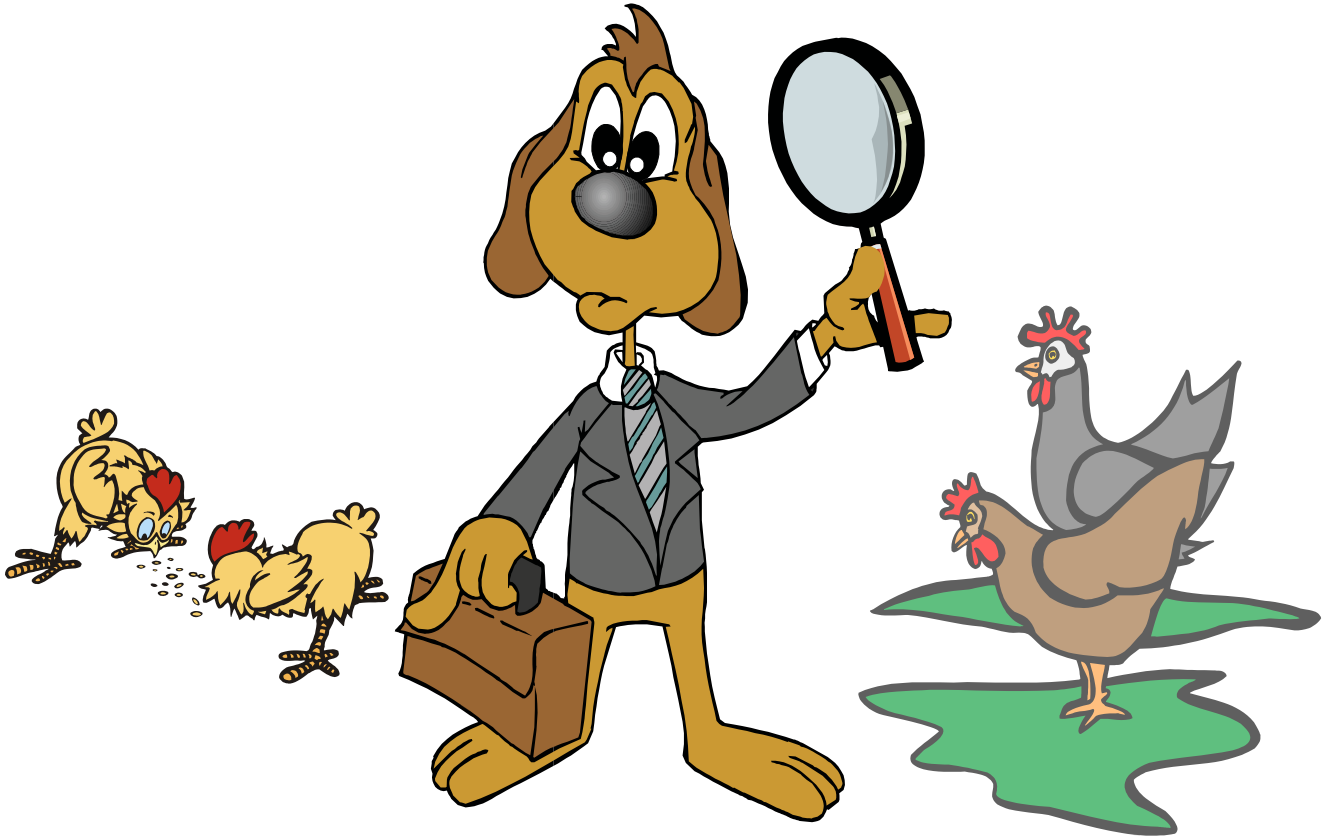


Detective Dilbert



Detective Dilbert is a hound dog who lives on the Fieldjoy farm, but he thinks he is a detective. In fact, he is known for saying, “I’m a hound dog who hounds trouble. I sniff out danger, track it down, and wipe it out!” Poor Dilbert; he seems more of a magnet for danger than wiper-outer of it. He can’t even keep track of his own magnifying lens let alone solve a crime. But, he means well. Right this minute he’s preparing to embark on a summer adventure like never before. Little does he know that he’s about to be swept up in a whirlpool of jeopardy—filled with perilous pirates and sinister sea monsters. However unaware he is, at least he realizes that he’ll be needing your help to solve his next case. However, he’s really worried that your thinking skills aren’t up to the job.

