

Work with family and friends to create some memorable Thanksgiving poetry. It's a great way to have some family fun before or after the big feast.

Kid Scoop News belongs to:

to\*Treasure\*

# On Track Reader 2025-26 READER

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

- 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 Beader 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.

Please email info@ontrackreader.com to let us know that you are interested and we'll get back to you with date and time.

#### **Tutor Training**

If you would like to join our amazing team of volunteer tutors, please email us at info@ontrackreader.com to let us know of your interest. We are always happy to hear from new tutors (no experience necessary except to love and wish to help children).



108 S. Rath Ave., Ludington

231-845-9868

SHOP ON LINE AT nauticalyarn.com





Coffee Shop 201 S. Rath Ave., Downtown Ludington

Book Mark

Book Store &

231-843-2537 SHOP ON LINE AT bookmarkludington.com

"How many pages in *Kid Scoop News* do you want to read this month?" Dear Readers,

KID SCOOP NEWS

Sonoma, CA 95476

First Name:

181 Andrieux St. Suite 200



# **WOODWORD'S**

November is a good time to share with your family the people, places and things you are thankful for! I just realized that people, places and things are all NOUNS! Are you also grateful for some verbs?

Here's an idea—give your family the gift of poetry by playing along with the games on pages 4 and 5. I'm sure they'll get a kick out of a Thanksgiving cinquain.

After working on some poetry, take some time to kick back and relax. Take things S-L-O-W-L-Y like a sloth. They move so slowly that algae and fungi can grow on their fur. On what page can you learn more about a sloth?

Is hockey your game? Then skate on over to the Hockey page and complete the alphabet game to learn more about hockey pucks!

And there is so much more to explore and learn this month in Kid Scoop News. Simply flip through the pages and see how many make you want to read.

Thanksgiving is a good time for ME to THANK YOU!—for being a **Kid** Scoop News reader!

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!





**Colorful Thanks!** Say thank you to the veterans in your community by coloring the poster above and displaying it. Or give it to a veteran in your family or neighborhood.



**Publisher and Editor Vicki Whiting** 

**Art Director** and Illustrator **Jeff Schinkel** 

**Graphic Designer** Eli Smith

181 Andrieux St., Suite 200, Sonoma, CA 95476 © 2025 by Vicki Whiting

Ankara is Turkey's capital city.

with them.

6,000 books. It even has a special section with books for kids and comic books!

The library has more than

They found an empty brick

factory and turned it into a

library. Now people come

from all over Ankara and

borrow books.

# **A Growing Collection**

There are now so many books that the salvaged books are sent to schools, educational programs, and even prisons.

Village schoolteachers from all over Turkey are requesting books. The city government hired a full-time employee to manage the library.

Reading brings joy. It gives people an opportunity to become educated and to lead a successful life. Getting access to books is truly a treasure for thousands of people in Ankara. All because of some very smart and caring garbage men!





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

Who is this article about?

What did the people in this article do?

Where did this happen?

Why is this important?

ave you ever heard the saying,

Garbage men in Ankara, Turkey, saw a lot

of usable books in the trash. They gathered

these books and wondered what to do

At first, they shared the books with friends and

family. But the collection became so big, they

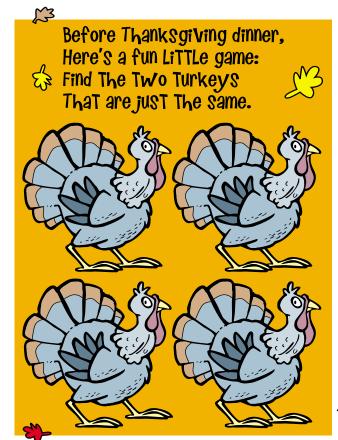
person's treasure?"

