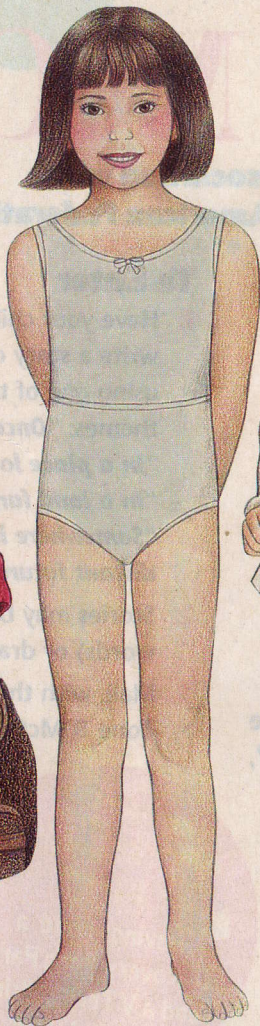
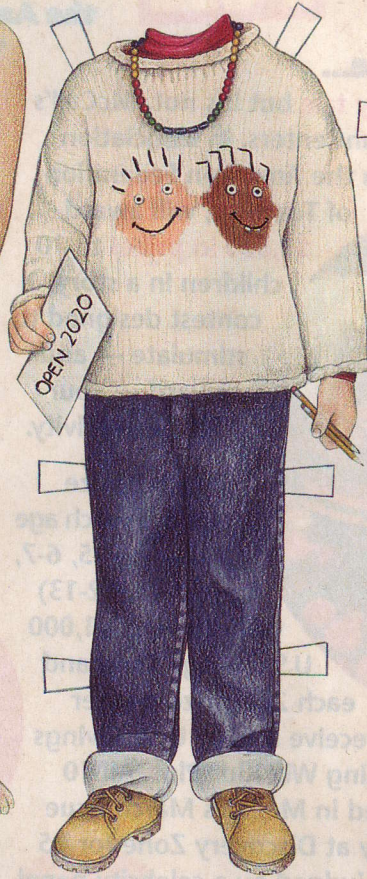


Betsy goes back to school

betsy's a class act in her woolly red coat, schoolgirl kilt and patent-leather loafers. ▼

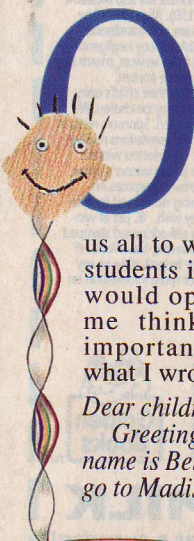


betsy always remembers to wear her safety helmet and knee pads when she goes skating. ►



before cutting Betsy out, be sure to paste this page onto a piece of sturdy oaktag.

two favorite back-to-school basics: a pair of jeans and a cozy sweater. ▲



Our new teacher, Mrs. Sheppard, has some cool ideas. She asked us all to write a letter that students in the year 2020 would open. This made me think about some important stuff. Here is what I wrote:

*Dear children of the future,
Greetings from 1995! My name is Betsy McCall, and I go to Madison Elementary*

School. You are probably wondering what my life is like. Right now, sports are popular, especially in-line skating. We all eat candy called Sour Patch Kids, go to movies and play video games. During class we do our schoolwork on computers. I bet computers seem old-fashioned to you!

Our school is pretty friendly, and I like almost everyone. But it can be

scary to hear about world events on the news. I hope you do not have to worry about guns or bombs, or which places are safe and which ones are dangerous, like we do. I also want you to have a good career, just like I hope to. I'm going to be the first woman president! I wish you all the best and send you my love.

*Your friend,
Betsy McCall*

Dear Betsy's buddies,
Starting in November, Betsy will share her page with you! If you've written a story or poem or created a picture, send it to: Betsy McCall, 110 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10011. We'll pay \$25 for each submission published. (Include your name, address and phone number. Submission of material is your permission to publish it in all media. Material cannot be returned.)