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ASK A GIRAFFE

If you could ask a giraffe any questions you wanted, what would you ask?

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

How do leprechauns get their pots of gold? See how it all comes together after the fairies make the shoes!

WHICH KITE IS WOODWARD'S?

Woodward's kite has stripes. His kite has a tail, but not a short one. Woodward doesn't like polka dots on kites. His kite doesn't look like a rainbow.

Find my kite!



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

We celebrate Women's History Month with a feature on Maria Mitchell — a stargazer born in 1818 who became a famous astronomer and had a comet named after her.

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On Track Reader 2024-25



During the 2024-25 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 16-17, 2024
- 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 22, 2024)
- 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 2024-25

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

- Session 1 (October 22 - December 12, 2024)
- Session 2 (January 21 - February 27, 2025)
- Session 3 (March 11 - April 17, 2025)

Tutoring sessions meet from 3:30 - 4:30 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays. See full calendar - <https://ontrackreader.com/documents/Calendar202425Small.pdf>

Parent 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** is offering parent training at Book Mark on Thursday, October 3 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. Please email info@ontrackreader.com to reserve a seat. Visit <https://ontrackreader.com/documents/FlyerParentTraining2024Fall.pdf> for more information.

Tutor Training

If you would like to join our amazing team of volunteer tutors, please email us at info@ontrackreader.com to reserve a seat for our tutor training session scheduled for Saturday, October 5 from 9 AM - Noon. Lunch is provided. Visit <https://ontrackreader.com/documents/FlyerVolunteerTraining2024Fall.pdf> for information.

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WOODWORD'S CORNER

Dear Readers,

Happy March!

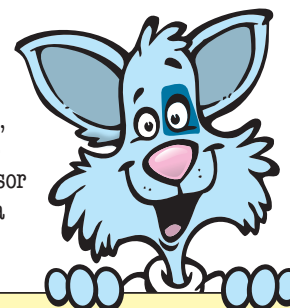
What does March make you think about? Shamrocks? Leprechauns? Pots of Gold? Look for those in this month's Kid Scoop News.

Headlining the March sports scene is the NCAA **basketball** tournament. We go back in time to describe the roots of the game — a peach basket! A concrete hoop! Who knew? Read all about that on pages 16-17.

Have you ever met a **giraffe**? Kid Scoop News gets the scoop on these tall, tall animals. How long is a giraffe's tongue? Read and learn!

How do those clever **leprechauns** get their gold? They don't just find it at the end of a rainbow, the fairies have a lot to do with it! Find out more on pages 6-7.

We also celebrate Women's History Month with the story of **Maria Mitchell** who, against the odds, was able to become accepted as a professor of astronomy and even had a comet named after her.

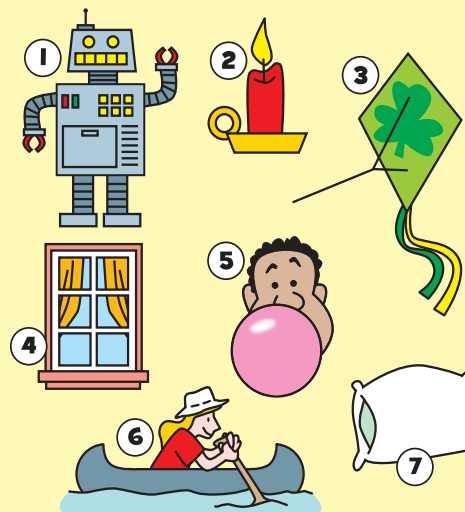
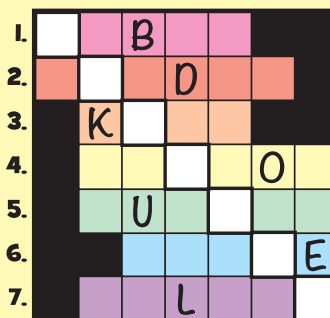


Find all this and more, more, MORE fun things to read and learn about in our March issue of Kid Scoop News!

Woodward

What type of bow cannot be tied?

To discover the answer to this riddle, look at the picture clues and write the name of each on the correct line. The answer will appear in the diagonal boxes.



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March is Women's History Month

Can you imagine a world in which women do not have the right to vote?

How long do you think women in this country have had the right to vote? 300 years? 200 years? 150 years?

In the United States, women have had that right for only 106 years of the 249 years we have been a country. And getting the right to vote took decades of protesting and writing to lawmakers—who were all men at the time.

Meeting for Women's Rights

In 1848, a group of people met in Seneca Falls, N.Y. to talk about the problems women faced because they didn't have the same rights as men.

At that time, women could not own property, they could not vote and very few could go to school.

The word **suffrage** means the right to vote in elections.

A **suffragist** is a person who fights for suffrage.

This meeting was the first women's rights convention in the United States. At that meeting men and women signed a document called the "Declaration of Sentiments and Resolutions." By signing, these people agreed to the goals of what was becoming the woman's movement.

For more than 70 years, women and men marched, wrote letters and articles, protested and picketed to get an Amendment to the Constitution which would give women the right to vote. These people were known as **suffragists**.



Victory!

On May 21, 1919, the U.S. House of Representatives finally approved the **19th Amendment**, also known as the Susan B. Anthony Amendment, guaranteeing women the right to vote. That was just the first step. The U.S. Senate and at least three quarters of the states had to approve it before it would become the law of the land.

The United States Senate approved the amendment a week after the House.

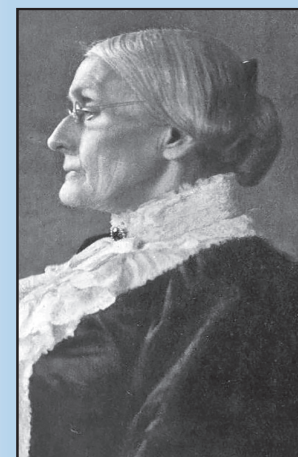
On August 18, 1920, Tennessee became the last state needed to ratify the 19th Amendment.

One week later, on August 26, the 19th Amendment officially became part of the U.S. Constitution, forever protecting American women's right to vote.



Today, more than **68 million women** vote in elections because of the **courageous suffragists** who never gave up the fight for equality.

ARRESTED FOR VOTING?



On Election Day, Nov. 5, 1872, Susan B. Anthony walked into her polling place and voted.

Two weeks later, a U.S. marshal knocked on her door.

"I have a warrant for your arrest," he told Susan. "You are charged with voting without the lawful right to vote."

In 1872, by U.S. law, a person had to be 21 years or older to vote. Susan was born in 1820. Was she old enough to vote?

