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Dear Students,

Do you remember seeing the orange paint smudges I found in my classroom the day Alice was taken? I did some investigating and found out that all four of our suspects were near or working with paint that fateful afternoon! Unfortunately, none of them were working with orange paint. Still, I feel that the paint could help us figure out where Alice is...so we need to study it further. Here is what I know:

**Suspect #1's** class had been working on posters for the school's food drive. That very morning Suspect #1 finished a beautiful poster using red and blue paint.

**Suspect #2's** gym class was playing on the soccer field the day Alice was taken. The school rock is right next to the soccer field. The rock was freshly painted that afternoon with the school colors — red, blue and yellow

**Suspect #3** has been working on a model of the solar system for her science project. In her desk at school, we found yellow and red poster paint. She used the paint to decorate her model of Jupiter.

**Suspect #4** was in art class right before Alice disappeared! The painting he claimed to be working on that afternoon is of a field of yellow wildflowers in a blue vase.

None of these paint colors points to our suspects. But perhaps we could test the paint colors together? I leave it to you, my forensics team! However, please remember that it is important to follow an exact procedure and record your results. That is the only way that others will be able to recreate your experiment later to verify the results!

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