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MAY 2025

MAY SPECIAL DAYS

From Dance Like a Chicken Day to Lost Sock Day, discover some of the silly and strange days of May!

MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 11 is the day to honor mothers everywhere. Here's some amazing facts about mothers in the animal universe — from laying as many as 200,000 eggs to carrying babies around in your jaws!

UNIVERSE OF STORIES

Aliens! Exploring planets! Space robots! Check out these pages on Science Fiction books and imagine you could jet into the future.

How many butterflies can you find in this picture?



SOME THINGS JUST DON'T GET ALONG

Time to have some hands-on experimentation with this STEM page that reveals why oil and water just do not mix.

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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

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WOODWORD'S CORNER

Dear Readers,

As the summer approaches, let's all plan to spend some time reading and also having some fun. So, this May issue is chock full of both.

We kick it off with learning that **Laughter is Catching**. That's a great start. Our Spotlight pages will make you do just that. May 14 turns out to be Dance Like a Chicken Day — I'm going to practice. I'm also going to try out some of these **Memory Games** because being able to memorize something is a skill we need for school.

Then for something hands-on, pages 8-9, there's a great science experiment to see if you can **mix oil and water**.

May 11th is **Mother's Day**. Mother alligators cover their eggs with rotting plants (yuck) and there are some frogs that carry their babies in the skin on their

back. I call that weird and wonderful. And don't forget to do something lovely for your mom!

Some say he was the Greatest Cowboy of them all! **Pecos Bill's** folk tale on Pages 14 and 15 tells how he rode a cyclone and made the Rio Grande. Really!?

Then I can escape in my imagination to infinity and beyond with these great recommendations for Science Fiction books. Now if I could just find my jet pack!

Read, laugh, play — enjoy!



Woodward

MAKE A PIÑATA WITH THE NEWSPAPER!

Create your own colorful piñata for Cinco de Mayo. It's fun & easy!

You will need:

- a large balloon
- lots of newspaper
- 5 cups of flour
- water
- masking tape
- colored tissue
- glue
- scissors
- string
- pencil
- paint (optional)



1 Blow up the balloon and tie tightly.	2 Tear the newspaper into long, thin strips (about 1 inch wide and at least 12 inches long). You'll need lots of strips!	3 In a large bowl, mix 5 cups of flour with water—adding the water slowly until it looks a little like pancake batter.	4 Dip a newspaper strip in the flour and water mixture, wetting it completely. Then drape it over the balloon.
5 Continue overlapping strips until the balloon is completely covered.	6 Add more and more layers of newspaper until you have applied 5-10 layers. Allow to dry completely.	7 When your piñata is completely dry, you can paint it and glue colored tissue paper all over it.	8 To fill the piñata, cut a small flap in the top, bend it back carefully and drop in small, wrapped candies.

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

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Yawning and Laughing

How are they the same?

Yawning and **laughing** can be catching.

Give it a try! Start yawning and watch to see if people around you start to yawn with you.

“Yawning is extraordinarily contagious,” says Robert Provine, a professor of

psychology at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

Even reading about yawning can cause a person to yawn. Are you yawning yet?

Laughter is catchy!

Have you ever caught a case of the giggles with a friend? Then you know how contagious laughter can be.

“We really can’t help ourselves from doing it: When we’re around laughing people we laugh,” says Provine. “You start to do it and you can’t stop. And the harder you try, the worse it gets.”

While laughing can bring people together, it can also push people apart. That is called *jeering* or *ridicule*. Laughing at a person in a way that hurts them is a kind of bullying.

“Laughter is the shortest distance between two people.”

— Victor Borge
(1909 - 2000)



Describe a time that you were with a group of people laughing together in a good way.

Describe a time that you saw people hurt someone by laughing.



Check out some of these unusual holidays
that you can celebrate in May.

9

You throw your dirty socks in the hamper. (You **do**, don't you?) But after washing, not every sock is found!

Where do they go? It's one of life's great mysteries. While thinking about the fate of those lost socks, look below to find each sock's match. Can you find the one sock that has no match?



14

Fold your arms like wings, play your favorite music and dance like a funky chicken! Sure, it's silly. But it's really fun! With some friends, try to stand in these crazy poses for 30 seconds without getting the giggles.



10

10 If your room has gotten out of control, spend this May 10 cleaning up your messy room. But first, help Chloe find the following things in this big pile of stuff from her room:

- ☐ 1 hairbrush
- ☐ 2 sneakers
- ☐ 3 pencils
- ☐ 6 books
- ☐ 6 baseballs
- ☐ 2 cups

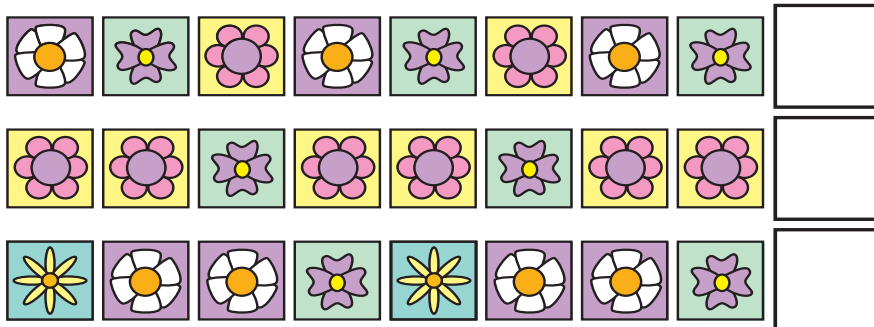
- ☐ 4 paint brushes
- ☐ 2 Teddy bears
- ☐ 3 basketballs
- ☐ 8 crayons
- ☐ 2 dominoes
- ☐ 3 pans



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Go on a hike with your family. Bring along some extra water and give it to a wildflower you find along the way.