Thester



Thester is a joke-loving horse who lives on Mr. and Mrs. Fieldjoy's farm. This scallywag-of-a-horse visits Beyond Academics each summer. He loves to tease the students and tell rude jokes about Mr. Wright. And you better watch out: if you don't give him a carrot or apple when he wants one, he's likely to pull a prank on you. Yes, he loves carrots and apples. Thester is Detective Dilbert's best friend. Together, they are concocting a sea-worthy summer adventure for you students that will flood your minds with silly situations and clever calculations.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright



Mr. and Mrs. Wright are the founders of Beyond Academics. They are good friends of the Fieldjoys, and they are happy to welcome Thester back every summer—even though he tells rude jokes about Mr. Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Fieldjoy



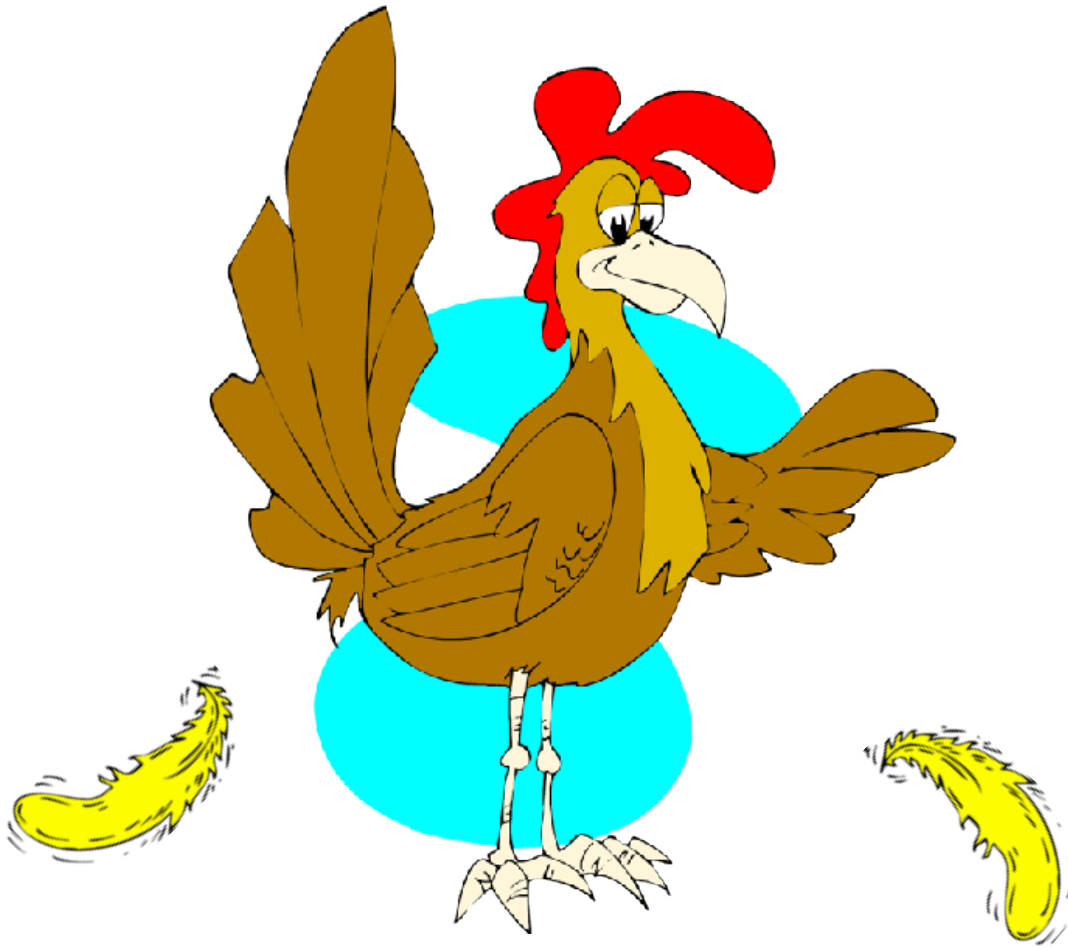
Mr. and Mrs. Fieldjoy are the owners of the **Fresh Idea Farm**. They own an array of animals including Thester, Dilbert, and Gilly. They are fun-loving vegetarians who love fresh food and fresh ideas!

Gilly



Gilly is a goat who lives on the Fieldjoys' farm. Don't let his cute face fool you; he's a rascally goat who often incites trouble on the farm. Gilly is known for his ridiculous appetite; he'll try to eat just about anything. In fact, one time he ate Mr. Fieldjoy's hat.

Mr. Snorestopper



Mr. Snorestopper is the Fieldjoy's rooster. Mr. Snorestopper is an outstanding bird with his vivid outfit of colorful feathers. The whole farm depends on Mr. Snorestopper to give a wake up call each morning, and he takes his job seriously. When he sees the sunrise each morning, he hops on the fence and crows a COCK-A-DOODLE-DOO so loudly and enthusiastically that his body trembles with excitement, shaking loose a cloud of bright feathers. In fact, whenever he is focused on a goal, his body will shudder and feathers will fly. He is one reliable alarm clock.

Miss Squiggle



Miss Squiggle is the Fieldjoys' rabbit who is a talented sniffer-outer; she is good at sniffing out the problems in our plans and warning us when an idea stinks. Of course, if there's a carrot in the room, forget it—the carrot is all her sniffer will smell.