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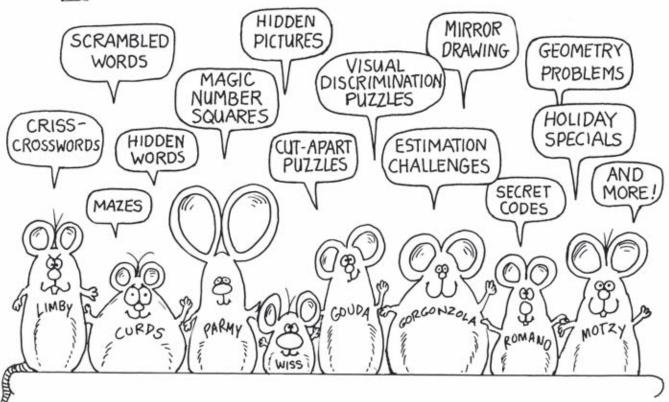
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WHAT'S INSIDE?



That's what you'll find inside *The Puzzle File*—plenty of puzzles and plenty of fun for your upper-elementary students, brought to you by the charming and cheerful Cheddface mice. It's all packed into four seasonal books, giving you special activities for every month of the school year.

Back to School Puzzlers

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Spring Puzzlers

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November/December

January/February

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In each book, you'll find some pages that are easy, some that are quite hard. But be careful! What seems easy to one person may prove difficult for someone else.

Many of these are word puzzles that stretch students' vocabularies in particular word categories or test their decoding skills and recognition of common spelling patterns. Other puzzles are designed to strengthen students' abilities to visualize—a powerful mode of problem solving that is often overlooked in the classroom.

All are intended to challenge, to amuse, and to provoke students into seeing and thinking creatively. As they work toward solutions, students will also practice such problem-solving strategies as looking for patterns, guess-and-testing, using logical reasoning, devising systematic approaches, and making organized lists.

Turn to *The Puzzle File* whenever you want a break from the usual classroom routine, or to put to good use those spare moments right after lunch or recess and at the end of the day. Duplicate the pages and keep them on hand for "class tournaments," a rainy-day event in which students compare their answers and find a class champion. Or distribute them for independent work—maybe as a reward for students who finish their in-class assignments early.

Your own special "puzzle file" may be in a desk drawer, a three-ring binder, or even just a manila folder. Wherever it is, you'll want to keep it stocked with your Cheddface favorites. And if you don't already have such a file, why not start one?

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