Draw the flower that should come next to complete the pattern in each row.



Standards Link: Math/Probability: Identify and extend simple patterns.

Missing Words

Some of the words are missing in this article. Work with a family member to decide where each word belongs.

TOWN

CELEBRATE

FESTIVAL

HOLIDAY

RULED

SPANISH

POPULAR



Cinco de Mayo

On the fifth of May, people from Mexico and Mexican-Americans celebrate a _____ called **Cinco de Mayo**. Cinco de Mayo is how you say *fifth of May* in _____.

On May 5, 1862, in the _____ of Puebla, Mexico, a tired, poor and small Mexican army defeated the large, well-armed forces from France.

Mexicans did not want to be _____ by the French; they wanted to rule themselves. The French eventually left Mexico and each year, people of Mexican heritage _____ the historic battle at Puebla with food, games, music and dancing.

Cinco de Mayo became very _____ in the 1980s and has been so ever since. It's a fun-filled _____ or, as they say in Spanish, a *fiesta*!



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

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Free Comic Book Day

Most comic book shops offer customers a free comic book the first Saturday in May. Visit your local comic book store and be sure to say a mighty, "Thank you!"

How many differences can you find between these two comics?



Double Double Word Search

CHICKEN
UNUSUAL
PIZZA
FATE
FLOWER
SILLY
COMIC
SOCK
HIKE
MESSY
WATER
MAY
DANCE
ROW
FUN

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

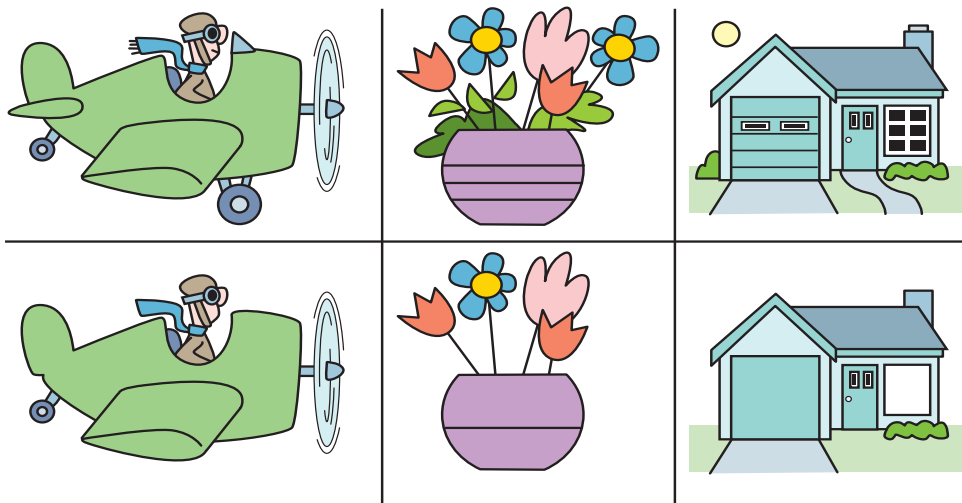
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Z	U	M	E	S	S	Y	W	N	O
Z	S	P	D	K	I	E	A	E	C
I	U	W	A	Z	L	W	T	F	R
P	N	O	N	Z	L	T	E	A	T
L	U	R	C	A	Y	B	R	L	F
A	G	N	E	K	C	I	H	C	Z

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

MEMORY GAMES

Are you good at remembering things? Try the games on this page to test and help improve your memory and concentration skills!

WHAT'S MISSING: Look closely at each top picture. Cover it. Then try to draw what's missing on the one below it.



DRAW A WORD: One player uses their finger to 'write' a word on the back of the second player. The second player tries to identify the word. Players switch positions and take turns being the 'writer' and guesser.



Memory Concentration

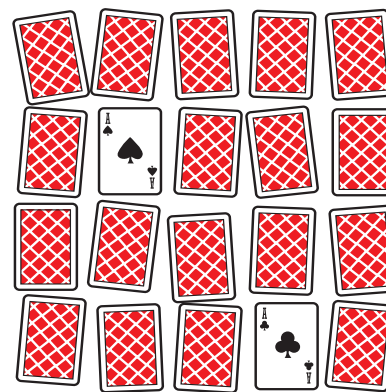
Play with a deck of 52 playing cards.

Shuffle and spread all of the cards out on a flat surface, face down.

Players take turns choosing any two cards. (A match is two cards with the same number or face card. For example, a two of hearts and a two of clubs is a match. Two Jacks are a match.)

If the cards match, then the player keeps the cards and goes again. If the cards don't match, turn the cards back over and leave them in the same place.

Play until all the cards have been picked up. The winner is the person with the most pairs.



Classic "I Went to the Store ..." Game

Long car rides are a great time to play memory games. A classic memory game is "I Went to the Store ..."

Each person in the car takes turns adding grocery items in alphabetical order.

The first player says, "I went to the store and I bought APPLES."

The next player says, "I went to the store and I bought apples and BANANAS."

Each player must repeat every item on the list before adding an item starting with the next letter of the alphabet. It gets tricky!

"I went to the store and bought apples, bananas, carrots, dog food, eggs, fish..."

