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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PRESIDENTS!

Presidents Day celebrates the birthdays and lives of two important American presidents: George Washington and Abraham Lincoln

WONDERFUL WEDGES

This month we'll learn the value of an incline plane.

TRUMPETER SWANS

These beautiful birds mate for life and make a perfect pairing for Valentine's Day.



See how many words can you make using the letters in **HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**



KIDS HELP TO CREATE THE WINTER OLYMPIC MASCOTS

Children in Italy were asked to suggest ideas for the 2026 Winter Olympics.

This copy of **Kid Scoop News** belongs to:

On Track Reader 2025-26



During the 2025-26 school year, Book Mark & Nautical Yarn will provide **free tutoring** through their **ON TRACK READER Tutoring Program** held at Book Mark in downtown Ludington. With the help of volunteer tutors, students are assisted in foundational reading skills using a well-respected, research-based curriculum. Students may be in grades K - 3.

- Beginning this fall, the Literacy Team at Ludington Elementary School will administer assessments in reading skills to each student
- The Literacy Team will share results with K-3 teachers prior to Parent/Teacher Conferences scheduled for October 2025
- If assessments warrant intervention, teachers will encourage parents to enroll their children in the ON TRACK READER program
- Representatives of the ON TRACK READER program will be available on-site during conferences to collect permission slips (Actual tutoring sessions will begin the following Tuesday, October 21, 2025)
- Tutors will customize a tutorial program for each student based on the student's instructional needs
- Students will be tutored individually or in small-groups by volunteer tutors (frequently retired educators) trained in the science of reading

Schedule for 2025-26

On Track Reader will meet 10-12 times in each Session.

- Session 1 (October 21 - December 4, 2025)
- Session 2 (January 13 - February 26, 2026)
- Session 3 (March 17 - April 30, 2026)

Tutoring sessions meet from 3:30 - 4:30 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Tutor Training and Tutor Training Dates

Parent Training

If you would like to learn how to help your child improve their reading skills at home, On Track Reader will be offering parent training at Book Mark this fall.

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QUESTION OF THE MONTH

"I like to read
Kid Scoop News
because..."



WOODWORD'S CORNER

Dear Readers,

This month the world turns its attention to Italy for the 2026 Winter Olympics. You can simply turn the pages of this month's Kid Scoop News to have some Olympic fun of your own.

While the Olympics celebrates physical achievements, Kid Scoop News also helps you strengthen your mind. It builds your **READING SUPERPOWER!**

For example, what is a **wedge** and what would we do without it? Turn the pages to find out!

What do you know about **lice**?

A lot? A little? After you read the **Yikes! Lice!** pages, you will be in the know!

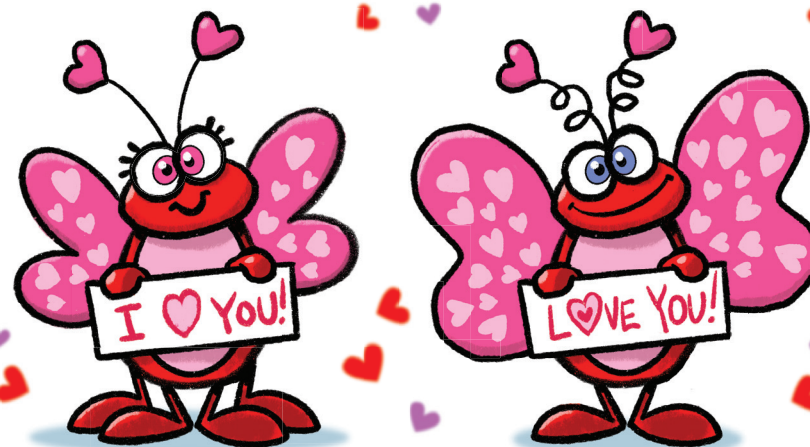
And, because this is the month with Valentine's Day, we tell you all about the beautiful **trumpeter swans** who pair up and stay together for life. A love story if ever there was one.

Happy February and enjoy this issue I have filled with **fascinating fun** just for you!

Woodword

Lookalike Love Bugs

Can you find at least 5 differences between these two love bugs?



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Kids Help Create Olympic Mascots



Picture by Milano Cortina 2026

This past year, children across Italy entered a contest. They were asked to create the mascots for the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Games. People all over the world will see the winning mascots in advertising, clothing, toys and more.

What's a Mascot?

A mascot is an animal or symbol that represents your event or team. Your school probably has a mascot.

Hundreds of ideas created by students were presented to the Olympic Committee. Drawings came from children across Italy. Animals, superheroes and even mountain flowers were among the creative entries.

The Winning Characters

Then the big moment came when people voted online for their favorite characters. The winning mascots are Tina and Milo. They are **stoats**, a member of the weasel family. The Olympic

Committee thought Tina and Milo represented the energetic, fun-loving spirit and friendliness of the Winter Olympics.

Mountain flowers, known as snowdrops, were the second-place winners. These characters, known as the Flo, were based on those flowers.



Tina



Milo



Imagine the Olympic Games are coming to where you live. What kind of mascot would you design for those games?

Kid Scoop News® SCOOP THE NEWS GAME

Read the article on this page. Then answer the questions below!

Who is this article about?

What did these people do?

When did it happen?

Where did it happen?

Why did they do this?

The 2026 Winter Olympics in Milan and Cortina will be held February 6 - 22. The Paralympic Games will happen March 6 - 15.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Katherine G. Johnson: The Human Computer

Photo: NASA



As a child, Katherine Johnson loved to count. She counted the dishes. She counted the steps. She even counted stones. She simply counted everything!

Count the stars on this page. Then have a friend try. Who found the most?

Let Me Go to School!

Katherine was born in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. She was the youngest of four children and she couldn't wait to join her siblings at school! She used to follow them as they walked to school.

Find the path to school.



Patience

After graduating from college in 1937, Katherine became a teacher.

In 1953 she was hired by the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) and was finally able to use her math skills!

Hard Work

Katherine said it was hard work to be good at math and her other subjects. And work hard she did. She skipped two grades in elementary school, and went on to get degrees in mathematics and French.

Determination

Katherine's community was **segregated**. That meant there were many places African-American people couldn't go, including the local high school. Katherine's parents were so determined that she have a good education that they moved the family 120 miles so Katherine and her siblings could attend high school.

Circle every other letter to discover where the family moved.

KIDNUSWTVIBTCUZNEMWQEFSTRTEVWIGRCGNICNJISA
I N

Curiosity

Because of her intelligence, curiosity, and positive attitude, Katherine was asked to work on many different projects. When NACA turned its attention to space flight, it changed its name to NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration).

