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# Kid Scoop News®

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## AIR PRESSURE

It can be hard to explain the concept of air pressure. But our simple experiment shows you how to measure air pressure by making a barometer.

## BEWARE THE KRAKEN

Was this legendary sea monster for real?

## SNOWMAN STRETCHES

Stay fit at home with silly snowman stretches.



See how many words you can make using the letters in **OWL FAMILY!**

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## RAINBOW NUTRITION

Health officials say something is hurting the health of America's children; childhood obesity. Eating right helps you feel better and do better in school. Discover how "eating a rainbow" can make eating healthy foods a lot of fun!

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# On Track Reader 2025-26



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

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

## Schedule for 2025-26

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

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

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

## Tutor Training and Tutor Training Dates Parent Training

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

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## Tutor Training

If you would like to join our amazing team of volunteer tutors, please email us at [info@ontrackreader.com](mailto:info@ontrackreader.com) to let us know of your interest.

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## QUESTION OF THE MONTH

"What is your  
favorite part of  
Kid Scoop News?"



# WOODWORD'S CORNER

## Dear Readers,

HELLO and WELCOME 2026!

What are you looking forward to in the New Year?

ME? I want to read more, learn more, eat better, discover new things, save more, explore and have fun. What about you?

The good news is we can start reaching our New Year Goals by reading Kid Scoop News! This month, I will learn about **The Kraken**, whom sailors of long ago used to fear. They thought a Kraken could sink their ships!

The theme of **RAINBOWS** keeps popping up in this issue of Kid Scoop News. Just like a real rainbow.

How many pages in this month's issue have the word RAINBOW? How many times can you find the word RAINBOW?

Another of my New Year Goals is to stay active and be fit. The **Fit & Fun** page in this month's issue shows you some silly snowman stretching and wiggling that you can do indoors or outdoors!

So start your year out right with Kid Scoop News. Read, play, move and discover!

Happy New Year!

*Woodword*

## Crossword Coach

Use the clues to complete Number Cruncher Coach Rocky Abacus' crossword puzzle.



## Across

- Seven plus nine minus two
- Twenty-nine minus twenty-two
- Ninety-seven minus ninety-five
- Three plus seventeen minus nine

## Down

- Thirty-three minus twenty-eight
- Four plus four plus four
- Thirty-nine minus twenty-one
- Eight plus eight plus eight minus eight
- Sixty-four minus fifty-five
- Ninety-seven minus ninety six

Standards Link: Number Sense: Read numerals and calculate sums to 100.

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# Look for Rainbows!

**W**inter days can be cold and dreary. But between storms you just might see a RAINBOW!

Rainbows make people happy! There are people that see rainbows as art in the sky. Others see a rainbow as a sign of hope.

Help your friends and neighbors find rainbows by making and displaying one!

**A rainbow in the sky is free for all to enjoy!**

If the weather doesn't cooperate and no rainbows appear in the sky, you can still bring joy and hope to your neighborhood by displaying a homemade rainbow in a window where others can see it!

You can make your own rainbow with items found around your house. This is good for the environment because you are re-using materials. Re-using paper helps to save trees!

## Colorful Idea

Drake is from San Leandro, California. He made a rainbow out of an old calendar by reusing it. He said he felt awesome that he was using old paper because he was saving trees. He learned in Ms. Dodd's class at Roosevelt Elementary School that trees give us food and air.

He is not only showing Mother Earth he cares, he is also showing his community he cares.

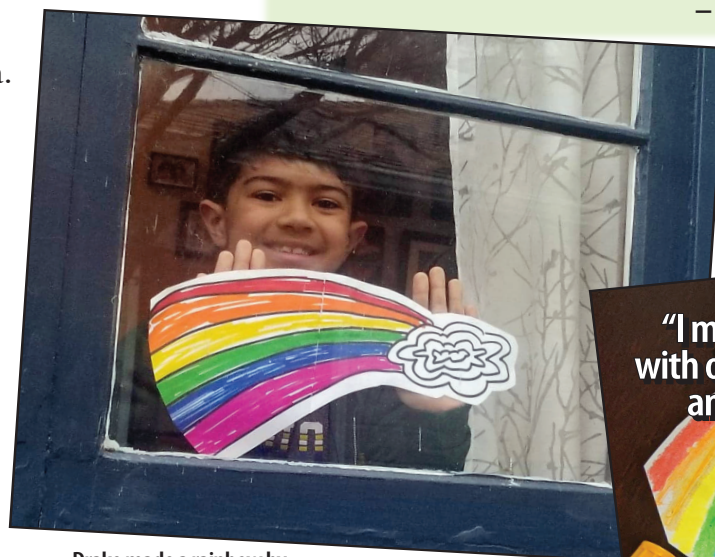
His cousin in Hawaii, Xinmei, said she can feel his rainbow from California.