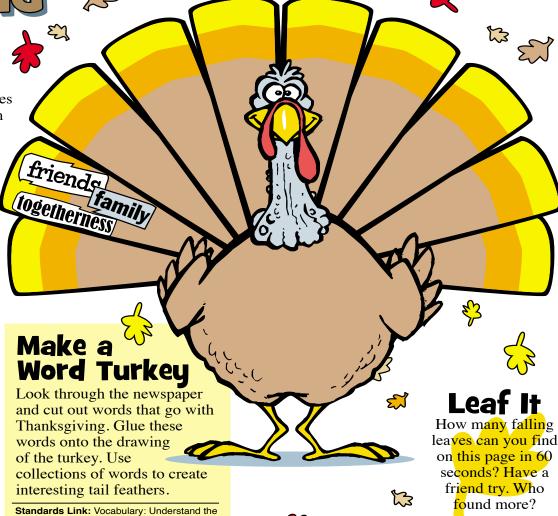
A Treasure Discovered

realized they needed a place for them.

"One person's *trash* is another

Amaze your family with the gift of poetry this Thanksgiving! Complete all the poetry activities on this page. Then, cut them out and glue them into a booklet.







Thanksgiving was great With Turkey and pies I finished my plate

There's a chill in The air I'm watching Leaves fall IT's my favorite season



# Kid Scoop News SPOTLIGHT

Thanksgiving Rhyme Time

Write a poem about Thanksgiving, using the letters that spell its name.

Start each line of your poem with the letter provided on that line.							
<u>T</u>							
8							
6							
M							
<u>v</u>							

Standards Links: Writing Applications: Write in a variety of forms and genres.

id Scoop Puzzier (14 74 14)	ľ	Double	uble Word
ometimes you can change a word and make a rhyme just by		THANKFUL	Find the words b
changing the first letter or letters in a word. How many of these can you figure out? The first one is done for you.		FEATHERS	down, backwar sideways and

Slithers along: **SNAKE** What chefs do: \_\_ \_ \_ \_ Yummy dessert: CAKE What you read: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Write a Turkey Day Ginquain

What's a **cinquain**? It's a five-line poem, which follows

**Line 5:** One word related to subject that supplies impact.

Give it a try:

Line 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Line 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Line 2: \_\_\_\_

Line 4: \_\_\_

Line 5:

this formula:

Feast

Tasty!

**Line 1:** Subject—one word only

**Line 3:** Something more about subject

**Line 2:** Description of subject

**Line 4:** Opinion about subject

**Example:** 

Delicious, warm, tradition

The whole family is here

It's a wonderful day

Wear on your head: \_\_ \_ Locomotive: This purrs: \_\_ \_ Hurts:

A silly laugh: Worm's movement: \_\_\_\_

Light at night: \_\_ \_ \_

Put on mail:

A bell sound: A choir's job: \_\_\_\_

Small rodent:

Standards Links: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions

Ludington Daily News | Oceana's Herald-Journal | The White Lake Beacon

### Search by looking up,

rds, forwards, sideways and diagonally. FEATHERS **CINOUAIN** H N I A U Q N I C S **OPINION** ADRIBSPPLR POETRY **TURKEY** YNPYEKRUTE UNIQUE LTOLHYFAEH **SELECT** 



**POEM** 

WORD

**TAIL** 

**BIRD** 

**FIVE** 

**GIFT** 

**GLUE** 



INEIRKEUTT ACMTNWQVFA TKEASIOGIE IOHVNIPRGF PTEULGNODG

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

## Kid Scoop News STEM



ccording to a legend, a shepherd discovered magnets 4,000 years ago.

One day, the shepherd Magnes was walking in a region of Greece called Magnesia. He sat down and looked at his sandals.

He had metal nails in his sandals. The sandals kept sticking to the rocks where he was walking.

The metal end of the shepherd's hook also stuck to the rocks.

The rocks that stuck to metal were naturally occurring magnets called lodestones.

