Title of Book: The Magic School Bus Lost in the Solar System

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Synopsis:

One of the great teachers of our generation, Miss Frizzle, takes us on another adventure, this time through the solar system. After a disappointing trip to a closed planetarium Miss Frizzle launches their school bus on a trip through the solar system. In this book we go to some of the planets, the moon, and the sun, before an asteroid knocks out one of the taillights on the bus. Miss Frizzle gets lost in space after checking on the bus and in the meantime the other students visit the remaining planets. Finally, the group reconvenes and ends up back in the classroom to chart their experience as well as to create a mobile based on their discoveries.

Theme: Solar System

Activity One: Construct Solar System

- Original---Jeff Mendenhall
- Students will construct their own solar systems.
- In this activity students will construct their own solar systems. They may construct a solar system in any way they wish. An e-mail or phone call will be made to parents to let them know about this project and tell them that they are able to help with this project, although it should be obvious that the students have done the bulk of the work. The planets and the sun are the only MUSTS in the project.

Activity Two: About the planets

- Original---Jeff Mendenhall
- Students will list what they have learned about the planets
- While reading the book the students will list what they have learned about each one of the planets. Students should take what they have learned as Miss Frizzle and her class take a journey through the solar system.