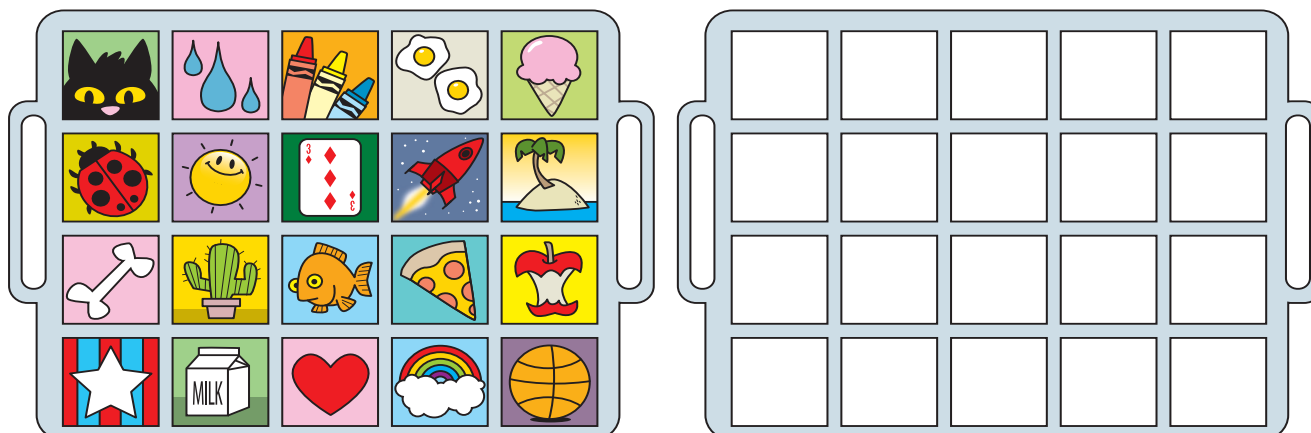
Can your family make it all the way to the letter Z?

Tray Memory Game

Look at the objects on the tray. Then cover the tray with a piece of paper and draw the objects you can remember on the tray on the right.

Variation: Play at Home With Real Objects

1. Place several small items on a tray at home and have a friend or family member say the name of each object out loud to remember it.
2. Cover the tray and ask the person to try to name all the objects on the tray.
3. Start with just a few objects. Then if the person remembers them all, keep adding more and playing again.



MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is a day to remember the people who have lost their lives to keep our country safe while serving in the military. Many businesses close on this holiday so that people can spend time remembering those who gave their lives for our freedom.

Do you have a family member who was a veteran you like to remember?

(Name) _____

was my _____.

I like to remember him/her because _____

I remember the time we _____

Draw a picture of the person you like to think about and remember here.

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Memory Builder

Read the word list a few times aloud. Then cover the list and see how many of the words you can write down in column 1. Look at the words again, cover them and see how many you can write in column 2. Can you remember them all by column 3?

WORD LIST	COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3
BANANA	_____	_____	_____
PENCIL	_____	_____	_____
ONION	_____	_____	_____
SNEAKERS	_____	_____	_____
DINOSAUR	_____	_____	_____
RAISIN	_____	_____	_____
FRANCE	_____	_____	_____
BIRTHDAY	_____	_____	_____
HAMMER	_____	_____	_____
CAMPING	_____	_____	_____

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

Double Double Word Search

MEMORIAL
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OBJECTS
IMPROVE
WINNER
CARDS
MATCH
GAMES
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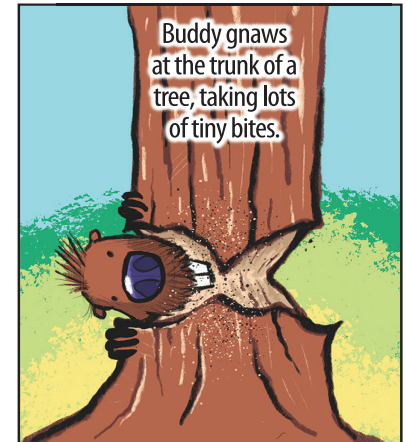
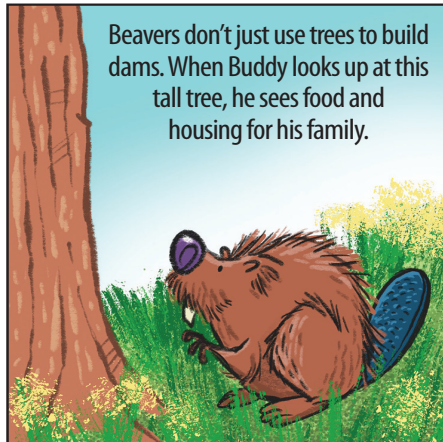
Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

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

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

Buddy B. Beaver's Goals

Buddy shows us how to reach a big goal by breaking it down into smaller steps.



ANGIE'S GOAL: Earn \$50 for a new coat!

- ☐ Mowed the lawn: \$3.00
- ☐ Made my bed: \$0
(Mom expects me to do this every morning!)
- ☐ Walked the dog: \$2.00
- ☐ Took out the trash: \$1.00
- ☐ Did the dishes: \$2.00

Be Like Buddy: How to Reach a Goal

Sometimes there are things you want in life that are not possible right now. For example, maybe you want to buy something that is expensive. If you are serious about that purchase, make buying it a **goal**.

In order to reach that goal, be like Buddy. Make a list of small steps or small goals that would help you reach your big goal.

EXAMPLE: Angie wants to buy a new coat. The coat costs \$50.

If Angie can earn \$5 per week and save the money, how long until she will have enough money to buy the coat? _____

Angie decides that instead of trying to earn \$50 all at once, she will make ten goals that will help her reach her big goal. She makes a goal of earning \$5. If she earns \$5 ten times, she will reach her big goal of \$50!

How can Angie earn \$5? Put a check in the box next to Angie's jobs. If you check the right boxes, they add up to exactly \$5.