### Read the legend. Then number the pictures in order.







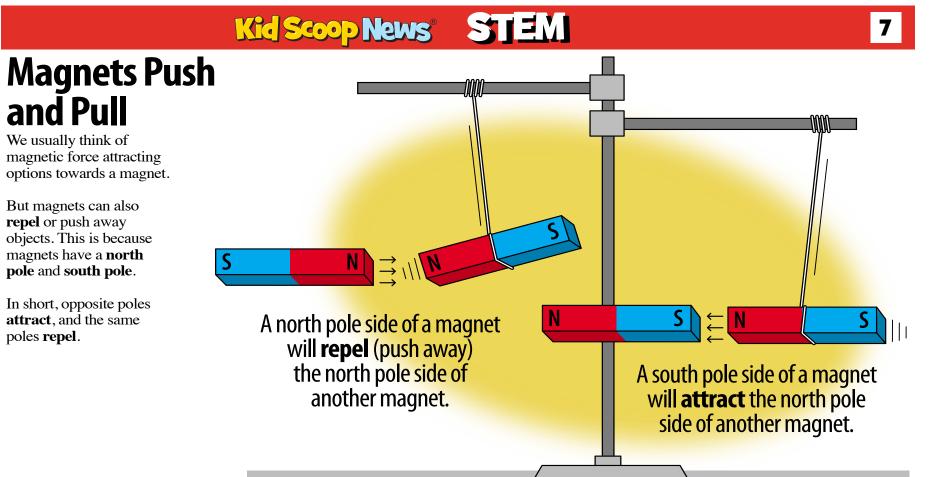


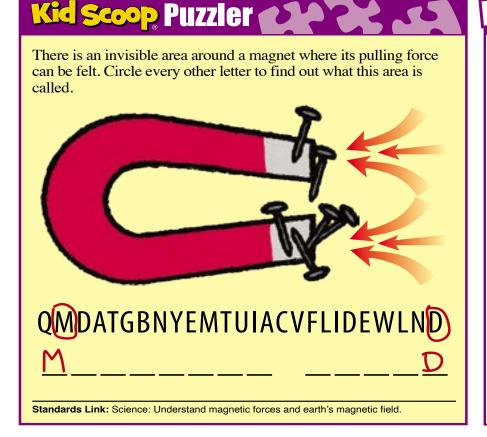
# Is the legend true?

No one knows for sure. Some say the story took place in India instead of Greece. But finding rocks that could stick to sandals started some creative thinking and new inventions that have used magnets for thousands of years.

Standards Link: Reading: Recount stories including legends.

### **Invisible Power: Magnetism** You can't see the force that pulls certain kinds of metal towards a magnet. But it is a force in nature, like gravity is a natural force, that we can't see. What do magnets attract? Metals such as iron, 9 + 9 =nickel and cobalt are attracted to magnets. Other 7 + 8 =materials such as aluminum, glass, plastic and 11 + 3 =wood aren't attracted to magnets. Do the math to see which of these items are attracted to magnets. If the answer is an even number, that means it's magnetic. 4 + 3 =13 - 4 = 12 + 8 = Standards Link: Science: Understand the interaction between magnets and



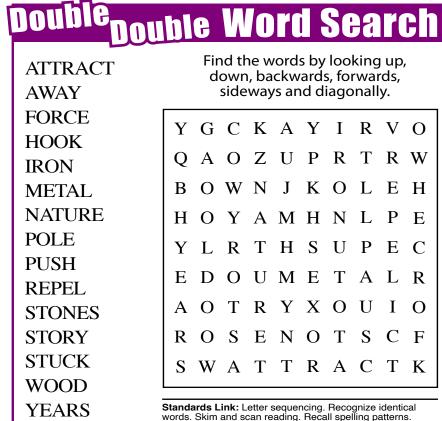


and Pull

We usually think of

**repel** or push away

poles **repel**.



# Kid Scoop News MONEY MATTERS

# Wants or Needs?

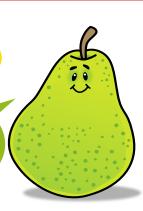
A **NEED** is something you must have in order to survive. For example, you need shelter, clothing, food, water and sometimes medicines.

A **WANT** is something you would like to have but can live without. A music player, television and bike are wants, not needs.



