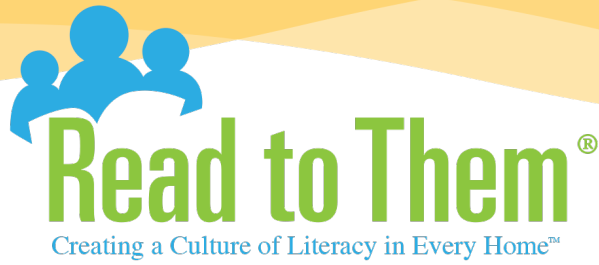


**Assembly Ideas for
Judy Moody Was in a Mood (2000)
by Megan McDonald**

1. **“From a Pet’s Perspective” Skit** – In this skit, we eavesdrop on the three pets from the Moody household – Mouse the cat, Toady the Toad, and Jaws the Venus flytrap. We learn about Judy and Stink from the pets’ point of view. This is the perfect assembly for schools using both *Judy Moody Was in a Mood* and *Triple Pet Trouble* for their state reading program. You can introduce the three pets at the center of both books, all at the same time! It can also be used by schools who are reading just *Judy Moody Was in a Mood*. (See *Assembly Scripts* on the Book Resource Page for *Judy Moody* for a full script for this idea.)
2. **Vic’s Mini Mart** – Judy, her best friend Rocky, and her little brother, Stink, love to go to Vic’s Mini Mart. They buy Band-Aids, fake tattoos, magic tricks, jawbreakers, fireballs, and even a fake hand. Have a staff member cast as Vic deliver a monologue about his three young customers. (See *Assembly Scripts* on the Book Resource Page for *Judy Moody* for a full script for this idea.)
3. **A Trip to Vic’s** – Instead of a monologue from Vic, set up the store on stage. Cast three students to play the roles of Judy, Stink, and Rocky, and have a staff member play the role of Vic. (See *Assembly Scripts* on the Book Resource Page for *Judy Moody* for a full script for this idea. Feel free to adapt it as needed.)
4. **Present a Me Collage** – Judy Moody works on her Me collage for almost the entirety of the book. Get someone at your school to prepare a Me collage to present to the school during your kickoff assembly. You’ll want to include favorite pets, hobbies, the funniest thing that ever happened, where you live, etc. Introduce *Judy Moody Was in a Mood* something like this:

Today we are going to start reading the book *Judy Moody Was in a Mood* together as a school! Everyone will receive their very own copy of the book. You’ll get to know the main character, Judy, through something called a Me collage. This is a collage of all her favorite things. Judy and her classmates all make their own collages to introduce each other. Today, we have a very special guest to present their own Me collage. Listen carefully, you might become inspired to make your own Me collage!

Then your guest spends about five minutes explaining and telling stories about the elements in the Me collage. After this, present and pass out the books.



Alternate: As an alternate idea, invite the students to create a Me collage during the assembly. Label a few spots on a huge piece of paper: favorite pet, club, hobbies, what you want to be when you grow up, friends, the funniest thing, where you live, and favorite food. Bring the paper, colorful markers, and lots of cut up pictures. Introduce *Judy Moody* just as above but instead of introducing a special guest, tell the students that they are going to make a Me collage to represent your school. Then call on students from each grade as well as some staff members to put something on the collage. Be sure to show/share/display the results so all can admire. Finally, close by asking, “What would you put in your Me collage?”

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