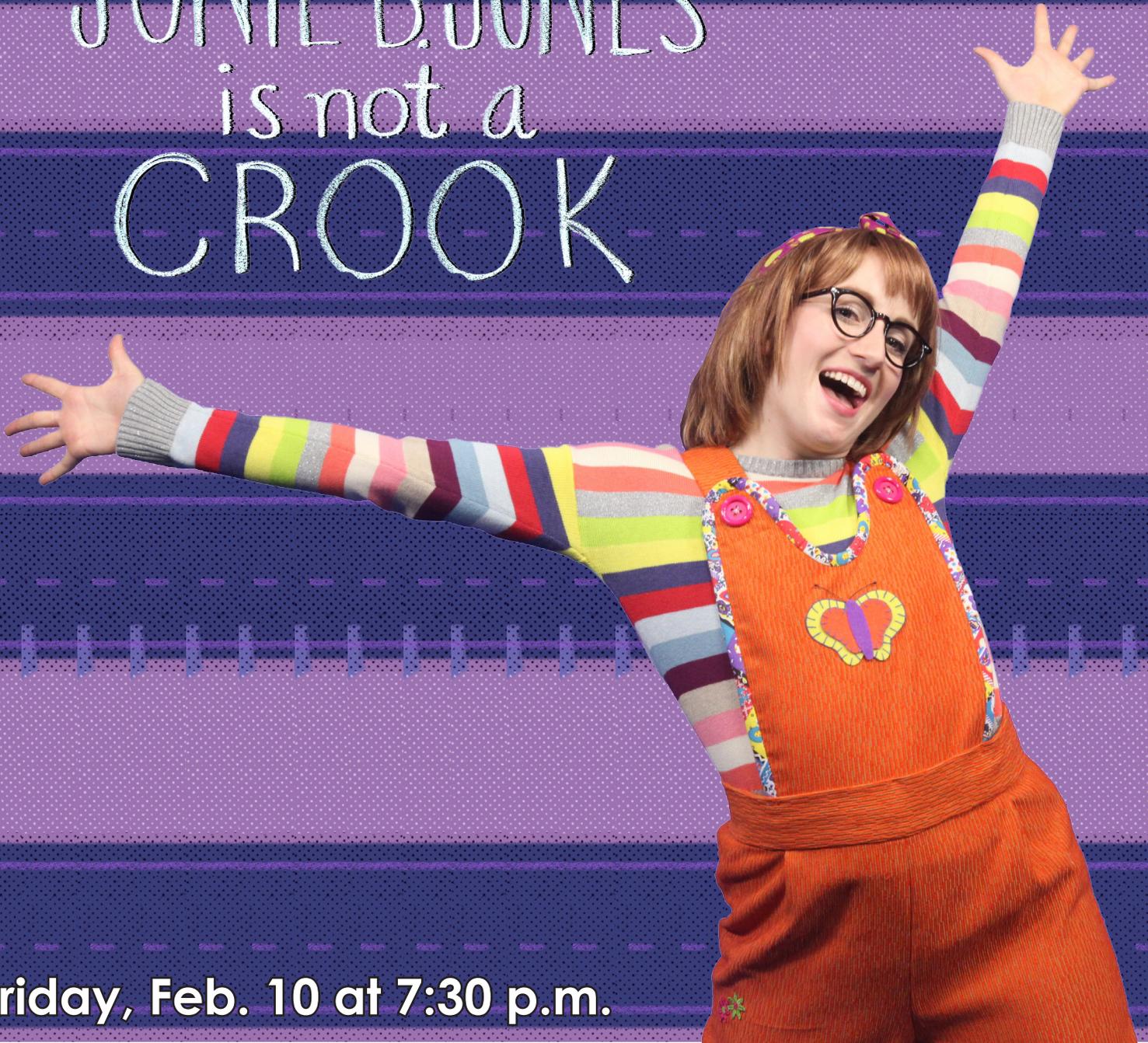




# A Parent's Guide to Sensory-Friendly Performances

JUNIE B. JONES  
is not a  
CROOK



Friday, Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

# Have you met Junie B. Jones?

*Junie B. Jones Is Not a Crook* is based on the book by Barbara Park. Your favorite kindergartner, Junie B. Jones, is ecstatic about her brand new mittens – until a dirty, rotten thief steals them! So when she finds a fantastic pen on the school floor she should get to keep it. Right? Finders keepers, losers weepers! Will Junie B. Jones do the right thing and return the pen to its rightful owner? Will she ever get her furry black mittens back? This comical tale finds our fearless friend in another mess. What will happen? That's anyone's guess.



# A bit about sensory-friendly performances at Children's Theatre of Charlotte

Sensory-friendly theatre is an approach to the audience experience that “softens” the environment. What does that mean exactly? Children's Theatre of Charlotte believes theatre should be available to everyone, including those who may need help managing the sensory experiences that come along with attending a performance.