**need**. You can't live without it!

But ice cream and other treats are wants, while healthy fruits and veggies are **needs!** 

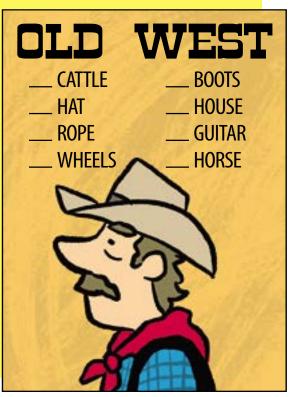


### **Wants or Needs Through History**

Look at each of the periods of history below. Write a W next to the things that you think would have been a WANT in that time. Write an N next to the items that would have been needs. Cross out the items that didn't exist at that point in history.





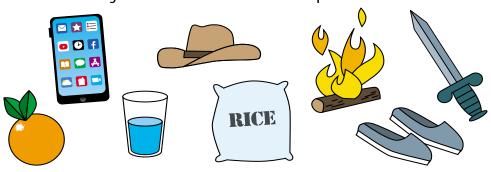


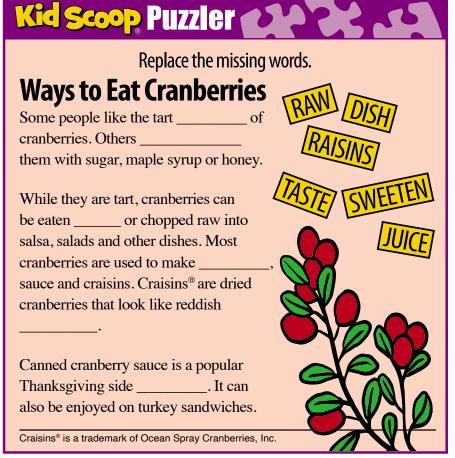
# What do you think?

Over time, most needs have stayed the same. But some things are **needs** in one time period and **wants** in another. For example, during the times of the American West, having a horse helped people travel and hunt. While some people did not have horses, most did, and they were highly needed. Today, having a horse is more of a want.

What do you think? In which time period would a digital tablet be a need, and in which time period would it be a want? Why would a digital tablet be a need in the time of coronavirus?

Draw a **GREEN circle** around **needs** that have stayed the same over time. Draw a **RED circle** around things that have been a **need** in one time period and a **want** in another.







MUSKEGONARTMUSEUM.ORG

296 W. WEBSTER AVE - MUSKEGON 231-720-2570

ART. ARTISTS

& MORE

### Excellence in Education **Ludington Elementary School** • Young 5's Program • iPads for every student • S.T.E.A.M. classes for students in grades K-8

• Elementary Robotics Club

Mentor Reading Program supported by Optimist Club of Ludington

• Co-curricular club opportunities for



www.mccschools.org

"OUR ACTIONS WILL INSPIRE AND EQUIP STUDENTS TO EXCEL"

Serving the educational needs of Mason County In-person K-12 classes • Spartan Academy Alternative Education Victory Early Childhood Center Preschool • Mason-Lake Adult Education Enroll today at www.mccschools.org