Susan met two other requirements for the right to vote. She was a U.S. citizen and she had never been convicted of a felony crime.

Why was she arrested for voting? Would she have been arrested in November of 1920?

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

STARGAZER

Replace the missing words.

AGREED MOVEMENTS LIGHT
COMET DIFFERENT FOUND

Miss Mitchell's Comet

On the night of October 1, 1847, Maria Mitchell looked through her rooftop telescope and saw a spot of _____ she had never seen before. She showed her dad and they both believed she had _____ a new comet.

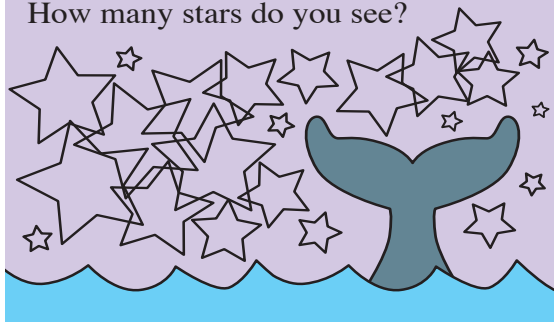
They believed it was a _____ because of the way it moved, which was _____ from the paths of the stars and planets.

Maria tracked this little spot of light's _____ and then asked her friend Professor Bond what he thought. He watched it for a couple of nights and _____ that this was a comet.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use context clues to determine the meaning of words.

Whales and Stars

Maria lived on Nantucket island, off the coast of Massachusetts. At that time, whaling was the way people made their living on this island. The sailors who hunted whales used the stars at night to guide their ships. How many stars do you see?



A Love of Learning



Maria never went to school to be an astronomer. Yet she learned how to read the skies and solve math problems that described the movements of stars, planets, comets, moons and asteroids.

How did she learn this? Hold this page up to a mirror to read the answer.

She watched the skies
nearly every night
and made notes about
what she saw.

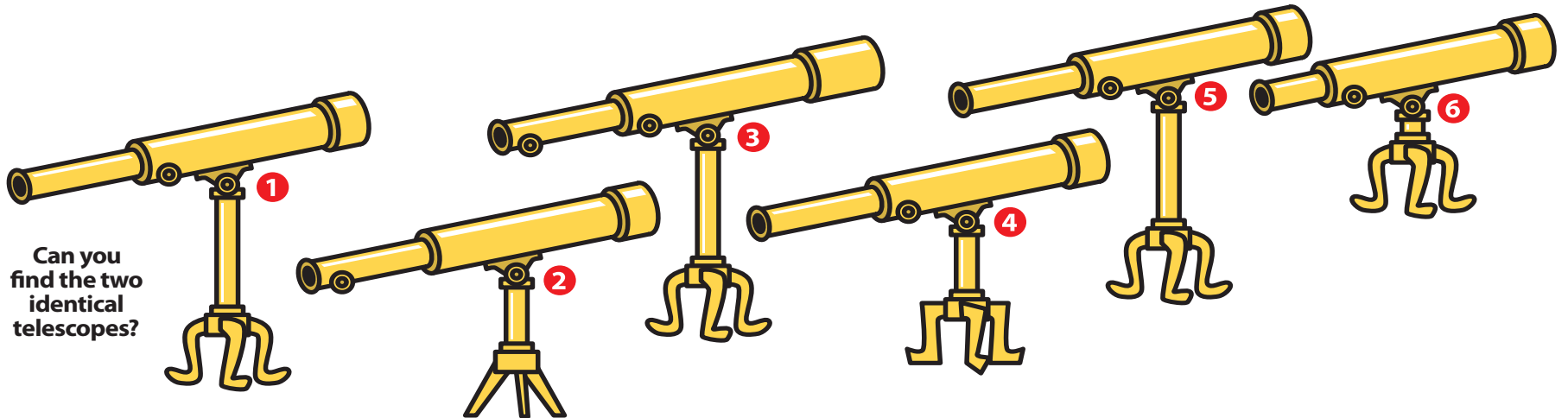
Harvard Help

Maria helped her father with star observations for the United States Coast Survey. From their rooftop, they took measurements to help sailors use the stars to navigate at sea.

Through the work for the Coast Survey, Maria became friends with Professor William Bond at Harvard University. In those days, women could not go to Harvard. But Professor Bond helped Maria with her understanding of astronomy on his own.

How many differences
can you find between these two pictures?





Can you find the two identical telescopes?

A University for Women

In 1861, a university for women was formed in Poughkeepsie, New York. Maria Mitchell's reputation led to her being one of the first professors of astronomy there. While she wasn't able to go to college for astronomy, now she could teach younger women who shared her curiosity and love of watching the night sky.

Family Riddle

Maria Mitchell was related to one of the Founding Fathers of the United States. Circle every other letter to find out who.

CBAELNSJTACMUIVNYFBRHAPNVKQLSIUN

B

Kid Scoop® Puzzler

Remembering Maria

In addition to a comet, other things have been named after Maria Mitchell. Use the code to find out two of them.

An



in Nantucket.

- = A ★ = R
- ◻ = B ◻ = S
- ✕ = C ✓ = T
- ◻ = E ◻ = V
- ◻ = O ▼ = Y

A



on the moon.

Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

MOONS
MITCHELL
HARVARD
ISLAND
WHALES
GAZER
MARIA
COMET
COAST
SHIPS
SKIES
DAYS
LIGHT
STAR

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

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

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

How Do Leprechauns Get Their Pots of Gold?

Around St. Patrick's Day, you will often hear legends about leprechauns and their pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. **Have you ever wondered where they get all of that gold?**



We make shoes for fairies!



Their shoes wear out very quickly because fairies dance all night.



So, we are always busy making new shoes for them. And they pay us in gold—LOTS of gold!

Watching the Costs

Just making and selling shoes isn't enough to collect the gold needed to fill a leprechaun's pot. Leprechauns have to keep an eye on the **costs** of making fairy shoes, too.

Take a look at the cost of shoe supplies on this list.



How many shamrocks can you find on this page?

What if the leprechaun spent more gold coins to make the shoes than he charged the fairies? He would run out of gold pretty quickly!

If it costs 7 gold coins for the supplies to make one pair of fairy shoes, what should the leprechaun charge so that he covers his costs and has some money left over to pay himself for his work to make the shoes?

50 gold coins!?!
That's way too expensive for me!



Price matters!

Picking the right price is important. If the leprechaun charges too little, he will lose money. But if he charges too much, he will lose customers.

Use these worksheets to add up the costs of making each pair of shoes. Then find the difference between the costs and the selling price to determine the profit for each pair of shoes.