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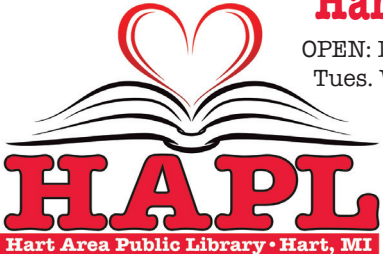
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A compound word is a word that is formed by combining two smaller words. For example, when you combine **DAY** and **LIGHT** you get **DAYLIGHT**. Easy, right? The pictures below can be combined to create nine compound words. One is done for you. Can you make nine compound words and then figure out where they belong in the empty boxes?

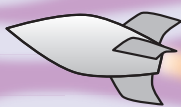
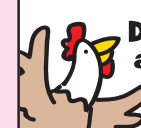
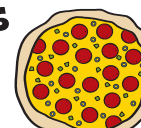
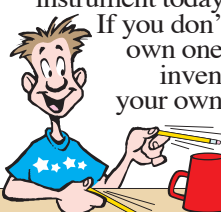


Look closely! Only two of these robots are exactly the same. Can you find them?



Kid Scoop ACTIVITY CALENDAR

MAY 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. ☒ How many flowers can you count on this page? Have a friend try. Who found more?				1 ☐ Celebrated around the world, this day marks a celebration of spring and the coming of summer. May Day	2 ☐ Tell your sibling how much you care for them. If you don't have one, choose someone who could be your pretend sibling. Brothers and Sisters Day	3 ☐ Make this a special day to find out what is happening now in outer space. 
4 ☐ Observe the weather today and give your family a weather report as if you were on the TV news. National Weather Observers' Day	5 ☐ Make red, white and green paper chains and decorate your room.  Cinco de Mayo	6 ☐ Take time today to honor your teacher and show how much you appreciate all their hard work. National Teachers Day	7 ☐ Thank your school nurse today and give her a token of your gratitude. National School Nurse Day	8 ☐ Write a poem about lost socks. Where do they go? How will they ever find their way back to their match? Lost Sock Memorial Day	9 ☐ The first newspaper cartoon was published on this day in 1754. See if you can make a copy of a newspaper cartoon character.	10 ☐  Clean your bicycle today and make sure it is in good condition. Check your helmet, too. Bike Month
11 ☐ Make a special homemade gift for your mom or another special lady. Draw her portrait and give her this perfect gift. Mother's Day	12 ☐ Compose a limerick today. Five lines, the last words of the 1st, 2nd and 5th lines rhyme, and the 3rd and 4th are a separate rhyme.	13 ☐ Can you draw a cross section of a tulip? Label the different parts of a tulip. Tulip Day 	14 ☐ Put your thumbs in your armpits and "flap your wings."  Dance Like a Chicken Day	15 ☐ Take a jump rope outside and skip as fast as you can for ten minutes and then slowly for another ten minutes. 	16 ☐  Gather friends and family and order some pizzas. National Pizza Party Day	17 ☐ Go for a hike today in the countryside. Wear good, sturdy shoes and make sure to take some water. 
18 ☐ Museums are important places. Gather your family and visit a museum today. International Museum Day	19 ☐  Draw a long straight line with a piece of chalk. Now walk along the line as if it were a tight rope.	20 ☐ On this day in 1927, Charles Lindbergh flew alone across the Atlantic to Paris. Find out the name of his plane and quiz a friend.	21 ☐ The American Red Cross was founded on this day in 1881. Check your first aid supplies and make sure they are up to date.	22 ☐ Play a musical instrument today. If you don't own one, invent your own. 	23 ☐  Start to collect loose change today in a jar. It's amazing how much you'll save if you add a little each day.	24 ☐ Put on some music and get everyone dancing. Dancing is great exercise, so keep it up for at least 20 minutes. 
25 ☐ FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT For tonight's movie, let mom choose one of her favorite films.	26 ☐  This is the day to remember those who gave their lives for freedom and country. Memorial Day 	27 ☐ Ask your parents if you can take over a section of the garden. Dig it over and plant some flowers, vegetables or seeds. 	28 ☐ Start a science experiment today such as growing a crystal. Follow the scientific method: question, hypothesis, method, data, observation and conclusion.	29 ☐ Invent a dessert using fresh fruit and a little ice cream or frozen yoghurt. Share it with your family at dinner tonight. 	30 ☐  Get a large sheet of paper and a crayon and make a rubbing today—from a coin, or any indented surface you can find.	31 ☐ Make a pledge that you will always say NO to smoking.  No Tobacco Day

Why won't the water and oil mix?

Water usually _____ well with other liquids to _____. **solutions.** But, as this experiment shows, oil and water do not mix. Water **molecules** are strongly _____ to each other. So are oil molecules. Because each is more attracted to its own _____, they just don't mix together. They separate, and the oil _____ above the water because it has a lower **density**.

Replace the missing words.

ATTRACTED MIXES FORM
FLOATS MOLECULES

SOAP MIXES THINGS UP!

If you add a few drops of dishwashing liquid to your jar of water and oil, what happens?

Cut out these sentences and put them in the correct order for an explanation.

or two of dishwashing liquid. Both oil and water are

There is one way to get oil and water to mix. Add a drop

molecules to hook up, which is why adding dishwashing

attracted to dishwashing liquid. It helps the oil and water

plates and into the water!

liquid to water helps remove oil and grime off the

Standards Links: Physical Science: Understand things can be done to materials to change some of their properties.

OBSERVATION /CONCLUSION:

Draw or describe what you see.