**SPARTAN PRIDE!** 

300 W. BROADWAY AVE. | SCOTTVILLE, MI 49454 | 231-757-3713 | www.mccschools.org



**Cardinal BEST** Mason County Eastern

**Cardinal PROUD** 

Where Tradition Meets Academic Excellence Car

18 S. Main, Custer **231-757-3733** 



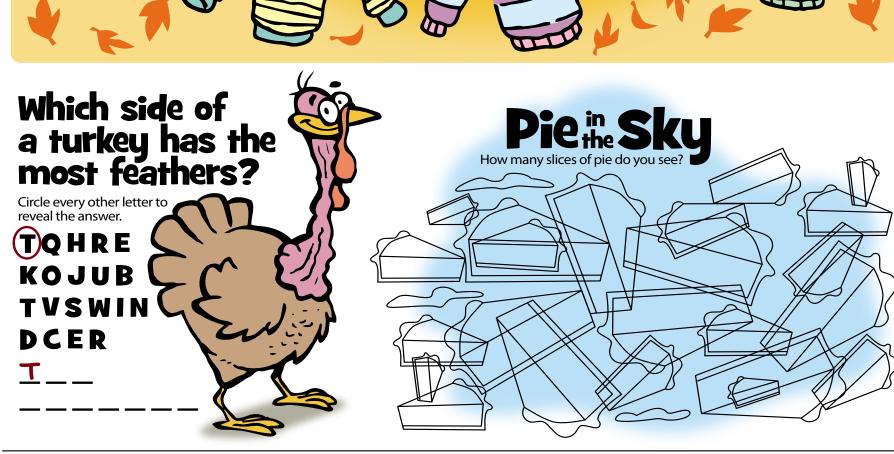


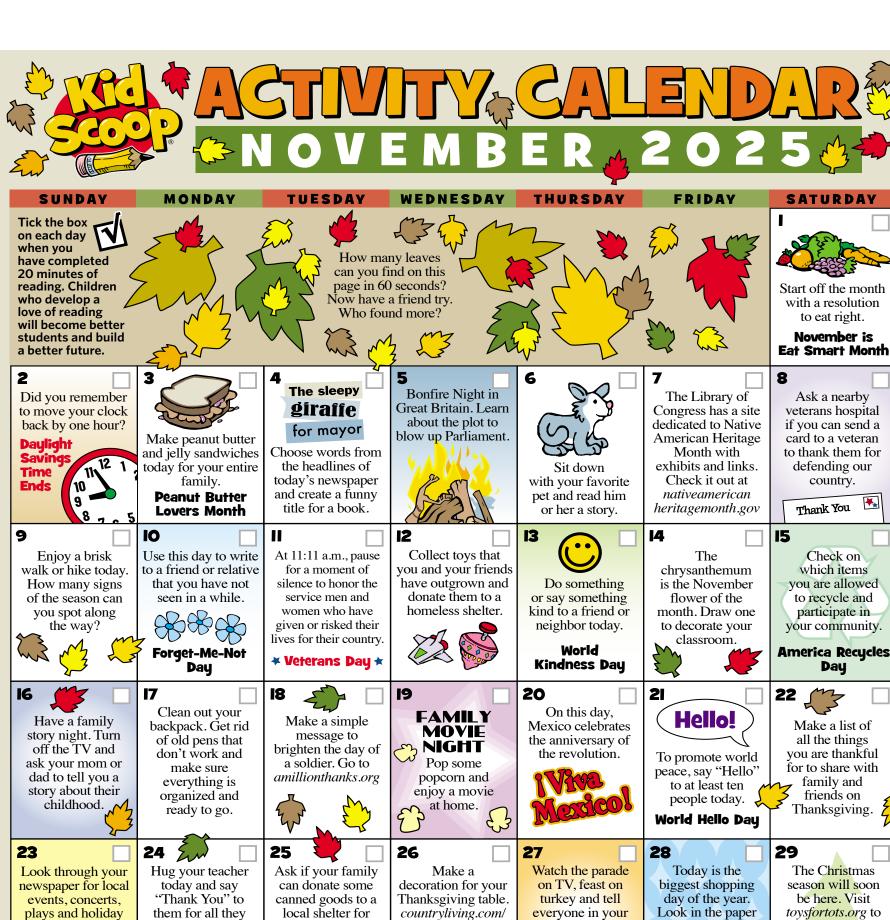
FREE for Muskegon County Residents | Non-Residents \$5



# Kid Scoop News PUZZLES







div-crafts has some

ideas for you.

family how

much you

appreciate them.

for bargains;

compare prices

at different stores.

**Black Fridau** 

see how you can

help a child in need.

TOYS FOR TOTS

their Thanksgiving

meals.

celebrations.

do for you and

your class.

# Why the Bear has a Stumpy Tail

This tale is told all over the world! There are versions from Germany, Poland, Norway and from many of the Native American tribes in the United States. Read the story and look at the pictures. **Can you number the pictures in the correct order?** 



nce upon a time, bears had beautiful long tails. One bear was very, very proud of his tail. Bear would brag about his magnificent tail to anyone who would listen. Fox got tired of listening to bear brag day after day. So, he came up with an idea to trick Bear.