LEPRECHAUN'S GOLDEN VOCABULARY WORD:

PROFIT: Money earned after the expenses are paid.

Pixie Prancers

TREE BARK
DAISY PETALS
PINE NEEDLES
LILAC PETALS
TOTAL COST:
PRICE: 13
PROFIT:

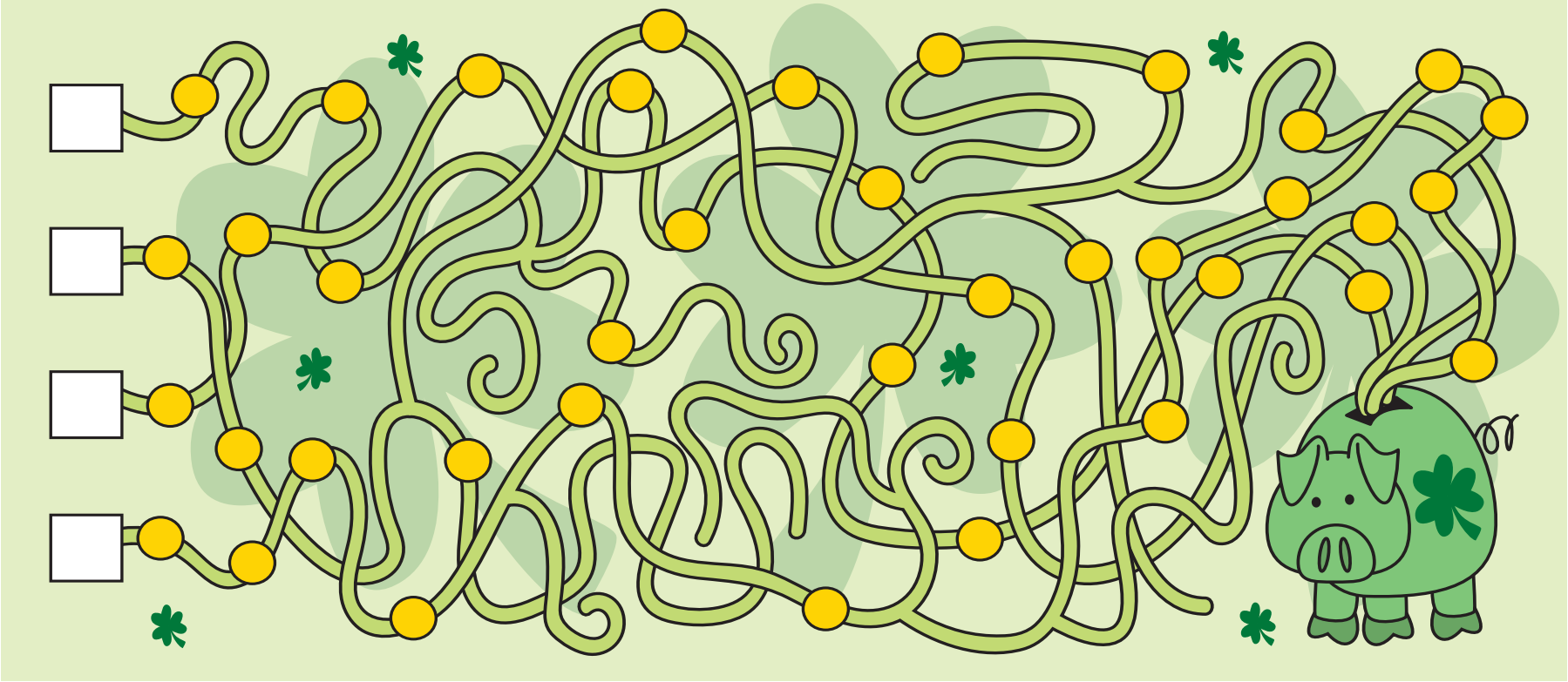
Pretty Petunias

TREE BARK
DAISY PETALS
PINE NEEDLES
PETUNIA PETALS
TOTAL COST:
PRICE: 16
PROFIT:

Refined Rosies

TREE BARK
DAISY PETALS
PINE NEEDLES
ROSE PETALS
TOTAL COST:
PRICE: 20
PROFIT:

Add up the coins on each path that leads to the Leprechaun piggy bank. Which path has the most gold coins?



Kid Scoop Puzzler

Fairy Shoe Sorter

Draw lines between each pair of fairy shoes to make exact matches. Look carefully!



Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

LEPRECHAUN
CUSTOMERS
PATRICK
LEGENDS
FAIRIES
PETALS
PROFIT
COSTS
SHOES
PRICE
NIGHT
GOLD
PAIR
BUSY
POT

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

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

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

Join us on a trip to Africa to interview a giraffe!

Ask a Giraffe!

If you could ask a giraffe any questions you wanted, what would you ask?

Q: How does a giraffe sleep?

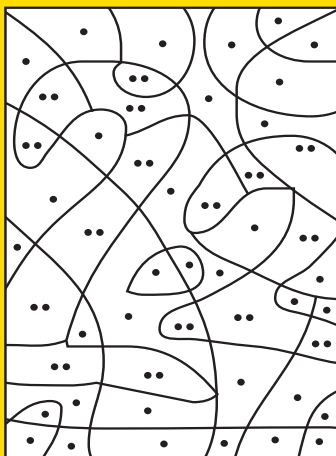
A long, deep sleep is very dangerous for giraffes. We might not sense when a predator comes near.

During the day, we doze on and off for a few minutes at a time. Quietly and gently we relax our necks and let our heads hang downward.

At night, we lie down. But even then, we only take cat naps. We wake up every few minutes and look around.

Q: How long are giraffe tongues?

Don't challenge a giraffe to see who can stick out their tongue the farthest! Color the spaces that have 2 dots red to find out how many inches a giraffe can stick out its tongue.



Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have different structures that serve different functions in survival.

Q: Why is there a bird hopping around your body?

That little bird is called an oxpecker and it is a good friend to a giraffe. We don't have arms and hands to flick away pesky ticks, fleas and flies. Oxpeckers pick them off of us. They eat the little pests and also help keep us clean.

START

FINISH

Catch that flea!
A flea is tickling the giraffe. Follow the flea's path.

Q: How tall is a giraffe?

Giraffes are the tallest land animals. Use the missing number in the equation to find out how tall a giraffe grows.

Males: $2 + \underline{\quad} = 8$

Male giraffes can grow to be $\underline{\quad}$ meters tall. That is the size of 3-4 grown men standing on each other's shoulders!

Females: $3 + \underline{\quad} = 8$

Female giraffes can grow to be $\underline{\quad}$ meters tall.

Baby giraffes are about 2 meters tall when they are born. That is more than 6 feet tall! If one meter equals about 3 feet, approximately how many feet tall are adult giraffes?