Katherine was asked to work on the complicated math problems that would establish the flight path for the spacecraft that would take the first American into space and back in 1961. Use the code to discover his name.

- ▲ = A
- = D
- ★ = E
- ✕ = H
- ◼ = L
- = N
- ◻ = P
- ◼ = R
- ✓ = S



The Human Computer

In 1953, computers were not as good as they are today and mathematicians, who were called "computers," did the math needed for flight research.

Photo: NASA



Persistence

Replace the missing words.

COMPUTERS

LAW

MOON

ASKING

MEETINGS

HOME

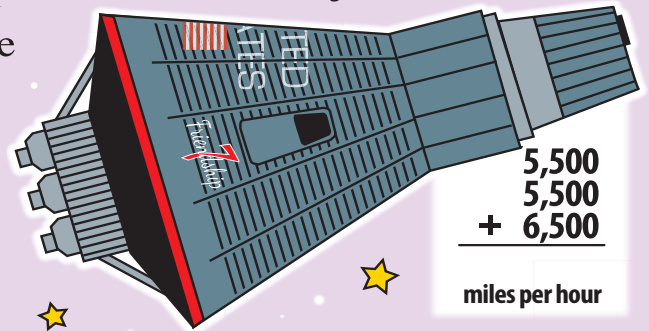
WORKING

When Katherine was _____ at NASA, women were not allowed in the spaceflight meetings. She kept _____ if she could go, even asking if there was a _____ against it. Her persistence paid off and she was finally invited to attend all _____.

Over time, even though electronic _____ took on more work at NASA, Johnson remained highly valued for her accuracy. She performed calculations for John Glenn's successful orbits around Earth in Friendship 7 in 1962, as well as the Apollo 11 and 13 flights to the _____.

Working on these manned flight paths was stressful. Katherine knew that if her calculations were off by even a few feet or seconds, the astronauts might not make it _____!

How fast did *Friendship 7* travel in its 4 hour and 56 minute flight? Do the math!



Standards Link: Students use strategies to understand literary passages.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Humility

Katherine won many awards and made history for the space program, for women's rights and for racial equality. But she always remained humble. She quoted her father. Replace the vowels to find out what her father would tell her.

“Y__ AR__ AS G__D
AS __NYB_DY. B_T
Y__ 'RE N_ B_TT_R.”

Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

KATHERINE
CURIOSITY
POSITIVE
ACCURACY
COMPUTER
COUNTED
DISHES
ORBIT
SPACE
STEPS
WHITE
MATH
PATH
FOUR

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

D	K	S	P	A	C	E	W	E	A
E	W	H	I	T	E	V	N	R	C
T	Y	T	I	S	O	I	R	U	C
N	M	B	A	D	R	T	T	O	U
U	R	P	H	E	I	I	E	F	R
O	M	A	H	A	T	S	I	E	A
C	H	T	A	M	I	O	H	A	C
N	A	H	S	T	E	P	S	E	Y
K	R	E	T	U	P	M	O	C	S

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FIT & FUN™

Kid Scoop News believes that being active, preventing childhood obesity, and eating healthy are all objectives we want to promote. Our Fit & Fun page will help you do just that. Join in and enjoy getting fit and having fun!

A Winter Walk Workout

Here's a fun way to get some good exercise! Invite some friends and family members to go for a walk around your neighborhood. Cut out a checklist for each person. As each person spots an item on their checklist, they do the exercise shown for that item.



- ☐ **A bird on a branch or wire:** Hop on one foot for 15 seconds.
- ☐ **A puddle:** Take 10 steps backwards.
- ☐ **A fluffy cloud:** Dance for 60 seconds.
- ☐ **An airplane flying overhead:** Do 10 jumping jacks.
- ☐ **A squirrel:** Sing Happy Birthday as loud as you can.
- ☐ **A blue car:** Touch your toes 10 times.
- ☐ **A mailbox:** Stand like a statue for 60 seconds.

- ☐ **A pile of leaves:** Hop on one foot for 15 seconds.
- ☐ **A cat:** Take 10 steps backwards.
- ☐ **An umbrella:** Dance for 60 seconds.
- ☐ **Someone doing yard work:** Do 10 jumping jacks.
- ☐ **A fire engine:** Sing Happy Birthday as loud as you can.
- ☐ **A chimney:** Touch your toes 10 times.
- ☐ **Someone wearing a scarf:** Stand like a statue for 60 seconds.

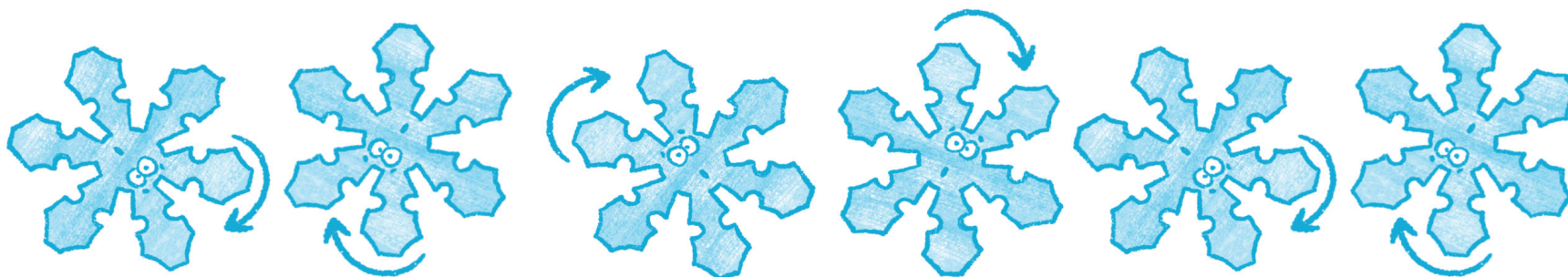
- ☐ **A police car:** Hop on one foot for 15 seconds.
- ☐ **A delivery truck:** Take 10 steps backwards.
- ☐ **A mud puddle:** Dance for 60 seconds.
- ☐ **Someone walking a dog:** Do 10 jumping jacks.
- ☐ **A motorcycle:** Sing Happy Birthday as loud as you can.
- ☐ **A gate:** Touch your toes 10 times.

- ☐ **A car horn honking:** Hop on one foot for 15 seconds.
- ☐ **A stop sign:** Take 10 steps backwards.
- ☐ **A cardboard box:** Dance for 60 seconds.
- ☐ **Flowers:** Do 10 jumping jacks.
- ☐ **A bicycle:** Sing Happy Birthday as loud as you can.
- ☐ **A baseball cap:** Touch your toes 10 times.