KIDS SUMMER PROGRAMMING



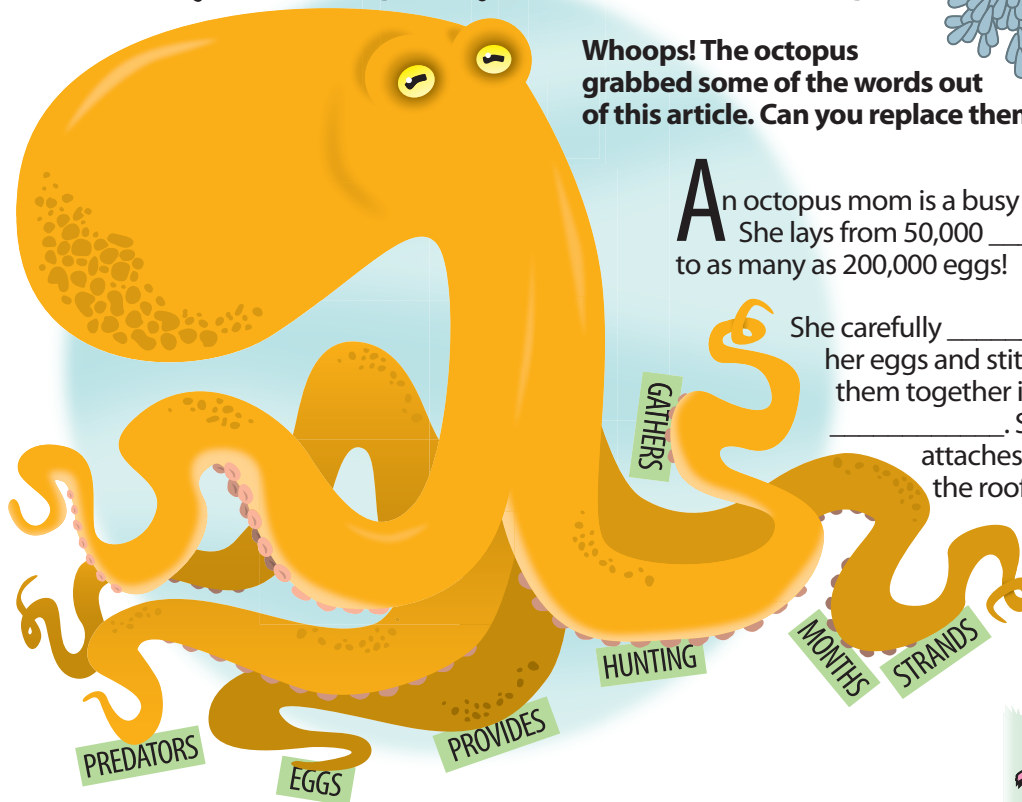
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M O T H E R ' S D A Y

Animal Moms



Whoops! The octopus grabbed some of the words out of this article. Can you replace them?

An octopus mom is a busy mom. She lays from 50,000 _____ to as many as 200,000 eggs!

She carefully _____ her eggs and stitches them together in long _____. She then attaches them to the roof of a cave. This is her nursery.

It can take _____ for the eggs to hatch. The mother octopus stays with her eggs the entire time. She protects the eggs from _____. She waves her tentacles gently over the eggs. The moving water keeps them clean and _____ them with plenty of oxygen.

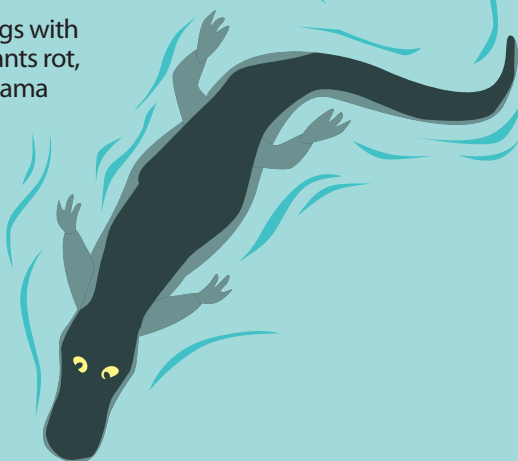
But watching the eggs means she can't go _____ to feed herself. Sadly, after the eggs hatch and she releases them into the ocean, she dies.

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals adapt in different ways in order to survive.

Mama Alligator

A mama alligator covers her eggs with old, rotting plants. As the plants rot, they give off heat which means mama doesn't have to sit on her eggs to keep them warm.

While she may not sit on her eggs to keep them warm, a mama alligator does stay close to the nest to protect the eggs from predators. Once her babies are born, she carries them around in her jaw for protection.



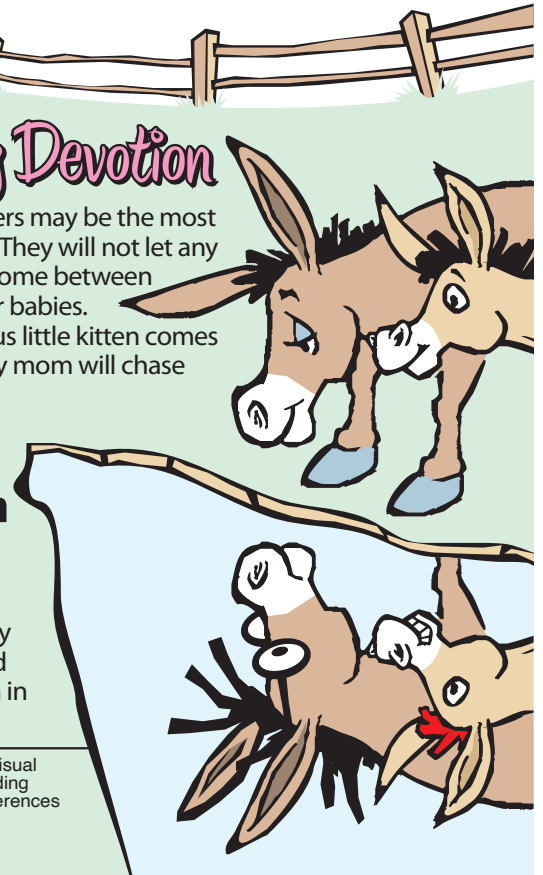
Donkey Devotion

Donkey mothers may be the most devoted of all. They will not let any other animal come between them and their babies. Even if a curious little kitten comes close, a donkey mom will chase it away.