Standards Link: Algebra: Solve problems involving numeric equations; express simple unit conversions.

At top speed, giraffes can gallop up to 37 miles per hour (60 kph)!

Q: How many bones are in a giraffe's neck?

Add the numbers to find out!

$2 + 3 + 1 + 1 = \underline{\quad}$

Do you know how many bones are in your neck? Subtract these numbers for the answer.

$19 - 5 - 3 - 4 = \underline{\quad}$

Standards Link: Number Sense: Solve problems using addition and subtraction.

TRUE OR FALSE?

Five pieces of information below are true and one is false. Can you figure out which it is?

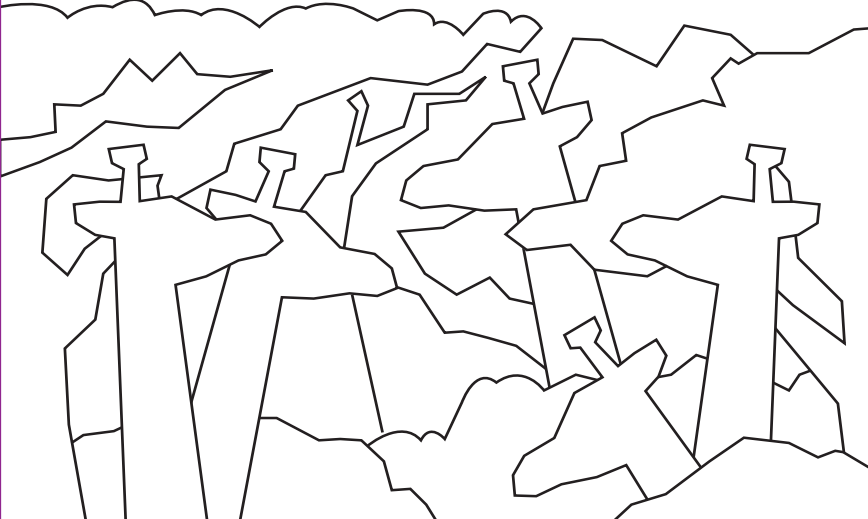
1. The tongue of a giraffe is a bluish-purple and is strong enough to grasp the foliage from the thorny acacia tree. They can also use their tongue to clean their nose.
2. There are nine subspecies of giraffe each with different pattern markings and each giraffe has it's own individual markings.
3. Giraffe's will rub their necks together as a sign of friendship.
4. All giraffes have horns called ossicones.
5. A giraffe can close its nostrils to protect it from sandstorms and ants.
6. Giraffes have to splay out their legs or kneel down to drink. They are vulnerable to predators when drinking.

Numbers 1,2,4,5,6 are TRUE. Number 3 is false. A male giraffe uses its neck in combat. A "necking" duel can last more than half an hour and it is used to establish dominance.

Q: Why do giraffes have spots?

The patterns on a giraffe's body are not just for looks. They camouflage us. We can blend in with the shadows and shafts of light that filter around trees and bushes.

Color all of the giraffes you see in the grove of trees.



Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have different structures that serve different functions in survival.

Double Double Word Search

GIRAFFES
BLEND
TONGUES
PATTERNS
TICKS
SLEEP
HANG
SPOTS
PREDATOR
BONES
NECK
GROWS
OXPECKER
PATH
NAPS

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

O	H	N	A	P	S	N	T	X	S
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R	O	D	K	G	O	E	K	O	K
E	P	N	U	P	B	R	S	R	C
T	S	E	F	F	A	R	I	G	E
T	S	L	E	E	P	T	S	I	P
A	X	B	P	L	E	R	H	K	X
P	R	O	T	A	D	E	R	P	O

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BASKETBALL



How many basketballs can you find on this page in two minutes? Now have a friend try. Who found more?

Replace the missing words.



An Ancient Game

Long, long ago, around 1400 B.C., the _____ of Mexico played a game in which they moved a ball down a long narrow court and with the goal of getting it _____ a stone hoop. Only players didn't pass the ball with their _____, they sometimes used their hips!

Snowy Day Game

Why is basketball called basketball? Because the modern game was started in 1891 by James Naismith, a P.E. _____ in Springfield, Massachusetts with a _____ and a couple of peach baskets. He was looking for a _____ his students could play indoors on cold winter days. When he couldn't find a game that was active enough, he _____ one.

Peach Basket Game

Naismith hung a peach basket from each end of the gymnasium

and had students _____ a soccer ball up and down the _____ and try to shoot it into the peach baskets.

Metal Hoops

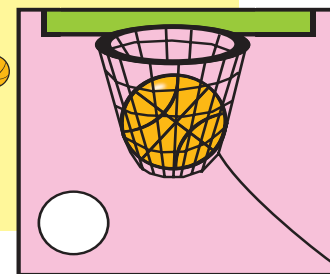
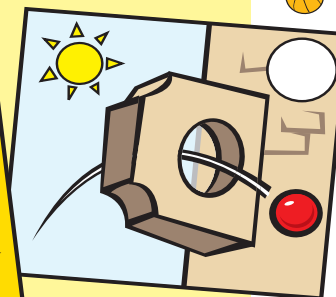
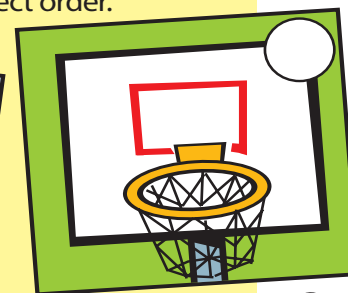
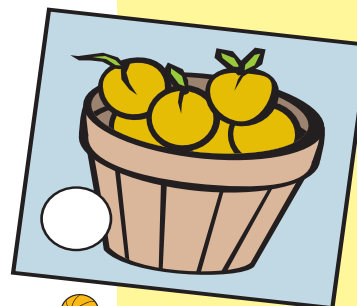
In 1893, metal hoops with net bags replaced the peach baskets. Officials pulled a cord attached to the net to _____ the bottom of the net to release the ball. In 1894, the first backboard appeared. Baskets with nets open at the bottom were introduced around 1913.