**Here are some of the adjustments Children's Theatre of Charlotte makes to create a more sensory-friendly environment tailored to each show:**

- Lights in the theatre will stay low during the show, instead of turning all the way off.
- The sound levels will soften when needed.
- Children's Theatre of Charlotte intentionally sells fewer tickets for the sensory-friendly performances so families have more room to move as needed.
- Audiences have access to fidgets, headphones and weighted toys to help children feel more organized and settled.
- Someone will be standing near the front of the stage with glow sticks to help give families a warning when sensory-rich moments are approaching. Raising one light means there's a smaller sensory moment coming up (like a loud sound or a change in lighting).
- A quiet room is available if children need to leave the theatre to feel more settled or regroup during the show.

We've also provided several guides to help prepare your family for your visit to Children's Theatre of Charlotte, including a guide that walks your family through our facility at ImaginOn, a child guide to pair with each performance and a coordinating parent guide like this one to help parents support their children's learning and experience in the theatre.

*Yours truly,  
Your friends at Children's Theatre of Charlotte*

# Learning opportunities and sensory-rich moments in *Junie B. Jones Is Not a Crook*



Junie B. Jones is a fun kindergartener! She has a lot to say about today's adventure!  
*How do children understand the words they hear and use every day?*

**Sensory-rich moments: Junie B. Jones explains things to the audience throughout the performance, and there's a "ding" or bell each time she does.**



Junie B Jones is quite the storyteller - wait until you hear this one!  
*Children tell lots of stories. This is a great opportunity to help them learn new ways to describe their world!*



Uh-oh, these friends may have some trouble coming.

*How do we help our children work through friendships and teach them what it means to be a good friend?*

**Sensory-rich moment: The upcoming scene change is busy with the moving set and furniture.**



Welcome to Room 9! Mrs. has her hands full with these kindergarteners. *Children learn a lot more than just ABCs and 1-2-3s at school. What questions can we ask our kids about their school day?*

**Sensory-rich moments: There's some name-calling and bickering between students. There's also a slow-motion part of this scene with a clock ticking slowly.**

Junie B. Jones is trying to take good care of her special treasure, but wait until you see what happens next. *Kids often have a hard time keeping track of their things, especially at school!*

**Sensory-rich moment: Junie B. Jones discovers something she loves is missing at the end of this scene**

Junie B. Jones gets her feelings hurt. What do you think made her sad? *Our words can be impactful. How do we help our children learn how to use them with each other?*

**Sensory-rich moments: This is an emotional and quiet part of the scene that becomes louder and more active. The transition also includes an echo effect to some of the children's voices.**



Junie B. Jones has to go to the office, but for once, she's not in trouble!  
*How can we help children feel comfortable about going to the office when they need help, or even just to visit?*  
**Sensory-rich moments: This scene includes typewriter sounds, actors throwing objects and some running around.**



This may look like an ordinary water fountain, but wait until you see what Junie B. Jones finds when she takes a sip!  
*What do we say when children find things that belong to someone else?*  
**Sensory-rich moment: The water fountain comes in by itself.**



Junie B. Jones' dreams are even more fun than her real life! We don't want to ruin the surprises in this artsy dream!  
*Children have amazing imaginations. This is a great opportunity to expand on their creativity!*

**Sensory-rich moments: This is a cool dream scene with more movement, lighting changes, set changes, objects falling from above, singing and echoing voices.**



Time to go back to the classroom! What are the children talking about now?  
*How do children try to help each other when things get tough?*

**Sensory-rich moment: There is some name-calling and bickering among the kids.**

Junie B. Jones decides to make some changes that might help her with her friendships. How did it work for her?  
*How do we help our children make good choices at home and with their friends?*

**Sensory-rich moments: Junie startles two of her friends. This scene also transitions to the next using echoes with scene and lighting changes.**

It's time for our favorite dreamer to go to bed! What do you think she'll dream about this time?

*Kids can be especially creative in their dreams. What do your children tell you about their dreams?*

**Sensory-rich moment: This dream includes lighting changes, music and characters coming in and out of the scene in creative ways.**



Junie B. Jones learns an important lesson from her Grandpa Frank Miller.  
*Children learn a lot when the lesson includes something about them!*



Who is this Pink Fluffy Girl? Can she help Junie B. Jones find her special treasure?  
*What happens when our children find out what it feels like to be in someone else's shoes?*

**Sensory-rich moment: There's shouting and chasing in this scene.**



Our dreamer's imagination is active again, but how did she end up here?  
*Children can be pretty dramatic, especially when they think they could be in trouble!*



Back to the office for Junie B. Jones. What will she do?

*Doing the right thing can be so hard.  
How do we help our children make those tough choices?*



Junie B. Jones learns another important lesson about who she is and who she wants to be.

*Parents and caregivers can really help children figure out what's important!*

**Sensory-rich moment: This is an emotional scene that will transition into a busier playground scene.**



Maybe these two really can be friends!  
*Even tough situations can work out in the end as our children learn about friendships!*

**Sensory-rich moment: This is an emotional scene that will transition into a busier final scene.**

Thanks for joining us at Children's Theatre of Charlotte for this special performance!

Visit **ctcharlotte.org** for more information about other sensory-friendly performances available to you and your family this year!