**"I made rainbows from leftover construction paper!"**  
— Arden

**"After a passing storm, rainbows are a reminder that bright days lie ahead. Seeing a rainbow is my reminder to enjoy the passing days. Creating this rainbow out of scrap felt from one of my many craft boxes and hanging it in my window for all my neighbors to see was the reminder I needed that we shouldn't stop working towards our vision for a brighter future."**

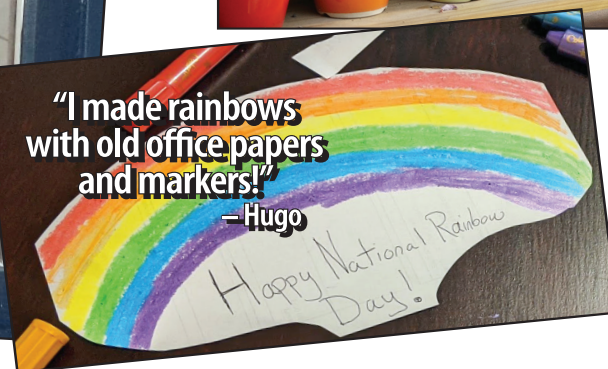
— Arielle



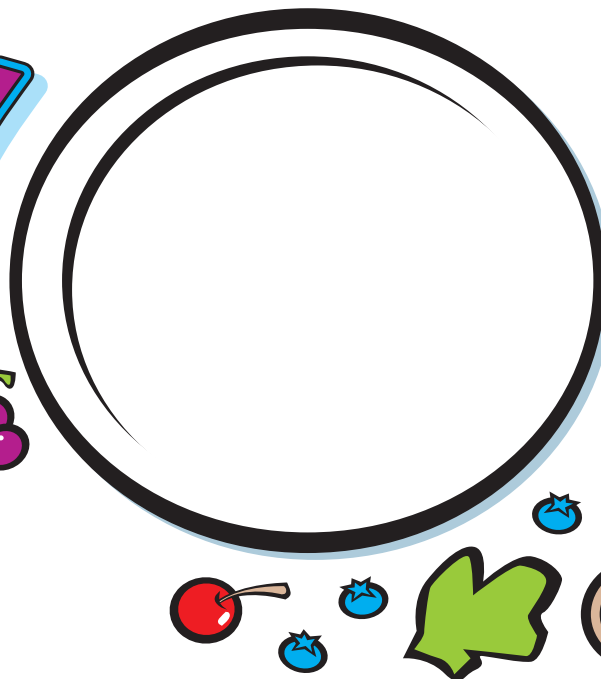
Drake made a rainbow by using paper from an old calendar.

**"I made rainbows with old office papers and markers!"**

— Hugo



# RAINBOW POWER!



## PUT A RAINBOW ON YOUR PLATE

Cut out these fruits and vegetables. Then paste them on the plate to create a clown face using the different foods as eyes, mouth, nose, hair, etc.

**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.



Total the number of fruits and vegetables you will eat, by color, today. Can you eat at least one in each of the five color groups?

## EAT A RAINBOW EVERY DAY!

Eating a variety of fruits and vegetables that are brightly colored is an easy way to get the mix of vitamins, minerals and other nutrients that you need from your food. Pick foods that are brightly colored inside and out. Here are some examples of foods that make up the food rainbow!