Standards Link: Physical Education: Use a variety of basic and advanced movement forms.

Cool Cartwheels

Do you know how to do a cartwheel? They take a lot of practice! Ask a grown-up to help you.



VALENTINE'S DAY

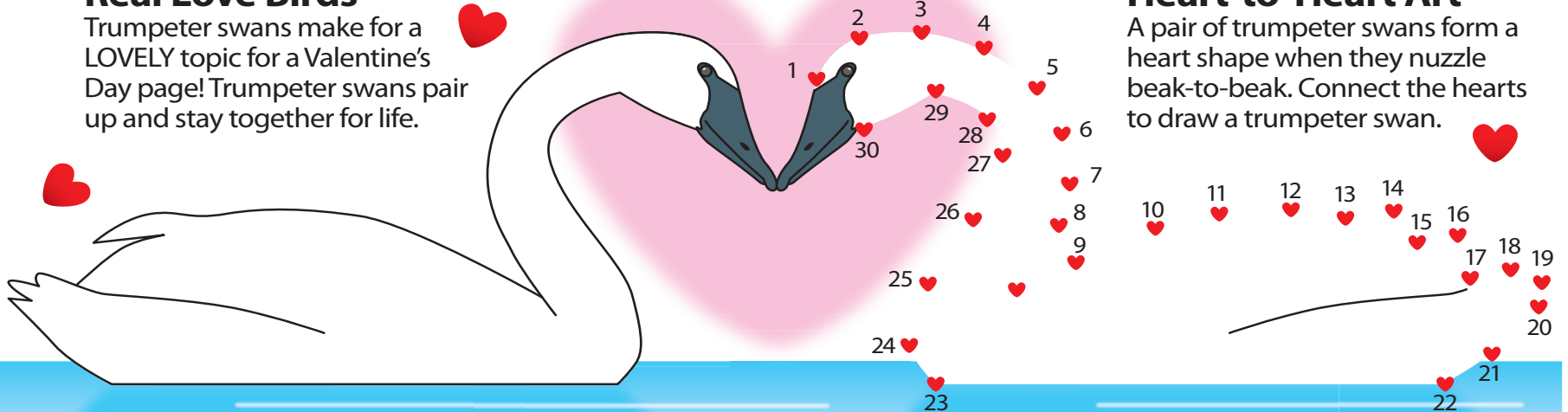


Trumpeter Swans

Challenge a friend to see who can find the most hearts on this page!

Real Love Birds

Trumpeter swans make for a LOVELY topic for a Valentine's Day page! Trumpeter swans pair up and stay together for life.



Heart-to-Heart Art

A pair of trumpeter swans form a heart shape when they nuzzle beak-to-beak. Connect the hearts to draw a trumpeter swan.

Large and Lovely

Trumpeter swans are the largest native waterfowl in North America. Do the math to find out how big they are:

An adult swan can grow to be $25 - 21 =$ _____ feet tall.
(Are you taller than a trumpeter swan?)

A trumpeter swan's wingspan is about $21 - 14 =$ _____ feet wide.

A trumpeter swan weighs about $7 + 7 + 7 =$ _____
to $42 - 12 =$ _____ pounds.

Replace the missing words.

PLANTS **BILLS** **DIVE**
SEEDS **UPROOT**

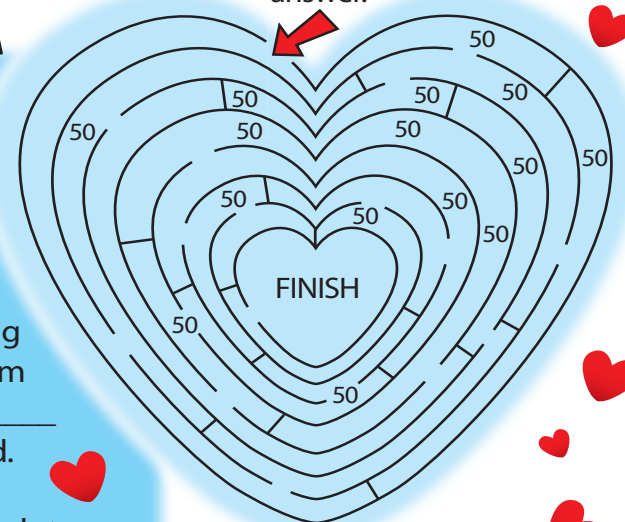
Trumpeters _____
underwater to eat
plants. Their broad,
flat _____ have tiny
tooth-like notches along
the edges to help them
strain aquatic _____
from water as they feed.

The birds' long necks and strong
feet allow them to _____
plants in water up to 4 feet deep.

These birds eat the leaves,
_____ and roots of many kinds
of pond weeds.

Flying Fact Maze

In order to take off, how many feet of water does a trumpeter swan need? Add the numbers on the correct path to the center of the heart to get the answer.



Why are they called "trumpeter" swans?

They make a noise that sounds like a person playing a trumpet!

The Winter Olympics are Here!

People around the world will be watching athletes compete in the 2026 Winter Olympic Games! The Milano Cortina Winter Olympics will take place in locations in northern Italy from February 6 through February 22.

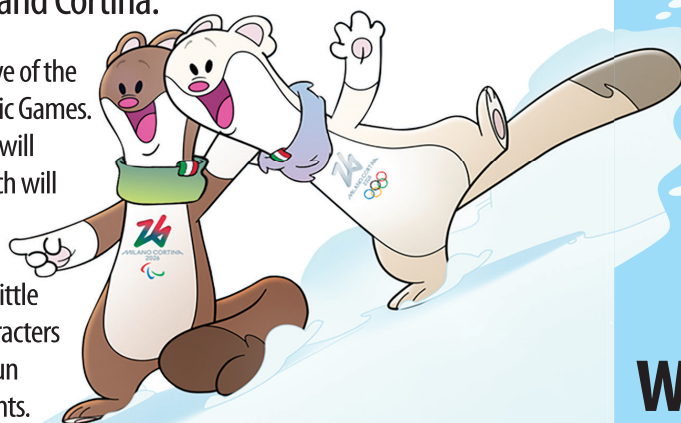
Meet the Mascots

A design competition among students across Italy led to the creation of Tina and Milo, the official mascots of the 2026 Winter Olympics and Paralympic Games in Milan and Cortina.