Fox stole a big bunch of fish and waited for Bear to walk by.

Bear saw the fish and asked Fox, "How did you get so many tasty fish? Can you teach me how to get fish like that?"







"Oh, it is so easy!" said Fox. "Start by going to the frozen pond, cut a hole in the ice and then drop your tail into the hole and wait as long as you can! The longer you wait, the more fish you'll catch. If your tail starts to hurt, don't worry about it," Fox explained. "It means that the fish are biting." Bear did just as Fox said.

Bear waited and waited. His tail started to hurt, but he remembered Fox's advice and he stayed put. After a while, he fell asleep.

ox came by the next morning to find Bear sleeping and covered with snow. The hole in the ice had frozen over, trapping his long tail. Fox shouted, "GOOD MORNING!" in Bear's ear, causing him to jump up in surprise and yank his tail out of the ice.

Bear's tail snapped right off and that is why bears have stumpy tails to this very day.





### **Fiction or Non-Fiction?**

**Fiction** is any story made up by an author. It's a creation of the author's imagination. It is not based strictly on history or facts. The opposite of fiction is **non-fiction**, writing that deals with facts.

Was the story of how the bear lost his tail fiction or non-fiction?

Why do you think this?	

### **Tales That Teach**

Folktales were often told to teach people lessons. What do you think is the lesson being taught in the tale, "Why the Bear has a Stumpy Tail"?

# THE FILHARMONIC 7:30PM November 22



WSCC Center Stage Theater In a sloth's life, slow is the word. They're the great reminders that sometimes it's a good idea to kick back, relax and just enjoy

hanging around.

Sloth Diet

Sloths eat very slowly. They eat

mostly leaves and fruit. Because

they move so slowly, they don't

go looking for watering holes.

They get their water from

the fruits and leaves

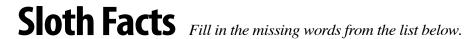
Sloths digest food

slowly. It can take up

digest a single meal,

to a month for a sloth to

they eat.













They also have two extra neck







, allowing them to turn their

There are two main of sloth. One has two and the other three on their front feet. The two

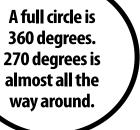
species look a lot alike.

Two-toed sloths are slightly . Three-toed sloths have markings on their faces that make them look like they're always

heads 270 degrees!



Double





### Where do they live?

Sloths live in Central and America.

### Life-saving sloths?

L = (**>**)

 $M = \bigcirc$ 

 $\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{A}$ 

 $P = \bigcirc$ 

 $R = \bigcirc$ 

S = (**3**)

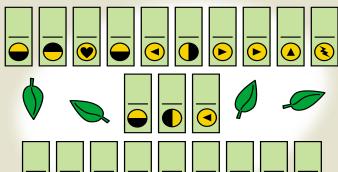
 $T = \bigcirc$ 

shows that some species of fungi found in sloth A recent fur might to cure certain kinds of cancer.





### Kid Scoop Puzzier (14 74 74 15) Who are relatives of sloths? CODE With their long arms and shaggy fur, they look a $A = \bigcirc$ bit like monkeys, but they are actually related to $D = \bigcirc$ another group of animals. Use the code to discover the answer. $E = \bigstar$ $I = \bigcirc$



CAMOUFLAGE HANGING **MONKEYS SPECIES CANOPY CAUGHT SHAGGY SLOTH ALGAE** FUNGI < **MOTHS** 

**GREEN** 

**CURE** 

LAZY

WHIZ

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally. SMONKEYSSL POTSESLOTH EHYSHERUCA CWHPAARNLN ISHTOMGGAG EGGIANAGZI S R N O Z E A U Y N NCAUGHTCDG EGALFUOMAC

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

### helps to camouflage them when they are hanging from

Green Fur?

