



March of the Mini Beasts

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Gabe, Laura, and Cesar live on a quiet cul-de-sac. They are the whiz kids of Newtonburg Elementary and each specializes in their own subject. In fact, everyone in town lovingly refers to them as the Data Set. However, their quiet days of learning take a sudden turn for the exciting when they meet Dr. Gustav Bunsen—a mad scientist who throws the kids into a wild spiral of adventures.

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Other Websites/links: <https://www.goodreads.com/series/171825-the-data-set>
<https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=50352&s=n>

Food: Chocolate; Caramel

Eraser: Brain Eraser: <http://www.orientaltrading.com/brain-shaped-erasers-a2-13606528.fltr>



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Nonfiction Title:

Neuman, Susan B., *National Geographic Readers: Hang on Monkey!*.

Baby Professor, *It's a Hippos World: Hippopotamus Fun Facts for Kids*.

Introduction: How many times have you tried something new and it turned out differently than you thought it would?

Have you ever seen someone that you thought was going to be mean or scary and it turned out that they were very nice?

Story time Activities:

This activity is testing taste buds. Since this book discusses selling candy for fundraising, this might be a good activity.

<http://www.lookwerelearning.com/2016/02/learning-about-taste-buds/>

Discussion Questions:

1. What would you do if you finally met someone that had scared you before?
2. How would you like to have a “mini” animal? What would you choose to have? Why?
3. Have you ever been to a zoo? What was your favorite animal? Why?
4. If you had a magic machine, what would you want it to do?
5. If you could have an adventure of a lifetime, what would it be?