Red	Yellow/Orange	White/Brown	Green	Blue/Purple
Tomatoes Watermelon Cherries Red grapes Cranberries Strawberries Red cabbage Raspberries	Oranges Apricots Cantaloupe Carrots Lemons Pineapples Sweet corn Mangos	Garlic Onions Bananas Turnips Pears Potatoes Jicama Cauliflower	Lettuce Kiwi Green grapes Avocados Artichokes Spinach Celery Cucumbers	Blueberries Blackberries Plums Raisins Eggplant Purple grapes Prunes Elderberries

Make a chart like the one on the right. Then fill in which fruits and vegetables you eat, by color, each day. Can you eat at least one in each of the five colors every day?

**Standards Link:** Health: Make healthy food choices; group food choices in many different ways.

	RED	YELLOW/ORANGE	WHITE/BROWN	GREEN	BLUE/PURPLE
SUNDAY	Tomato	Corn	Banana	Peas	Raisins
MONDAY					
TUESDAY					
WEDNESDAY					
THURSDAY					
FRIDAY					
SATURDAY					





# Banana NICE Cream

With an adult's help, you can make this frozen, healthy treat!



## STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

- 4 cups frozen banana slices (about two bananas)
- 2-4 tablespoons unsweetened almond or another kind of milk

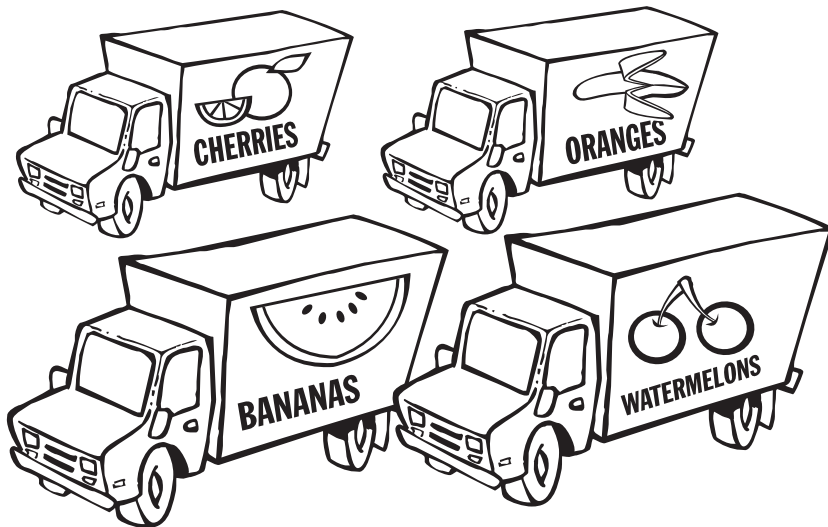
## MAKE IT!

1. Place frozen banana slices and 2 tablespoons of unsweetened milk into a food processor or blender.
2. Blend on high for 1 to 2 minutes.
3. If blender is having a hard time blending, add a little more milk a little at a time.
4. Once well mixed, your banana NICE cream will be like a soft serve ice cream. Enjoy it that way or put into a bread pan and freeze for 1 to 2 hours.

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

### MIXED-UP FRUIT

Who switched these names on the fruit trucks? Draw lines to show where each label belongs. Then color the picture!



**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

## Double Double Word Search

RAINBOW  
RAISINS  
COLORS  
FRUIT  
MOUTH  
CHERRIES  
CUCUMBERS  
FACE  
JICAMA  
GAMES  
DOTS  
BROWN  
GARLIC  
SPINACH  
PRODUCE

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

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

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

# FIT & FUN™

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

## Snowman Stretches



### Snowman Shake

Imagine you are a snowman. Shake your big round tummy from side to side.



### Whoa! Windstorm!

With your feet together, lean as far as you can to one side for as long as you can.



### The Big Tumble

The wind sent you rolling downhill. Do as many somersaults as you can.



### Meltdown

Stand up straight and tall. Then s-l-o-w-l-y let yourself melt into a puddle on the ground.

**Standards Links:** Physical Education: Demonstrate a sense of balance and endurance.



# Cuttlefish

Cuttlefish are sea creatures. They are related to squids and octopuses.

Cuttlefish have some amazing skills! Things like bones that float, color-changing skin and loads of arms. Read on and learn!

