put the bread inside.
- Add a few drops of water and place the bags in a dark place for a week.
- Then—see the growth of germs. YUCK!



## How to Create a Healthier Home

Parents, get your whole family involved in being Germ Busters. Start with this important checklist.

- ✓ Wash hands with soap and water — especially before snacks and meals
- ✓ Sing the Happy Birthday song twice every time you wash your hands
- ✓ Do the elbow sneeze or cough
- ✓ Throw used tissues away
- ✓ Keep scrapes and cuts clean
- ✓ Clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces



# A Classroom Activity: The Adventures of Squeaky and Sully

## Teaching kids how to fight the spread of germs is as easy as 1-2-3

- 1) Photocopy this activity sheet for your classroom.
- 2) Play the Germ Buster Game with kids (after you read the **Adventures of Squeaky & Sully**).  
Give each child an "I'm a Germ Buster!" sticker (included in your kit) just for participating.
- 3) Send this sheet home to parents—along with the News & Notes newsletter.

### Be a Germ Buster!

- 1) Put an "X" through the pictures where germs are spreading.
- 2) For older children, hand out a separate piece of paper and have them draw a picture of how they can be Germ Busters.



I'm a Germ Buster!

\_\_\_\_\_ (child's name)