Strange Reflection

Find the differences between the mother donkey and its foal and their reflection in the pond.

Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Finding similarities and differences in common objects.



Proof It!



*Are you an eagle-eyed reader?
Read the article below and circle
the six errors you find. Then
rewrite the article correctly on
the lines next to the article.*

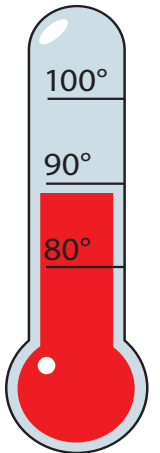
Spider Mom

The wolf spider is a caring mom. While most spiders wrap their eggs in a silken pouch and leave them behind, this mom carries her egg sac on her back. She carries it everywhere she goes. If it falls off, the wolf spider mom puts it back on. And once her eggs hatch, she takes care of the little crawlers and lets them ride on her back until they are ready for life on their own.

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Gator Girls or Gator Boys?

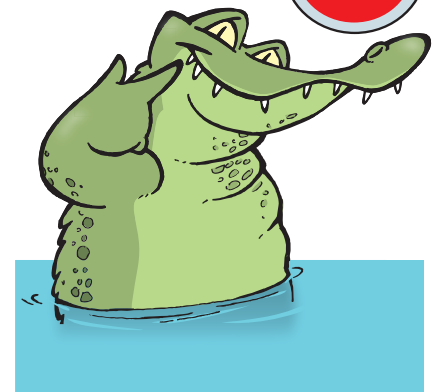
The temperature of an alligator's nest determines if a baby alligator will hatch as a girl or a boy.



Less than 86°F:
All girls

86°F - 89°F:
Both boys and girls

More than 90°F:
All boys



Kid Scoop® Puzzler

The mother Surinam toad cares for her eggs in one of the strangest ways. As the mother toad lays eggs, the male toad presses them one by one into the soft skin on the mother's back. After a while, each egg sinks into a little pocket that forms on the mother's back. Then a covering of skin grows over the pocket. The baby toads hatch and develop in these little pockets. A few weeks later, the mother rubs her back and the little toads swim free.



What did the mother Surinam toad say to her kids? Unscramble the answer:

“ETG FOF YM AKBC!”

G F C

Double Double Word Search

ALLIGATOR
PREDATORS
OCTOPUS
SURINAM
CURIOUS
DONKEY
MOTHER
HATCH
WAVES
TOAD
BABY
BORN
CAVE
NEST
SWIM

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

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

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

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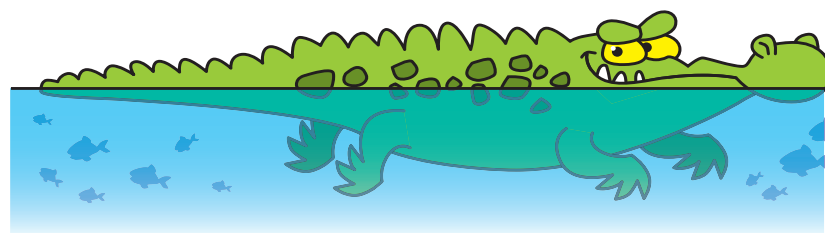
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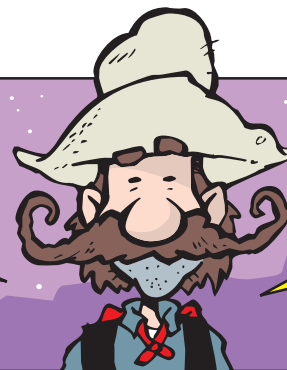


For about as long as folks can remember, cowboys have been telling tall tales about the greatest cowboy ever known ...

PECOS BILL

How many cactus plants can you find on this page?

Now, you won't find Pecos Bill in history books ...



No, to find out about ol' Bill, you just have to sit around a campfire and listen as someone tells you the tale.

Baby Bill

Bill was the youngest of 18 kids. When Bill was just a baby, he fell out of his folks' wagon out on the Texas prairie. And, naturally, he began to cry and howl as the wagon traveled out of sight. His howling attracted a pack of coyotes. They joined in howling with Bill, but after a few hours, their voices were gone. They decided that Bill must be a coyote at heart, and they adopted him into their pack.

