

# Baby Cakes



## The Cupcake Club book 5



## A Curriculum Guide for Grades 3, 4, and 5

### SNAPSHOT SUMMARY:

The Cupcake Club devises a Cinderella birthday party for Milly where Delaney appears as the Fairy Godmother, with a huge skirt of cupcakes. Since her mobility is limited due to the size of the costume, Mr. Harris, Sadie's father, creates a skateboard for it. Delaney loses her balance, and the cakes all topple. Milly laughs with glee, and the children roll in the frosting.

Delaney continues to have trepidations, however, and experiences jealousy as she worries that she will no longer be her mother's favorite, and she will have to share her parents with the new sibling. These ideas depress her, but she participates in the baby shower for her mom given by the Cupcake Club. Using pink and blue filled cupcakes, her mother announces she is expecting twins. Delaney is stunned but confident of her ability.

The performance of Charlotte's Web is interrupted as Mrs. Noonan goes into labor early. Sophie and Delaney bravely go on with the show, but the latter rushes to the hospital as soon as she is able. There, she meets the newborns, Tristan and Charlotte, and truly becomes the big sister.

### QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

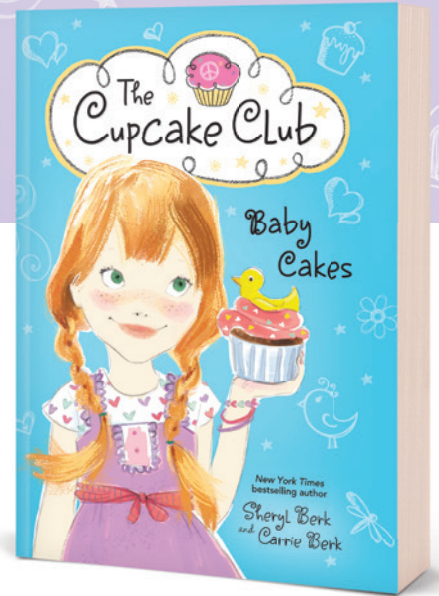
1. Describe Delaney's feelings about the upcoming birth. Give her reasons.
2. Have you ever been a babysitter? What were some problems you faced, and how did you handle them?
3. How did Kylie, Lexi, Sadie, and Jenna show true friendship to Delaney?
4. Was it a good idea to turn the music into rap? Why?
5. How did Sophie conquer her fear? What are you afraid of?
6. How would you change the Fairy Godmother's skirt to prevent the fall? Why did Milly still love her?
7. What did Delaney learn from Milly?
8. Do you have a younger sibling or cousin? How do you react to them as an older sibling or cousin?
9. What type of character is Wilbur? How does Delaney reflect his qualities?
10. Why did Delaney go on with the show despite wanting to accompany her mother to the hospital? What did they learn from the first meeting of the Cupcake Club?



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### NEW VOCABULARY

Using clues found in the text, write your definitions of these words and phrases:

1. Calamity
2. Bungee trampoline
3. Turn over a new leaf
4. Flinch
5. Transplant
6. Wimp
7. Dollop
8. Buried her head in her hands
9. Penny for your thoughts
10. Audition
11. Squiggle
12. Obsess
13. Forklift
14. Tantrum
15. Racked her brain
16. Envision
17. Rendition
18. Communicate
19. Survivor
20. Choreography
21. Minimalist
22. Thumbs-up
23. Over the top
24. Lift your spirits

### ACTIVITIES

1. Create a costume for the Fairy Godmother. Illustrate.
2. Design a nursery for the twins. Draw a floor plan and make furniture out of paper for your diorama.
3. Watch the movie Cinderella. Choose your favorite character, draw a portrait, and write a short essay about him/her.
4. In a team of four, write some rules to help Delaney become a serious big sister.
5. With a partner, design an invitation to Milly's birthday party. Include time, place, and occasion.
6. Using a Venn diagram, compare the qualities of Sophie and Charlotte.
7. Read Charlotte's Web as a class. Make a graphic organizer to analyze it.
8. Record a message to the twins about you.
9. Write the recipe for your favorite cupcake and illustrate it.
10. Plan a baby shower in table teams. Include food, cupcakes, invitations, and gifts.
  11. Create a gift for Milly. Include box, toy, and decoration.
  12. As a class, draw a mural about Charlotte's Web. Add characters.
  13. Role-play the characters in the story. Include club members, show performers, and parents.



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### CROSS CURRICULUM

#### Science

1. Ingredients for cupcakes
2. Kitchen tools
3. Skirt construction

#### Art

1. Mural
2. Diorama
3. Favorite cupcake illustration
4. Cinderella portrait
5. Invitations
6. Costume
7. Gift for Millys

#### Social Studies

1. Working with partners and teams of 3, 4, 5
2. Class mural
3. Video to twins
4. Birthday party plan
5. Baby shower

#### Math

1. Measurement: feet, inches
2. Metric measurement: teaspoon, tablespoon, cup
3. Floor plan on graph paper
4. Furniture construction

#### Reading and Writing

1. Venn diagram
2. Graphic organizer
3. Retelling story
4. Predicting events
5. Writing invitations
6. Read aloud of Charlotte's Web
7. Role-play of Baby Cakes
8. Rules for Delaney
9. Recipe for cupcake
10. Essay on friendship