Sloths move so slowly that

algae and fungi grow on

them. This is a good thing

fur look a bit green. This

branches in the rainforest.

because the algae makes their

# Super Slow

While on the ground, three-toed sloths travel at just 6–8 ft (1.8–2.4m) per minute. They're slightly quicker in the rainforest canopy, where they can whiz by at speeds of 15 ft (4.6m) per minute! Even at their fastest, they still move five times slower than a drifting iceberg.



according to the Jacksonville

Ludington Daily News | Oceana's Herald-Journal | The White Lake Beacon

© Vicki Whiting October 2025

**How many leaves** can you find on this

page? Have a friend

try. Who found the most?

There is a little moth that only lives on a sloth. It feeds on the

algae that grows in the sloth's fur.

We sloths rarely come down from the trees because on the ground is when we're most easily caught by

predators. Once a week, we descend for one reason.

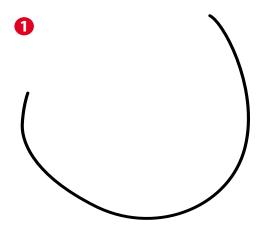
Why? Circle every other letter to discover the answer!

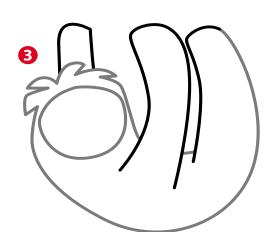
BTYOMGKOVTWOJTSHDE

**UBFAVTMHBRKOTOSM** 

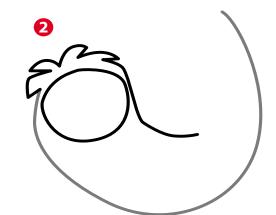
Ludington Daily News | Oceana's Herald-Journal | The White Lake Beacon

### **HOW TO DRAW A** SLOTH









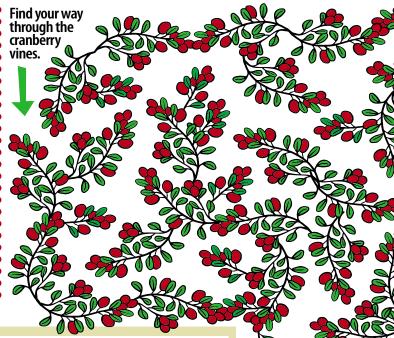






Many are eaten at Thanksgiving, but there are lots of ways to eat these little red, tangy berries all year round.

Cranberries are native to North America. Native Americans used them for both food and medicine.



**Cranberry Chart** Use the chart to answer the questions!

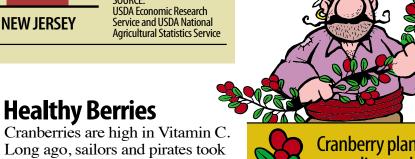
About how many millions of barrels of cranberries does New Jersey grow?

About how many more millions of barrels of cranberries would Massachusetts need to grow to catch up with Wisconsin?

Which state grows the most cranberries?

NOTE: 1 barrel equals 100 pounds of berries. MASSACHUSETTS **OREGON NEW JERSEY** 

Standards Link: Number Sense: Interpret data from charts and graphs.