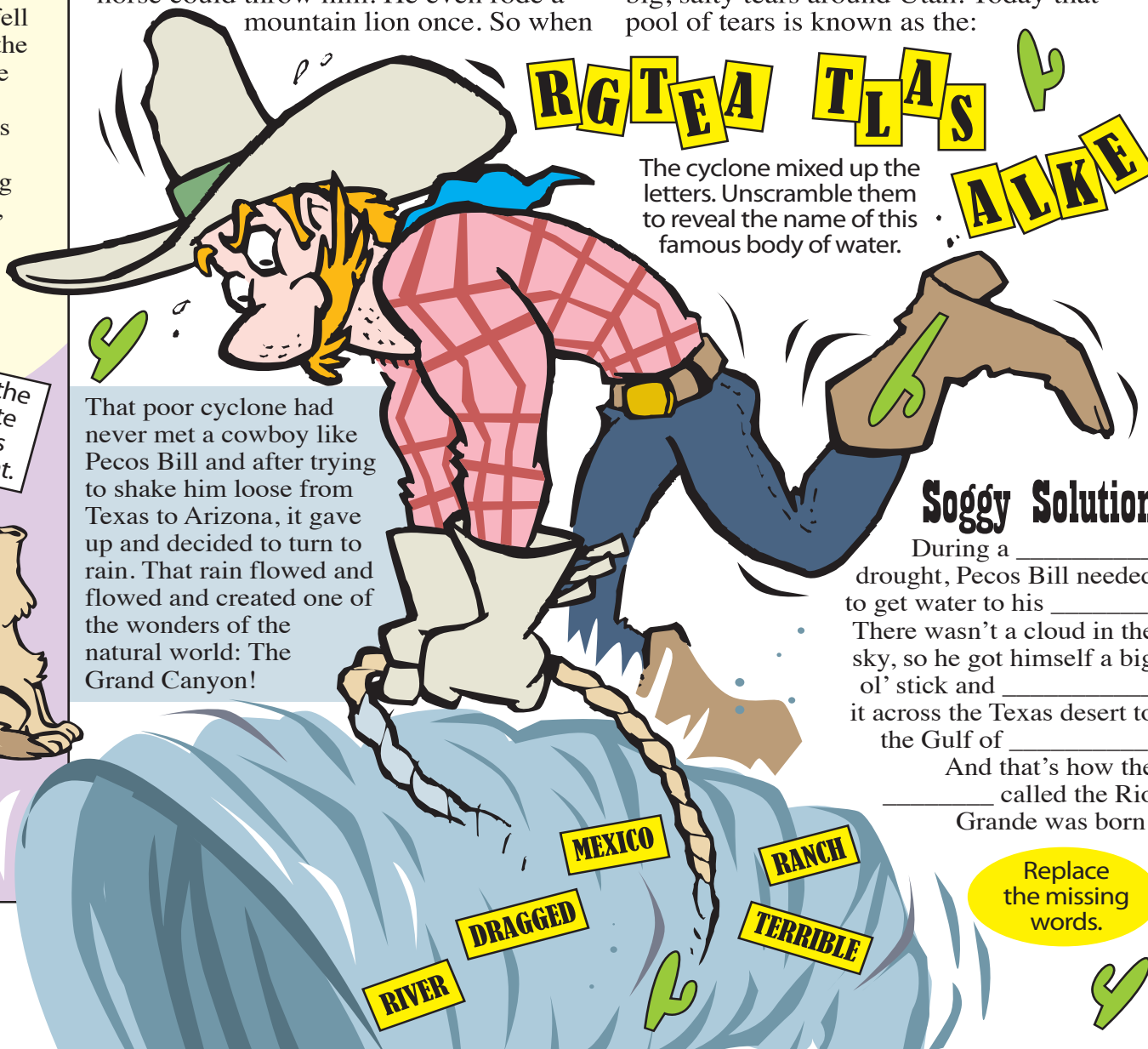


Find the coyote that is different.

Bill and the Cyclone

It was said Bill could ride anything. No horse could throw him. He even rode a mountain lion once. So when

the biggest cyclone anyone had ever seen blew into town one day, Pecos Bill jumped right on it, riding it for days and days. The cyclone got frustrated and started crying big, salty tears around Utah. Today that pool of tears is known as the:



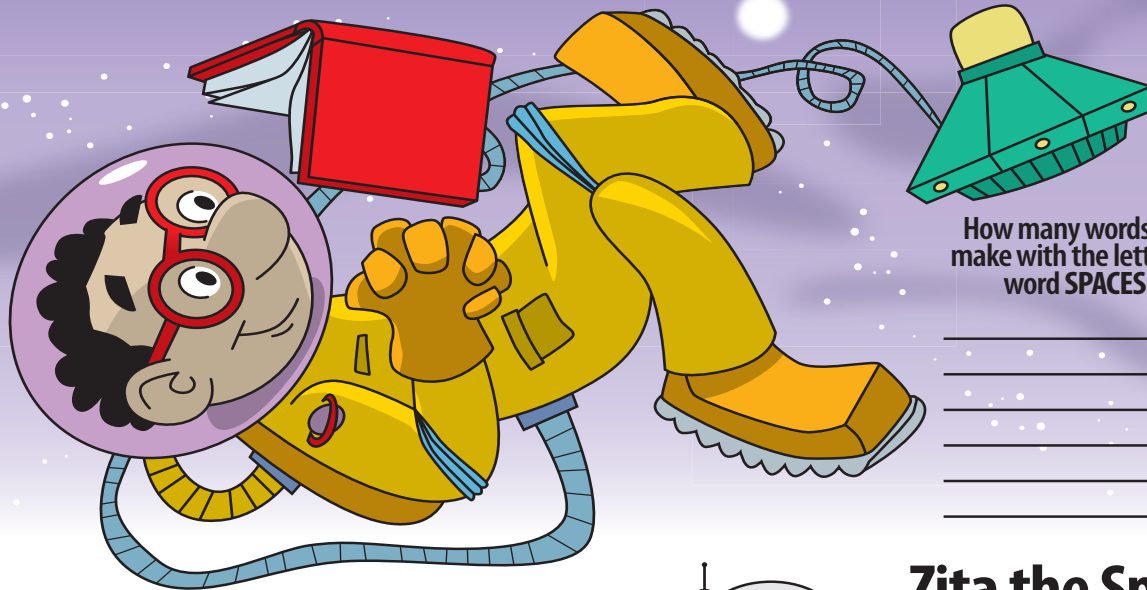
The cyclone mixed up the letters. Unscramble them to reveal the name of this famous body of water.

