Dear Educators,

Now that your supersleuth students can solve any mystery, have them delve even further into the Sesame Seade Mystery series with the following questions aligned with Common Core State Standards in Reading Literature and Language.

How does author Clémentine Beauvais create humor and suspense in the book? Find evidence from the story. **RL.4-5.1, 4**

Analyze the impact of specific word choices including figurative language on meaning and tone of the book. Give specific examples. Share with the class. **RL.4-5.4 / L.4-5.5**

How does illustrator Sarah Horne use pictures and details to develop the characters, setting, and events in the story? Give examples from the book. **RL.4-5.1, 2, 3**

Compare and contrast the themes, settings and plots of two Sesame Seade mysteries. Discuss how the author incorporates point of view. **RL.4-5.1, 2, 3, 6, 9**

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Every great detective needs a sleuthing kit. Sesame solves mysteries with the help of a camera, flashlight, binoculars, and, of course, her trusty roller skates! What items will you use to master the art of sleuthing?

Find a mystery to solve. What strange events are occurring in Sesame’s normally quiet town of Cambridge, England?

Identify the suspects. Which characters whom Sesame has met so far seem suspicious to you and why?

Assemble the clues. Jot down anything you think may be relevant to the case you and Sesame are trying to solve.

Identify the perpetrator of the crime. After collecting your list of suspects and clues, can you piece together who was behind this mystery? What is his or her motive?

Crack the case! Did you correctly guess who was behind the mystery or were you surprised at how the events unfolded at the end of the book? What did you think of Sesame’s sleuthing ability? Was there anything you would have done differently?

Remember, as Sesame always says, you’re not born a supersleuth on skates; you become one. So keep practicing your sleuthing skills and stay tuned for the next Sesame Seade Mystery!