Tina is a white-coated **stoat** (a relative of the weasel). She will represent the Olympic Games. And **Milo** is a brown-coated stoat. He will represent the Paralympic Games, which will be held in March.



The **Flo** is a team of six little snowdrop flower characters that will bring extra fun and energy to the events.



The Opening Ceremonies will take place in Milan, Italy. Can you circle it on this map?

Winter Olympic History

The first Winter Olympic Games were held in 1924. Circle every other letter to reveal where they took place.

A C T H R A Y M L O B N J I N
X V F W R D A Q N L C H E

C H



Pencilympics!

How fast can you "ski" your pencil through this mountain maze?

How many snowflakes can you find?



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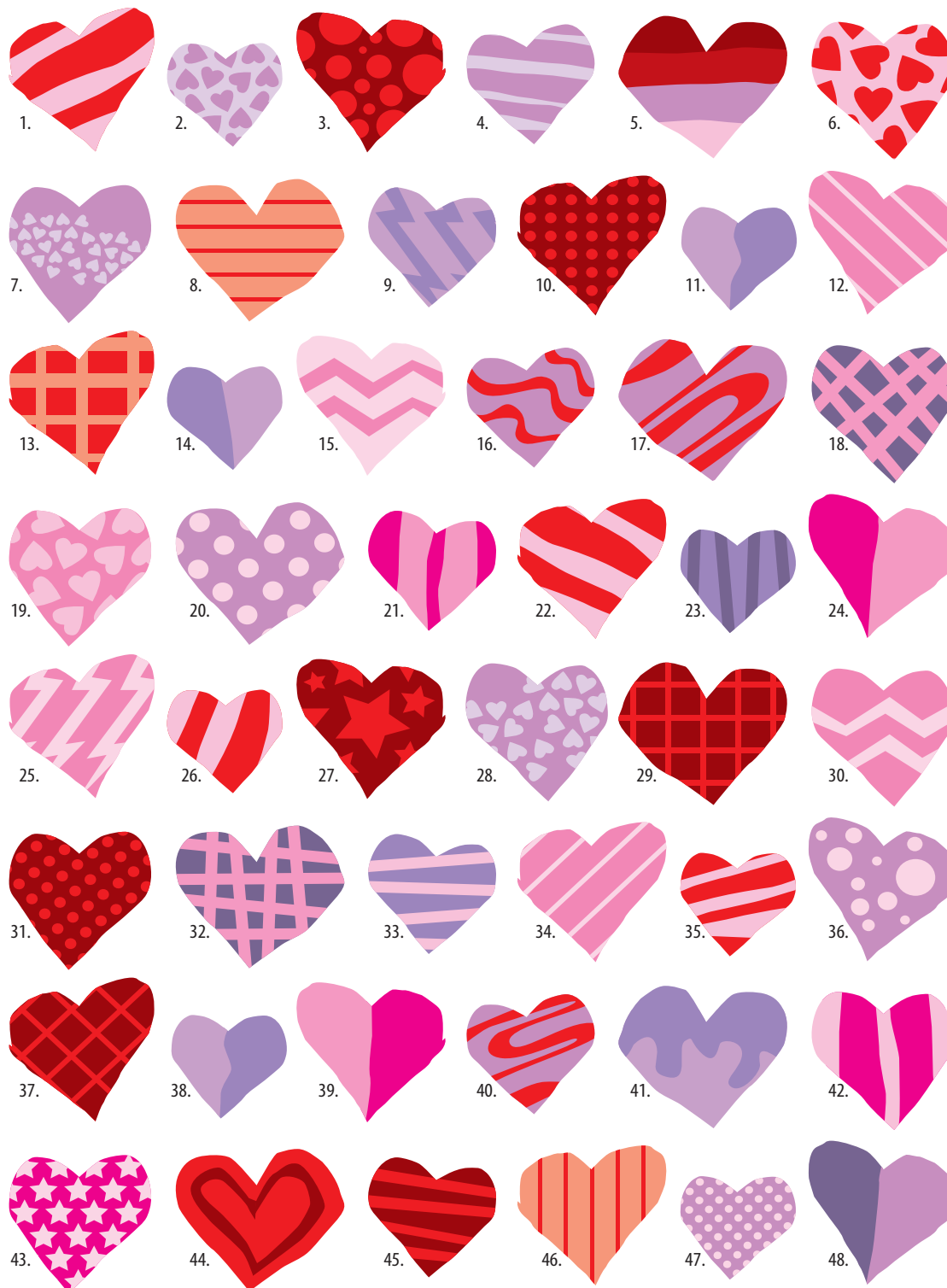
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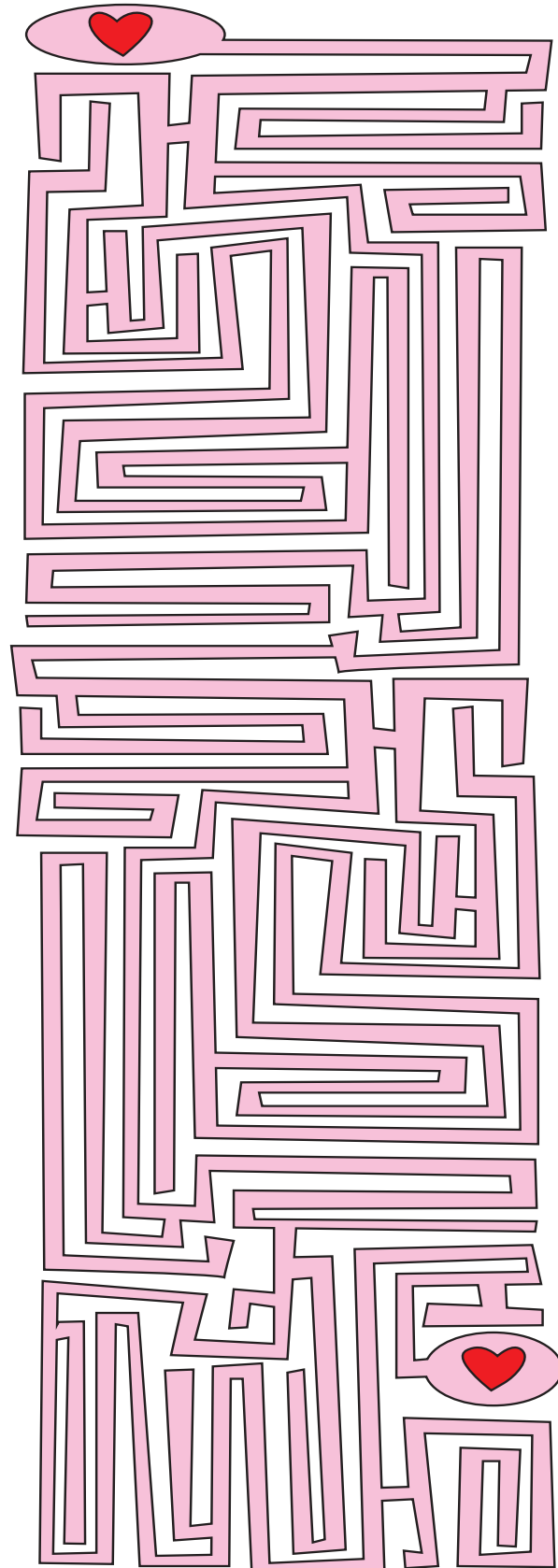
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Varied Valentines

Mrs. Lovecraft's class made an amazing variety of Valentine hearts. Only two of them are **exactly** alike. Can you find them?