Cool New Shot

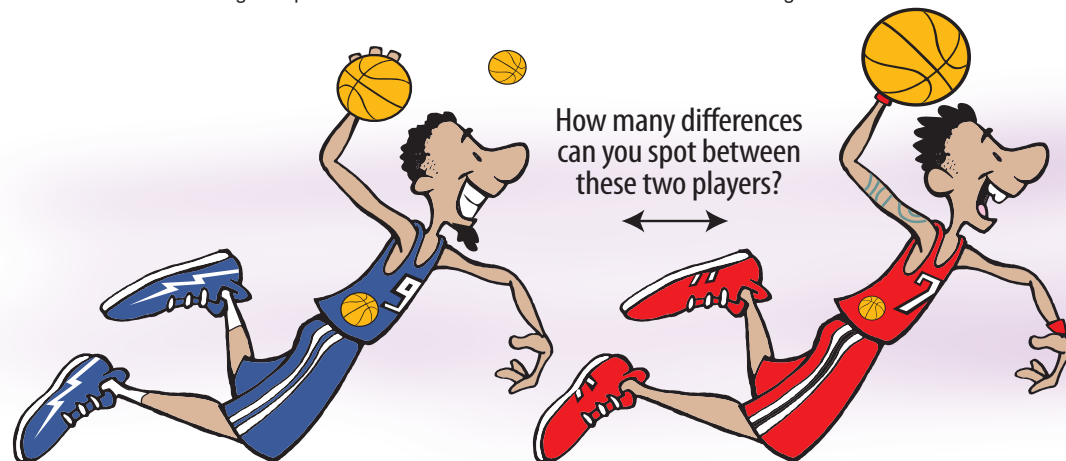
Joe Fulks played for the Philadelphia Warriors from 1946 to 1954.

To shoot, he _____ up and released the ball at the peak of his jump. This became known as the **jump shot**, still used by most players to this day.

Read the history of basketball. Then number these pictures in the correct order.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use context clues to determine the meaning of words.



How many differences can you spot between these two players?



Who wears short shorts?

Basketball shorts were very short until 1984, when a future superstar began wearing longer length shorts. Circle every other letter to reveal his name.

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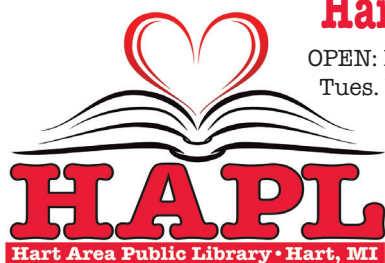
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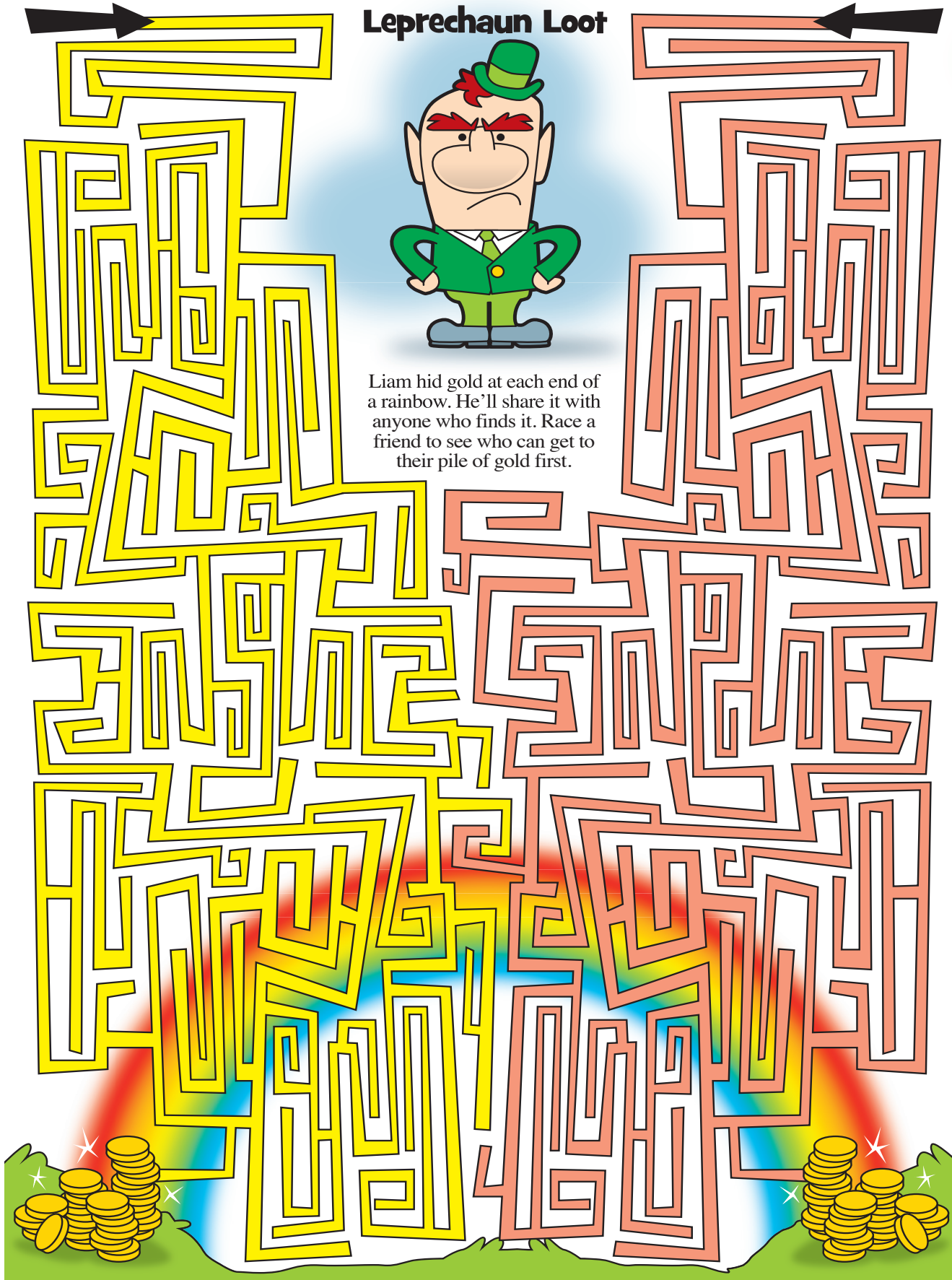
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Leprechaun Loot



Liam hid gold at each end of a rainbow. He'll share it with anyone who finds it. Race a friend to see who can get to their pile of gold first.



What did the dentist give to the marching band?

To discover the answer to this silly riddle, fill in the missing letters below by reading the clues. The answer will appear in the yellow boxes.

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CLUES:

1. A kind of clock to wake you up.
2. Another word for flavor.
3. The opposite of over.
4. You sweep with this.
5. The sound of a sneeze.
6. What ice does in warm weather.
7. Another name for killer whales.
8. A place in the desert with water.
9. A train travels on this.
10. Something that weighs a lot.
11. Tinker Bell uses this kind of dust.
12. Upstairs storage space in a house.
13. You cover spaghetti with it.
14. You study before taking these.
15. The opposite of friend.



