

About These Activities . . .

The fifteen activity pages in this collection come from our popular book, *WakerUppers*. Each page is hand-drawn, giving the challenges a friendly look. However, don't be fooled—there is plenty of ambitious higher-order thinking going on.

For example, on one of the 15 pages, this is what students would encounter: They are told to write their first name $2\frac{1}{2}$ times, answer a question about pockets, figure out how many more lines it would take to complete a drawing of three "stick" people, visualize how to draw something that looks "soft" rather than "loud," draw a creature that's "furry" and "big" and has four other characteristics, and play a country name game that involves some serious looking and thinking.

Whew!

In other words, there's a lot to do on every page.

Many teachers hand out a *WakerUppers* sheet in the morning, letting children work on them when they have spare time during the day. And they make great take-home activities to let parents see what their children have achieved.