Can you find the path that connects these two hearts?





ACTIVITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <input type="checkbox"/> Imagine you are alone on an uninhabited island. Write a story describing a day in your life. Robinson Crusoe Day	2 <input type="checkbox"/>  If the groundhog sees his shadow, winter will last for another six weeks! Groundhog Day	3 <input type="checkbox"/> Celebrate the achievements of African Americans by naming three of your African American heroes. Black History Month	4 <input type="checkbox"/>  What is your favorite book? Tell at least two people you know about your favorite book.	5 <input type="checkbox"/> When's the last time you got a new toothbrush? Dentists say we should use a new toothbrush every month. Children's Dental Health Month	6 <input type="checkbox"/>  The first Monopoly game was sold on this day in 1935. Gather some friends and play a game today. 	7 <input type="checkbox"/>  Laura Ingalls Wilder was born on this day in 1867. Can you name her famous series of books? 
8 <input type="checkbox"/> Being a member of Scouting builds character, citizenship and fitness. Learn more about Scouting today. Boy Scouts Day	9 <input type="checkbox"/> Go outside and check on the weather. Then come back in and give your family a weather report. National Weather Service established in 1870.	10 <input type="checkbox"/>  This day honors the invention that protects us from rain and sunlight. Umbrella Day	11 <input type="checkbox"/> Think up an invention that would help a disabled person in honor of Thomas Edison's birthday today. National Inventors' Day	12 <input type="checkbox"/> Do you know the Judy Blume books? Do you know what the I.S.A.F. Club is in Fudge-a-Mania? (Answer: I Swallowed A Fly) Judy Blume's Birthday	13 <input type="checkbox"/> If you could change your name, which name would you choose for yourself? Get a Different Name Day	14 <input type="checkbox"/>  Find out how to say "I love you" in different languages. Valentine's Day
15 <input type="checkbox"/> Susan B. Anthony believed all people should have equal rights and that girls should get the same education as boys. Celebrate the birth of Susan B. Anthony today in 1820.	16 <input type="checkbox"/>  Who is your favorite president? Presidents' Day	17 <input type="checkbox"/>  The first day of the year in the Chinese calendar brings in the Year of the Horse .	18 <input type="checkbox"/> The February flower of the month is a violet. Draw a bouquet of violets and give it to your mother or grandmother. 	19 <input type="checkbox"/> Get an aerobic workout today. Go out for a jog or if the weather is bad, jog on the spot or do jumping jacks for at least 10 minutes.	20 <input type="checkbox"/> Do something special for your pet today. Clean out their bowls, brush them, wash their bedding or take your dog for a long walk. Love Your Pet Day	21 <input type="checkbox"/>  Volunteer to read to younger students at your local library. Library Lovers' Month
22 <input type="checkbox"/>  George Washington was born on this day in 1732. Collect all your quarters, sort them and count them up.	23 <input type="checkbox"/>  Write a letter to a friend or relative who lives far away. International Friendship Month	24 <input type="checkbox"/>  Join the Jump Rope for Heart challenge to improve your health and the health of kids with heart problems.	25 <input type="checkbox"/>  Today is Quiet Day . Speak in a low voice, no shouting and make your classroom a quiet place today.	26 <input type="checkbox"/> Today is the birthday of Levi Strauss . He invented blue jeans. Survey the class to see how many people wear blue jeans. How many people own more than one pair? Graph your results.	27 <input type="checkbox"/> Make up a story today with a friend about a lonely polar bear. Polar Bear Day 	28 <input type="checkbox"/> Invent some snack food today. Combine some of your favorite nuts, seeds and fruits to make it as nutritious as possible. Snack Food Month

Tick the box on each day when you have completed 20 minutes of reading. Children who develop a love of reading will become better students and build a better future.



How many hearts can you find on this page in 60 seconds? Now have a friend try. Who found the most?

Your Pencil + The Olympics =

PENCILYMPICS

This page is filled with events to give your brain a real workout. Tally your score from each event. Then have a friend give the page a try. Who has the higher score? Grab a pencil and let the games begin!

Get the Lead Out

There are lots of pencils on this page, but only **one pen**. Find it in under 30 seconds and earn **10 points**. 60+ seconds earns you **5 points**.

Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Sorting objects by common attributes.

Figure Skating

Close your eyes and trace the figure 8. Score **1 point** for each dot you cross.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Airborne Errors

There are 5 differences between these ski jumpers. Score **1 point** for each one you find.

Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Sorting objects by common attributes.

Ski Jump

Place your pencil on **START**. Close your eyes. Draw 10 dots, trying to put one in the circle over each of the 10 trees. Score **1 point** for each circle that contains one and only one dot.

Slalom Racers

Place a pencil on **START**. Close your eyes. Trace the curving path down the slalom run. Score **1 point** for each slalom flag cleared.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

The Colors of Mardi Gras

Mardi Gras in the United States has three official colors. To find out what each of these three colors means, cross out the letters M-A-R-D-I G-R-A-S in each of the lines below. Write the remaining letters in order to learn what each color symbolizes.