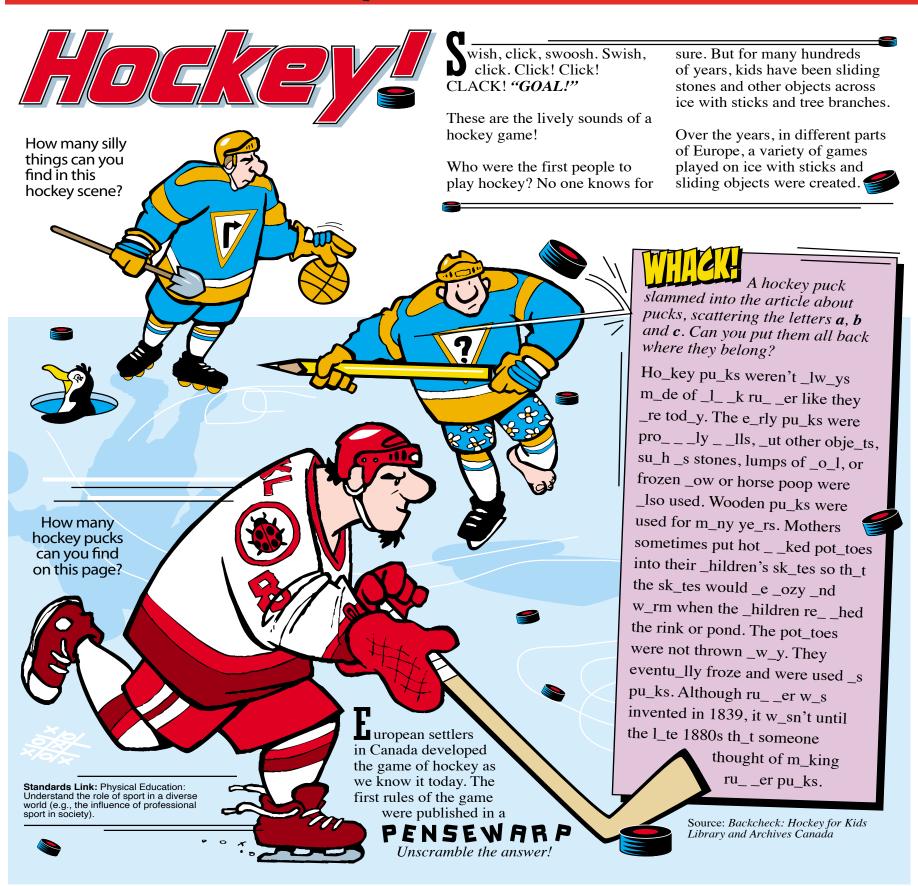
**Healthy Berries** 

Long ago, sailors and pirates took barrels of cranberries on long voyages. Eating the berries prevented a disease called scurvy.



MILLIONS

# Kid Scoop News SPORT



# Kid Scoop News AT THE LIBRARY



Scottville Bingo Night — Tuesday, November 4 & December 2, 6-7pm

Drop in and play a round of Bingo with us! Our librarians lead 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.



STEM Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics

**Preschool Story Time** 

Wednesdays 10am in Ludington Fridays 10am in Scottville

NO STORY TIME Friday, November 28

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



1-2-3 RHYME WITH ME!

Mondays 10am

Children 0-3 and their caregiver are invited to come to

Ludington for songs, rhymes, and fun.

Creative Kids meets Monday & Wednesday in Scottville, 4-5:30pm and Tuesday in Ludington 4-5pm. Crafts, snacks, games, movies and more!

### WEEN EVENUS LUDINGVON AND SCOVVVILLE

(L) Anime Club—Mondays 3:30-8pm

(S&L) November 3—Sandwich Day 3:30-5pm

- (L) November 4—Teen Tuesday, Charlie Brown Thanksgiving 3:30pm
- (L) November 8—Limelights Video Tournament 2:30-7pm
- (S) November 13—Teen Switch Games 3:30-5pm
- (L) November 14—3D TinkerClub 3:30-5pm
- (L) Cram for Exams! November 17 3:30-7pm with snacks & study time
- (L) November 20—Friendsgiving Lunch Potluck 12:30-3pm
- (S) November 22—Charlie Brown Thanksgiving 12-2pm
- (L) November 25—Tabletop Game Event 5-6:30pm
- (S) November 26—Blind Pizza Taste Test for kids & teens after school!



STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER! Scottville—November 7-8 Ludinaton-November 21-22

\*\*CLOSED\*\* for \*\*THANKSGIVING\*

Bring your stuffed friend for a night at the Library!

### SCOTTVILLE HOMESCHOOLERS:

Join in a new Book Club, held every month. The next meeting is Wednesday, November 5 from 11-noon. Options for different ages!



### Lego Time!

Saturdays, 11am-2pm

Come and build with your friend Thousands of Legos to choose



### Mason County District Library

217 E. Ludington Avenue, Ludington 231-843-8465 www.MCDLibrary.org

Ludington Daily News | Oceana's Herald-Journal | The White Lake Beacon

204 E. State Street, Scottville 231-757-2588



# SAVE | BORROW | BUSINESS

# FILER CREDIT UNION

Developing financial wellness

through education.