Soggy Solution

During a _____ drought, Pecos Bill needed to get water to his _____. There wasn't a cloud in the sky, so he got himself a big ol' stick and _____ it across the Texas desert to the Gulf of _____. And that's how the _____ called the Rio Grande was born!

Replace the missing words.

A Universe of Stories



How many words can you make with the letters in the word **SPACESHIP**?

Before people actually went to outer space, they went there with their imaginations. Authors wrote about what they thought space and space travel was like. These books are called **science fiction**.

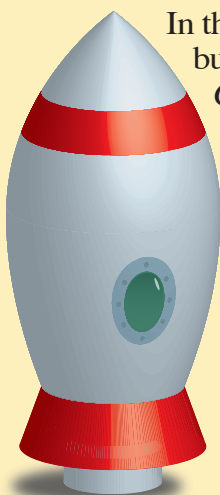
Science fiction books are often about the future, or they take place on other worlds. These books often feature machines and tools that didn't exist when the book was written. And sometimes there are interesting alien creatures!

What Makes It Science Fiction?

Read about each of these books. Then check off the reasons each one is considered a science fiction book.

From the Earth to the Moon

By Jules Verne



In this book, written in 1865, three men build a giant cannon called the *Columbiad* to launch themselves to the moon in a bullet-shaped capsule. Jules Verne called the *Columbiad* a "spaceship." Some people say that this was the first time in history that the word spaceship was used.

This book is science fiction because it:

- ☐ Takes place in the future.
- ☐ Takes place in another world.
- ☐ Features technology that didn't exist when this book was written.
- ☐ Has alien creatures.

Zita the Spacegirl

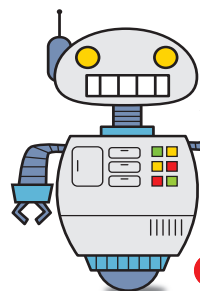
By Ben Hatke

In this 2011 book, an earthling named Zita is transported to a mysterious planet after her friend is kidnapped by an alien. She leaps to the rescue but has to deal with humanoid chickens, angry robots, weird creatures with tentacles, a friendly giant mouse, and the impending destruction of the planet she's standing on. Wow!

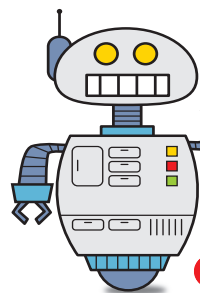
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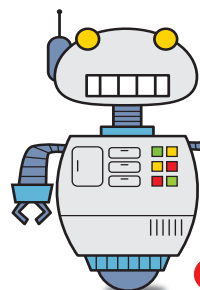
FIND THE TWO IDENTICAL ROBOTS.



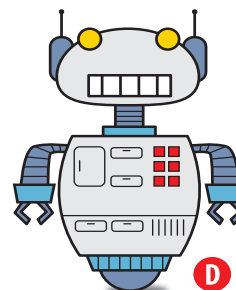
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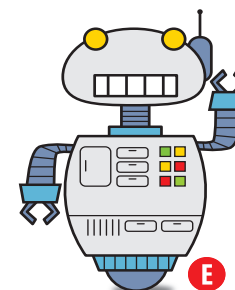
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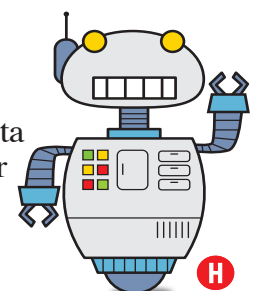
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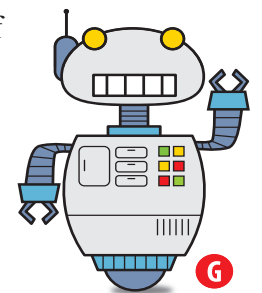
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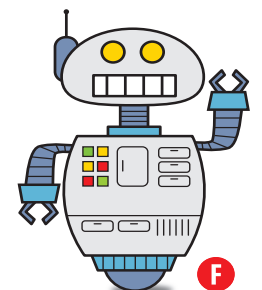
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STEM Science, Technology,
Engineering, Mathematics

Preschool Story Time meets every
week on Wednesdays
10am Ludington

Fridays 10am Scottville

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



**Family Bingo Night –
Tuesday, May 6, 6-7pm
in Scottville**

Drop in and play a round of
Bingo with us! Prizes await—
great fun for all ages!

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

Scottville Creative Kids * 4-5:30pm on Monday & Wednesday
Ludington Creative Kids * 4-5pm on Tuesday & Friday
Come for games, crafts, and snacks!



Summer Reading begins Friday, June 6! Come sign up at the Library!
All ages are invited to participate, sign
up any time starting June 6 and read
this summer.

TEEN EVENTS in LUDINGTON:

Anime Club every Wednesday after school

Teen Tuesday the first Tuesday of the month (May 6)—Teen Tea
Party

Limelights Smash Tournament Saturday, May 10

Author Signing Saturday, May 17

Graduation Cap decorating Tuesday, May 20

TEEN EVENTS in SCOTTVILLE:

Star Wars Movie Night May 7

Minecraft Bee & Lip Balm Craft Day Tuesday, May 13 at 3:30pm

Teen Movie Night Wednesday, May 28 at 5:30pm

The Secret Word is—RELATIVE SHELVING



**1-2-3 Rhyme with Me! on
Monday, 10am in Ludington**

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

See the Library
Thursday, May
8 at the MCC
Ag Night

Legos

Saturdays, 11am-2pm

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

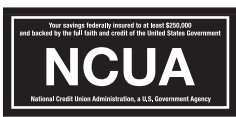


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