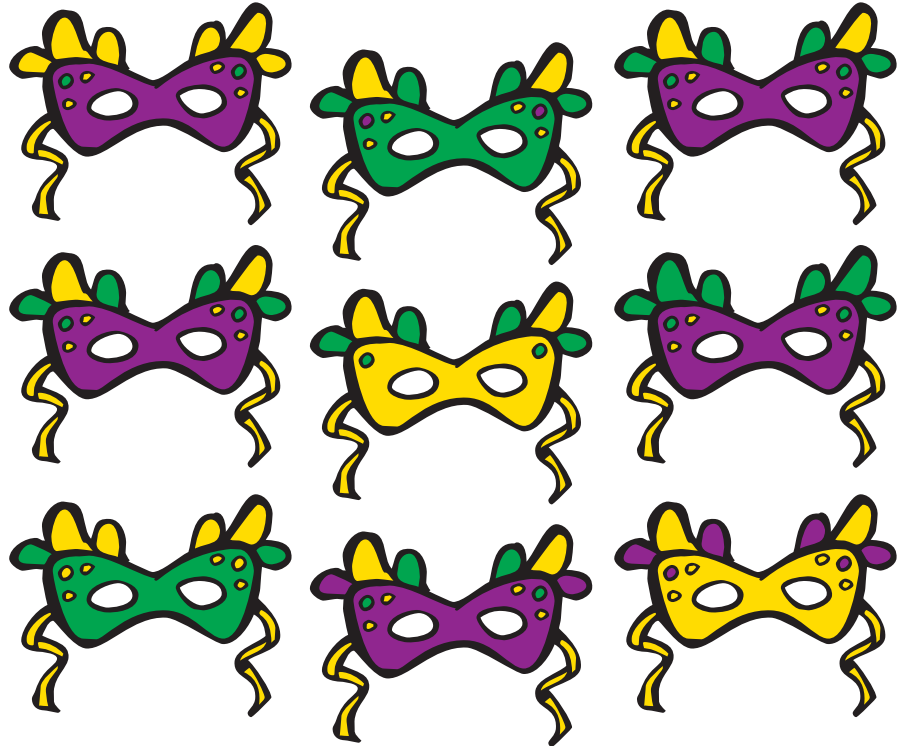
Purple: M J A R U D S I G T R A I S C E

Green: M A F R D A I G I R A T S H

Gold: M P A R O D I W G R A E S R

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple multiple-step written directions.

Find the identical Mardi Gras masks.



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Happy Birthday, Presidents!

This month, *Kid Scoop News* celebrates Presidents Day—a day to celebrate the birthdays and lives of two important American presidents, President Abraham Lincoln and President George Washington.

Grace Changes Presidential Face

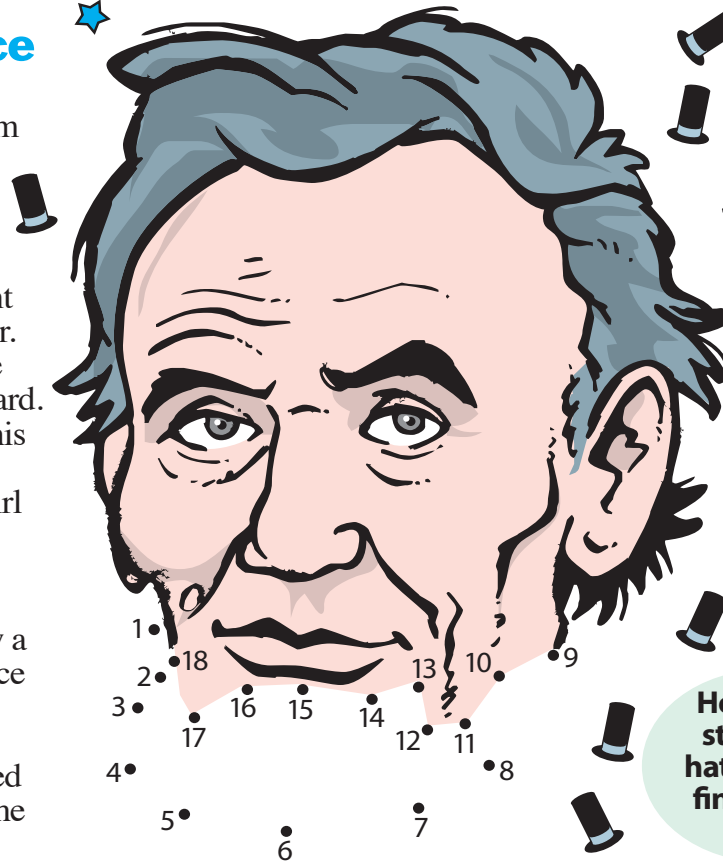
The year was 1860. Abraham Lincoln was traveling across the United States asking people to vote for him to be president.

Dear Sir,
My father has just returned from the fair and brought your picture and Mrs. Lincoln's. I am a little girl, only 11 years old, but want you to be president of the United States very much, so I hope you won't think me bold to write to such a great man as you are ... I have four brothers and part of them will vote for you anyway—and if you let your whiskers grow, I will try and get the rest of them to vote for you. You would look a great deal better for your face is so thin.

Goodbye,
Grace Bedell

Mr. Lincoln would have looked different to you that year. He didn't have his famous beard. He received this letter from an 11-year-old girl named Grace Bedell.

Lincoln grew a beard as Grace suggested. Grace's one letter changed the face of the president!



Connect the dots and color in the space to put a beard on Lincoln's face.

Standards Link:
History: Identify the people honored in commemorative holidays.

How many stovepipe hats can you find on this page?

Is there something you would like to tell the president? You can write him at:

The White House
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The Man Who Would NOT Be King

As first president of the United States, George Washington helped to make the laws and policies that formed our country. Some people wanted him to be the king of the United States. He refused because he believed it was better to have a president who was elected by the people.



True Story?

Have you heard this story about George Washington?

When George was young, he cut down his father’s cherry tree.

His father was angry. He asked George who cut down the tree.

“I cannot tell a lie,” said George. “I cut it with my hatchet.”

Then his father gave George a hug instead of punishing him because he had told the truth.

This story comes from a book that was written after George Washington died. Is it a true story? Probably not. But it is told over and over again to remind people that George Washington was a good man.

Look Closely!

How many differences can you find between these two pictures? There are at least 10.

Standards Link: Investigation: Find similarities and differences in common objects.



Kid Scoop® Puzzler

A picture of Abraham Lincoln is on the penny. A picture of George Washington is on the quarter. Color the pennies brown. How many are there? Color the quarters gray. How many are there? How much money in all?



Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Calculate sums using money.