ACTIVITY CALENDAR

MARCH 2025

SUNDAY**MONDAY****TUESDAY****WEDNESDAY****THURSDAY****FRIDAY****SATURDAY**


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.



Can you find the four-leaf clover on this page?

2 ☐

Read Across America celebrates the birthday of Dr. Seuss. Write a poem to honor Dr. Seuss.



3 ☐

Oh, say, do you know all the words to *The Star Spangled Banner*? Congress made it our national anthem in 1931.

National Anthem Day

4 ☐

Showcase talented students by putting on a concert today.



Music in Our Schools Month

5 ☐

Make a list of the women who have made a difference in the world.

National Women's History Month



6 ☐

When you brush your teeth today, make sure your brushing lasts for two minutes.



Dentist's Day

7 ☐

Cut a whole peanut shell in half. Remove the nut. Add hair and a hat to make your peanut puppet.

National Peanut Month

8 ☐

Get some aerobic exercise today. Ride your bike, take a fast walk or run around a park. Make sure you keep it up for at least 30 minutes.

National Pig Day

9 ☐

Did you remember to move your clocks forward?



Daylight Savings Time Begins

10 ☐

Gather some old magazines and make a collage today. Be creative.



National Craft Month

11 ☐

Celebrate today with lots of apples—fresh apples for lunch, applesauce or apple pie.



Johnny Appleseed Day


12 ☐



The Girl Scouts were founded on this day in 1912. Find out if there's a troop you could join in your area.

13 ☐


What does it mean when someone says "Use your noodle!"?



National Noodle Month

14 ☐

Casey Jones was a train engineer who became a folk hero. He was born on this day in 1863.



Ides of March

15 ☐

This is the middle of the month and a festive day in the Roman calendar. The day was dedicated to the Roman god, Mars.

Ides of March

16 ☐

Freedom of Information Day. Discuss with a parent what this might mean.

17 ☐

Wear green today. Write a story about finding a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow.



St. Patrick's Day

18 ☐

Today is the anniversary of the first walk in space in 1965. Can you find out something about space exploration today?

19 ☐

Pour bubble solution in a large, shallow pan. Dip a new fly swatter into the liquid and make hundreds of tiny bubbles.

National Bubble Week

20 ☐



Go for a walk to find signs of spring, like new buds on trees or birds building nests.

First Day of Spring

21 ☐


Write a poem today—see how many rhyming words you can include.

World Poetry Day

22 ☐

Randolf Caldecott was born on this day in 1846. The Caldecott Medal is awarded to children's books with superior illustrations. Have you read any?

23 ☐



Can you find a book about puppies at the library?

National Puppy Day

24 ☐

With adult help, melt chocolate in the microwave. Dip strawberries, pretzels and raisins. Let harden on wax paper and enjoy.

25 ☐



The famous cliff swallows of Mission San Juan Capistrano are returning from their winter vacation in Argentina.

26 ☐

The flower for the month of March is a daffodil. Draw your favorite flower today.



27 ☐

Everyone who hates his or her name can be called "Joe" today.

National "Joe" Day

28 ☐

March is said to be a windy month. Go to the park or the beach to fly a kite today.



29 ☐



Do some spring cleaning. Clean out your closets, dust your dresser and donate your outgrown clothes.

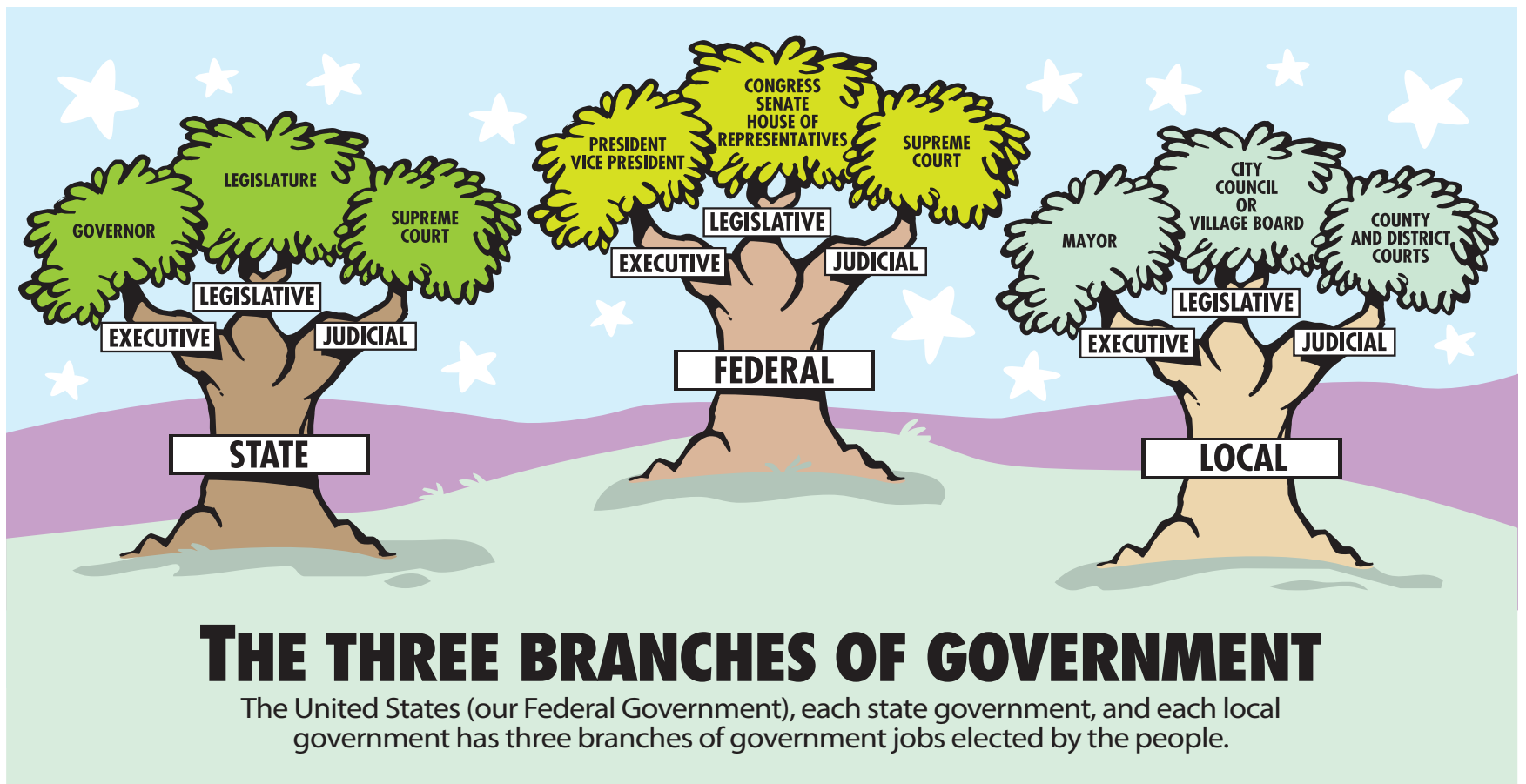
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Take a Walk in the Park Day

31 ☐

Surprise someone by doing a chore for them.





Why are there three branches of government?

The founders of this country wrote a document called The United States Constitution. This document set down important laws and described how American government would work.

The Founding Fathers wanted to make a government that did not allow one person to have too much power. While under the rule of the British King, they had seen how this could be unfair.

To solve the problem of giving one leader too much power, the authors of the Constitution decided to set up three separate branches of government—executive, legislative and judicial. Each would have its own responsibilities, and all would work together to make the country run smoothly. Power is shared between these three branches in a system of **checks** and **balances**. (These checks and balances have nothing to do with your parent's bank account!) Each branch of the government **checks** the power of the other two in order to maintain a **balance** of power.

Standards Link: Civics: Understand how the U.S. Constitution serves to limit the powers of government (e.g., separation and sharing of powers, checks and balances, Bill of Rights).

Sunshine Week!

Sunshine Week is a special time in March when people celebrate the importance of sharing information. It's like having a flashlight that helps everyone see what's going on. During this week, Americans celebrate why it is important for governments to share information about what they do, so people can understand how decisions are made and make sure everything is fair. It teaches that asking questions and getting answers helps people make good decisions!



HOW CHECKS AND BALANCES WORK

Each branch of government has no more or less power than the others, creating an equal balance. Think of them as see-saws: if any of them had too much power, our government would be out of balance!

LEGISLATIVE

When the Legislative Branch (the Senate, the Unicameral, House of Representatives, the City Council) creates a new law, the Executive Branch (the President, the Governor, the Mayor) has to agree to it before it can be put into effect.

EXECUTIVE

If the Executive Branch does not agree with the law, it has the power to veto, or cancel it.

JUDICIAL

If the Judicial Branch (the United States Supreme Court, the State Supreme Court, county and district courts) thinks a law goes against the Constitution, that branch of government can judge a law to be illegal.



Performing
Arts
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Steel MAGNOLIAS

7:30PM

February 27-28
March 1, 7 & 8

2:00PM

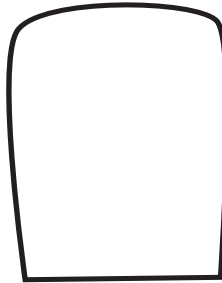
March 2 & 9

WSSC
Center Stage
Theater

Recommended
for ages 13+

How to Draw a LEPRECHAUN

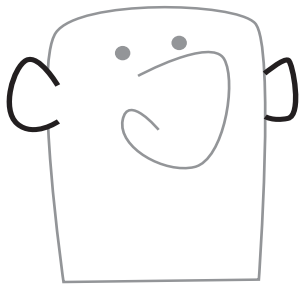
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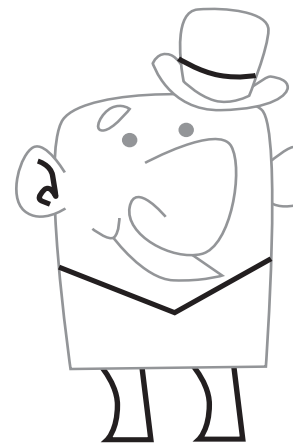
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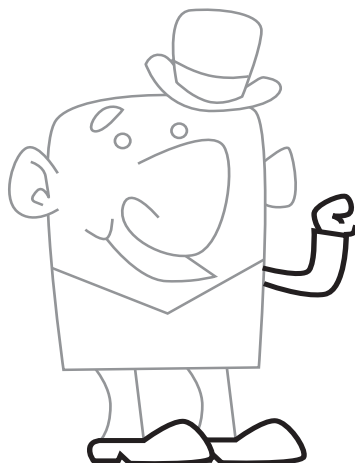
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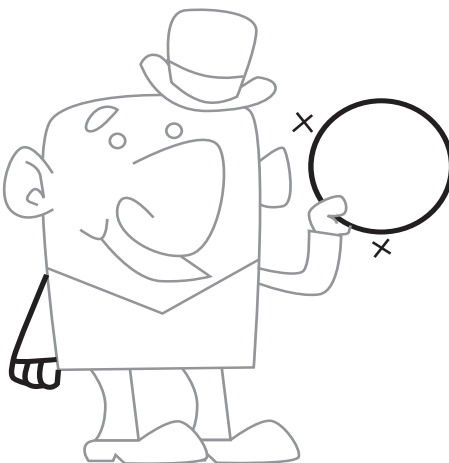
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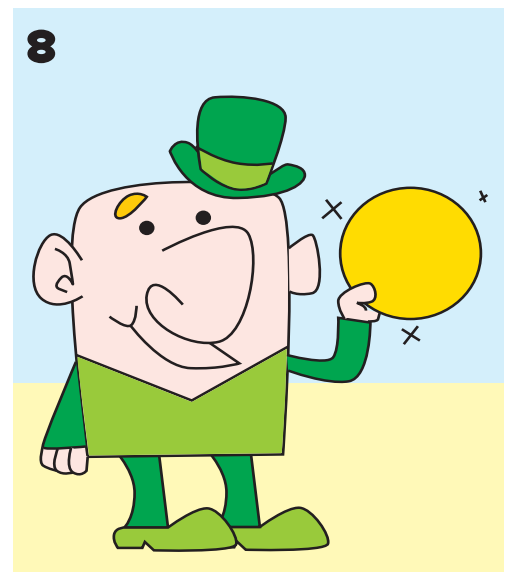
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Who? What? Where? When? How?

While the *Kid Scoop News* article below is very silly, we wrote our article in the format of a real news article.

News reports tell **WHO** did **WHAT WHEN** and **WHERE** and, when possible, **HOW**.

Kid Scoop News reporter Woodward is working on a silly article for the very silly *Kid Scoop News Fun Times*. Can you help him out?

Caution! This article is not real news! It is just for fun!

FIRST STEP: GET THE FACTS

News Articles Lead with the FACTS

Who, what, when and **where** are often the first questions people ask when something happens. News reporters put those facts into the first paragraph — sometimes the first sentence — of the news article. This is called the **lead**.