Double Double Word Search

- LINCOLN
- WASHINGTON
- PRESIDENT
- STORY
- GEORGE
- HATCHET
- FACE
- BOOK
- LAWS
- BEARD
- CHERRY
- HATS
- GIRL
- CUT

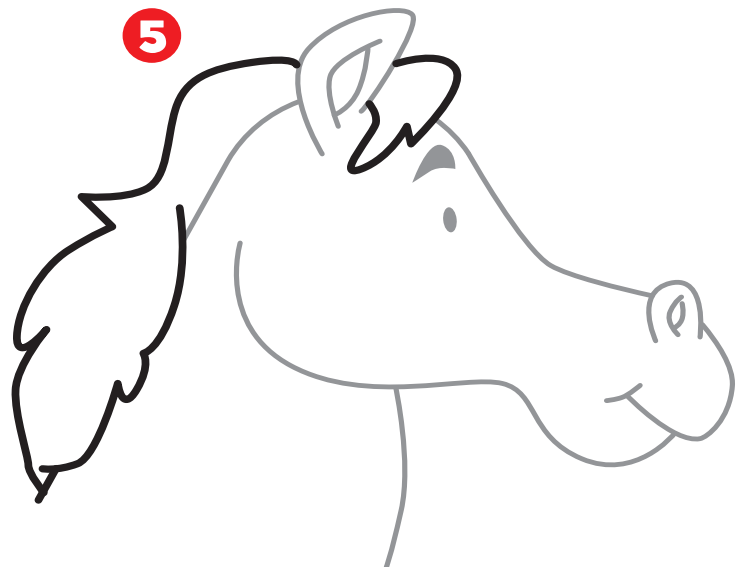
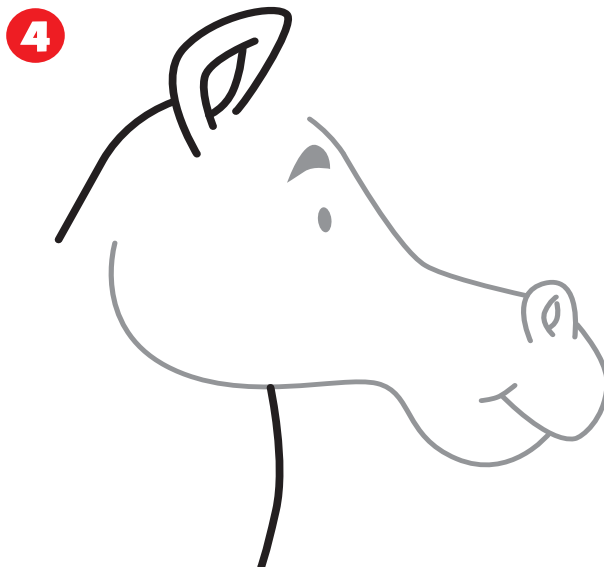
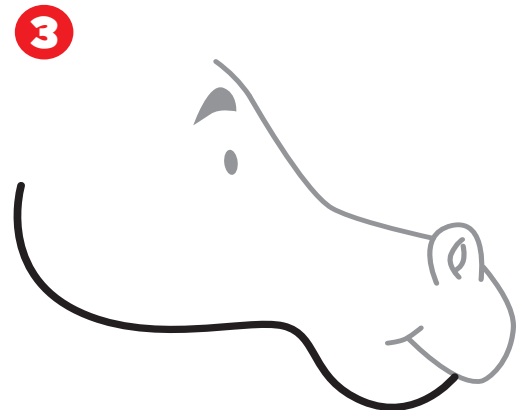
Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

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G	B	O	C	U	T	N	Y	U	G
E	E	J	K	M	L	P	R	L	E
C	A	S	T	O	R	Y	R	A	O
A	R	V	C	S	W	A	E	W	R
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T	I	W	H	A	T	S	C	M	E
L	T	N	E	D	I	S	E	R	P

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.



HOW TO DRAW A **HORSE** IN **5** EASY STEPS

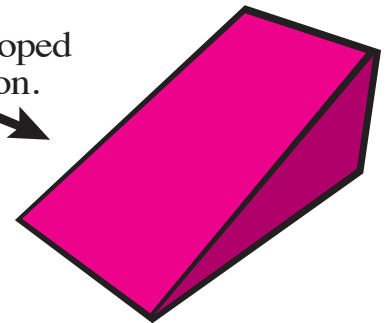


WONDER WEDGE wonders ...

“What in the world would we do without a wedge?”

An **inclined plane** is a sloped surface like this illustration.

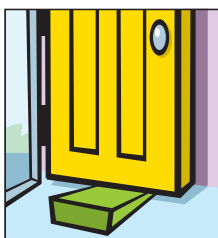
Wedges are made up of inclined planes that make our work much easier.



Wedge to the Rescue

The sun was out. The classroom was getting warmer and warmer. Wonder Wedge looked around and saw his friends sweltering. One at a time the kids got up and tried to open the door. But, each time the door slammed shut. How could they keep the door open?

Wonder Wedge came to the rescue! He showed the kids two pieces of wood. Which one would work best to keep the door open?



“The wedge is best!” says Wonder Wedge. A wedge is made out of one or more inclined planes. It helps us do many different things.

Standards Link: Physical Science: Students understand simple machines and how they work.

Working Together

Draw a line to match the tools that work together.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.



How many wedges can you find on this page?

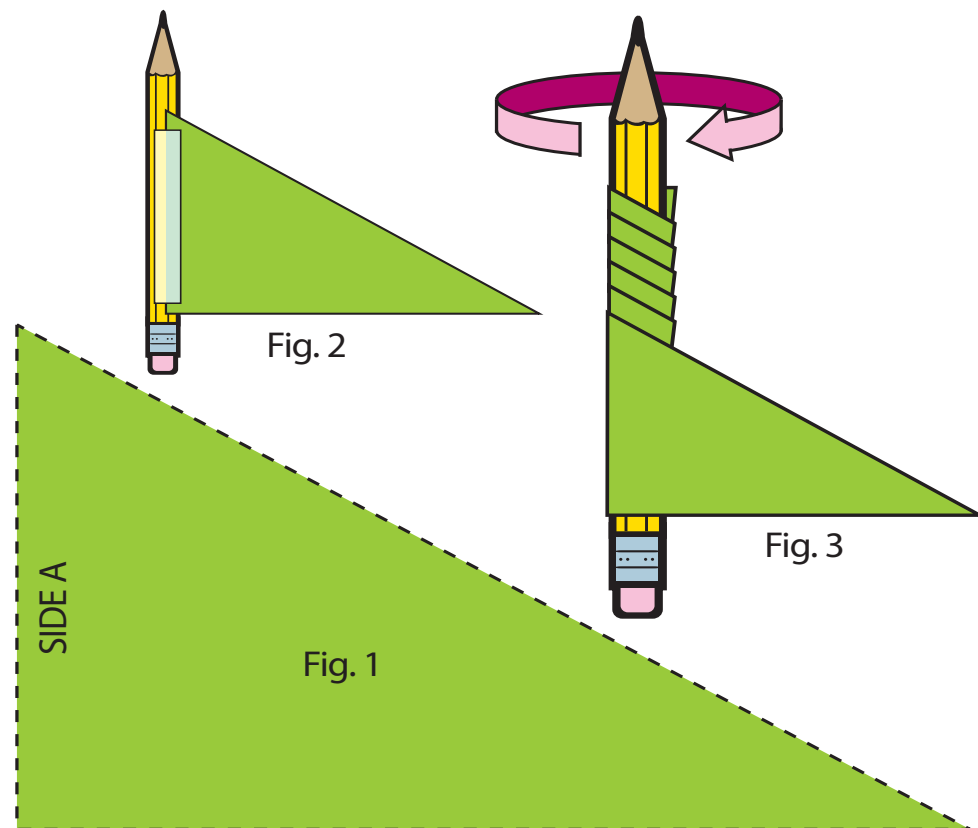
Wedges at Work

A knife, a nail, a doorstop, a pushpin and even a screw are types of wedges.

They help us do many different things. Look at these pictures and circle all of the wedges the children are using.

Standards Link: Physical Science: Students recognize simple machines and how they work.



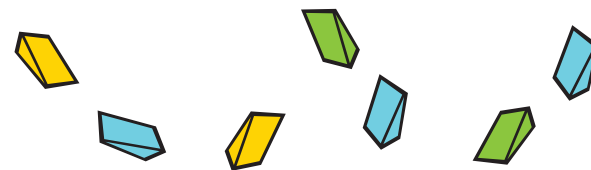


How is a screw like a wedge?

A wedge and a screw are both made with an inclined plane. To see how a screw is made from an inclined plane, try the following experiment:

1. Cut out the triangle-shaped wedge pictured here. (Fig. 1)
2. Tape side A to a pencil. (Fig. 2)
3. Roll the triangle around your pencil. Tape the tip of the triangle to the pencil. (Fig. 3)
4. What has happened to the slanted line of the triangle? This slanted line is also called an **inclined plane**.

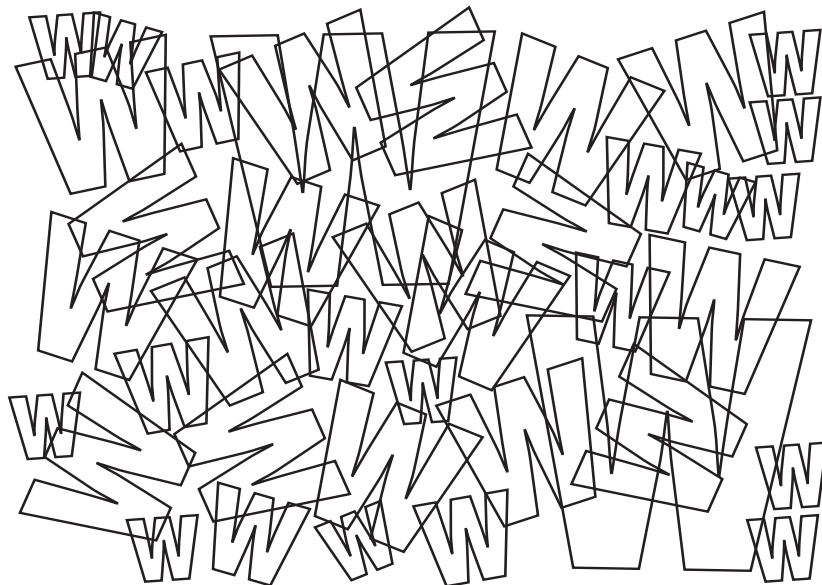
Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step written directions.



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WOW! How many **Ws** are here?



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

WEDGE
WONDER
SCREW
WORKING
WARMER
WHEEL
WITHOUT
WOULD
WOOD
WACKY
WILD
WOW
WORLD
DRAW
SHOWED

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

W	H	D	E	W	O	H	S	D	Y
G	N	I	K	R	O	W	L	W	A
W	O	R	L	D	E	I	R	I	L
Y	A	E	T	G	W	D	H	T	E
K	H	R	D	O	O	N	H	E	
C	E	E	M	R	E	E	W	O	H
A	W	S	O	E	M	R	A	U	W
W	O	U	L	D	R	C	R	T	A
N	W	Y	W	S	W	S	D	H	Y

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Scottville Bingo Night – Tuesday, February 3 & March 3, 6-7pm

Drop in and play a round of Bingo with us! Miss Ingrid leads the action as we have some family fun, complete with prizes for the winners! All MCDL Programs are FREE. Children under 8 must be supervised.

Preschool Story Time

Wednesdays 10am in Ludington

Fridays 10am in Scottville

Join us for a STEM-based Story time the first week of each month

SPECIAL PJ FAMILY STORY TIME Monday, February 23 at 6:30pm in Scottville

Lego Time!

Saturdays, 11am-2pm

Come and build with your friends!
Thousands of Legos!



TEEN EVENTS – in Ludington & Scottville

Anime Club on Mondays, after school

Teen Tuesday February 3: Self-care ideas

Library Cup 11 Duos Saturday, February 7 begins at noon!

Teen Hide & Seek Thursday, February 12, from 6-7pm

Limelights Saturday, February 14 starting at 2:30pm

Italian Food Celebrations! Friday Feb. 13, 12-2pm SVL and Friday Feb. 20, 3:30-5:30pm LUD

Trading Card Games Wednesday February 18, 3:30pm

Switch Out in SVL Thursday, February 19, 3:30-5pm

Guess the Chip Flavor Taste Test February 23, 3:30-4:30pm

Teen Movie Night February 25, 5:30pm & February 27, 6pm

Yarn Mates Thursday February 26, 4-5:30pm



1-2-3 RHYME WITH ME!

Every Monday at 10am

Children 0-3 and their caregiver are invited to come learn early literacy skills with songs & rhymes.



Creative Kids meets every Monday & Wednesday in Scottville, from 4-5:30pm and Tuesday from 4-5pm in Ludington. Come have a snack and get creative with us! Our secret word this month is CREATIVE.

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR FAMILIES IN LUDINGTON & SCOTTVILLE

March 1-31 * Get your Bookmark Design form and create a bookmark that might be published in our Library!

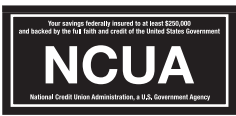
Activities during Spring Break—March 30-April 3 * Call for every day's fun activity!

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