Read Woodward's article. Then fill in the facts in his notes.

WHO is the news event about?

WHAT happened?

WHERE did it happen?

WHEN did it happen?

Choose a HEADLINE

The **headline** of a news article could also be called the title. It is written in bold type above the story. Most headlines have a subject and a verb that tell the topic of the article and summarize the main idea, or most important part of the topic.

Read the three headlines that Woodward has written. Circle the headline you think is the best for this silly article.

POLICE CAPTURE UNUSUAL PIZZA CHEF AT PETE'S

CROCODILE ESCAPES FROM ZOO

PIZZA-LOVING CROCODILE ARRESTED

DOWNTOWN — Clive the crocodile escaped from Downtown Zoo last night. Some people say he put on a costume and stole a pizza from Pete's Pizza Parlor.

Clive has lived at the zoo for ten years. Pete Pesto, owner of the pizza parlor, says Clive entered the kitchen wearing a chef's hat and apron and tried to make himself 20 large all-meat pizzas.

Police arrived at 9:30 p.m. "We got a call from a person eating at Pete's. They said there was a lot of noise coming from the kitchen, but no pizzas," said Chief Mike Jenkins.

Clive surrendered peacefully. "That's the way the pizza crumbles," Clive mumbled as the police put him in a squad car.

Local wins

MIDCITY game again scored a

The team's defensive in the first thrilling finals.

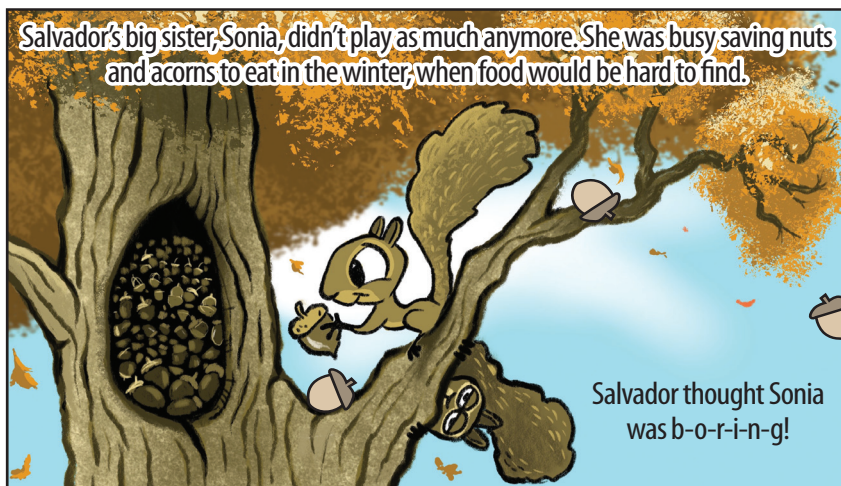
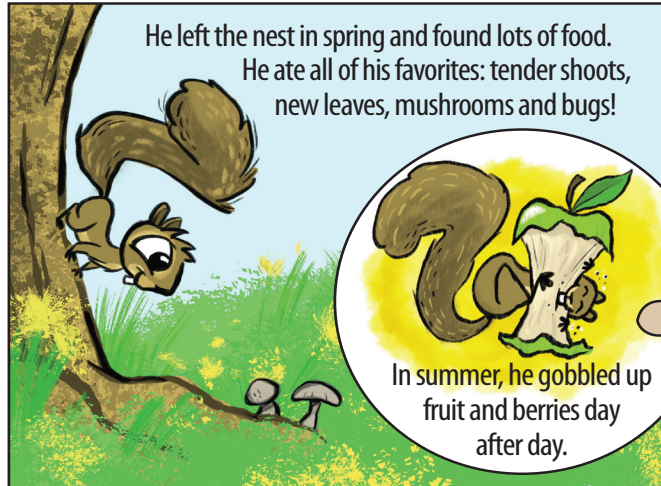
Advancing regional first coach Mar

"We've been practicing and competing All season

It's the first a local team residents will attend the

Salvador & Sonia Squirrel

To be money smart, you need to know the importance of saving for later.



Saving Plan

Like squirrels, people also need to save to help with future needs. They also need to save to be able to buy things they don't have the money for in the present.

Is there something you would like to buy, but you don't have enough money? Make a plan to see if you can save enough to buy this at some time in the future!

Write down what you want to buy and the amount of money you need.

MY SAVING PLAN

I need \$_____ to buy _____.

Money I have saved: \$_____

Weekly allowance I can save: \$_____

Weekly work/chores income: \$_____

TOTAL AFTER ONE WEEK: \$_____

After one week, how much more money do you need to reach your goal? Repeat this plan each week until you have the money you need.

ADULT CRAFT NIGHT

Every second Wednesday of the month from 6-7pm at the Ludington Library and third Tuesday of the month from 6-7pm in Scottville.

Create a new decoration or useful object!

All materials provided. Free of charge.
Donations accepted!

Creative Kids
4-5:30pm Scottville

Monday &
Wednesday

4-5 pm Ludington
Tuesday & Friday

Come for games,
crafts, and snacks!



Science, Technology,
Engineering, Mathematics
STEM

Preschool Story Time

Wednesdays 10am Ludington

Fridays 10am Scottville

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

March 5 & 7

April 2 & 4

TEEN EVENTS — LUDINGTON:

Anime Club every Wednesday

Teen Tuesday 3/4—Painted Wood Signs

Half Day fun 3/5-3/7

Limelights Saturday 3/8 starting
at 3pm

**SPRING BREAK
ACTIVITIES - ALL AGES
March 28, 31-April 4
Check our website &
Facebook to see times!**

TEEN EVENTS — SCOTTVILLE:

Come to Family Bingo, Tuesday 3/4 6-7pm!

Board Game Night 3/6 from 4-5pm

Perler Bead Creations 3/11 from 4-5pm

Learn Crochet! 3/18 starting at 4pm

Teen Movie Night 3/26, 5:30-7:30pm



Family Bingo Night — Tuesdays, March 4 and April 1, 6-7pm in Scottville

Drop in and play a round of Bingo with us! Ms. Ingrid leads the action as we have some family fun, complete with prizes for the winners! This is a monthly event, so come if you can and let's enjoy some family time this winter!

All MCDL Programs are FREE. Children under 8 must be supervised.

1-2-3 Rhyme with Me on Mondays

10am in Ludington

Ms. Emily rhymes and sings to build
early literacy skills.



Lego Block Party

Saturdays, 11am-2pm

Come and build with your
friends! Thousands of Legos
to choose from.

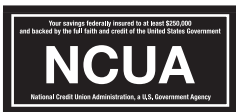


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