## Can You Cuddle a Cuttlefish?

Perhaps. They have eight arms and two other tentacles for grabbing food. That makes for a lot of arms to cuddle with!



Cuttlefish have a special shell inside their bodies which helps them to float. The name of this special shell can be found along the correct path through the maze.

## Cuttlefish Are Smart!

Cuttlefish have passed a test that many toddlers can't pass. Scientists discovered that cuttlefish will not eat one treat if they know they'll get a better treat later if they wait. Could you do that?

## I'm Not a Fish!

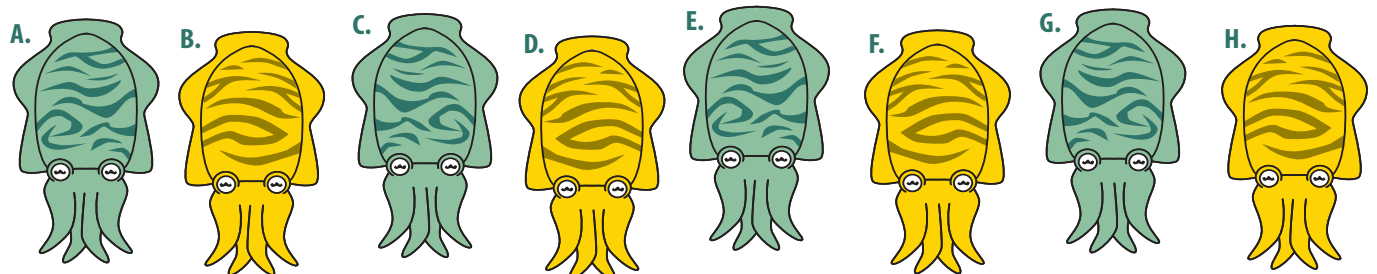
Even though they're called "cuttlefish," they are not fish. They're in the same family as clams and snails. Use the code to discover the name of this family of animals.

K = ●  
L = ★  
M = ●  
O = ■  
S = ●  
U = ■



## Cuttlefish Combos

Find each pair of cuttlefish twins.



# Saving Money

"The day I got my allowance, I hurried down to the sporting goods store. The money was burning a hole in my pocket."



## Is money burning a hole in your pocket?

This does not mean your pocket is on fire. It's an **idiom** that means that you have some money you are eager to spend.

We all enjoy spending money when we get it. But have you ever wanted to buy something, but had no money because you already had spent everything you had?

When we spend money quickly, we lose a chance to save for something we want or need in the future.

Another important idiom is "A penny saved is a penny earned." This means that we shouldn't carelessly spend or waste money, but try to save it. That's because "Money doesn't grow on trees!"

## One Year's Savings

Imagine that you save the amount of money shown each month. How much will you have saved at the end of one year?

JAN. \$5.50	FEB. \$9.00	MARCH \$6.50	APRIL \$8.25	MAY \$7.50	JUNE \$5.25
JULY \$6.00	AUG. \$9.75	SEPT. \$9.75	OCT. \$8.00	NOV. \$5.75	DEC. \$9.50

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## The Ten Year Plan

Now imagine you saved that same amount money every year for 10 years. How much money would you have saved?

2026 \$ _____	2027 \$ _____	2028 \$ _____	2029 \$ _____	2030 \$ _____
2031 \$ _____	2032 \$ _____	2033 \$ _____	2034 \$ _____	2035 \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Very Interesting!

Putting money away in a piggy bank is a great way to start saving. But putting money into a savings account at a bank or credit union really pays off.

That is because a bank pays you **interest** on your money. That means you can earn money by letting your cash sit in your savings account.

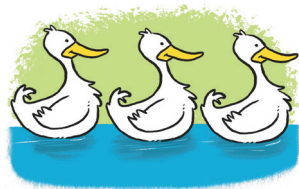


## Idioms Are Funny Phrases

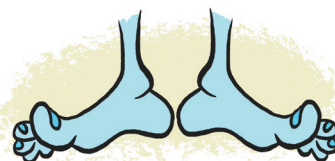
An idiom is a common phrase which means something different from what the actual words say. Look at the common idioms below. Then, match each idiom with it's meaning by writing the correct number next to that idiom's definition at right.



1. That will happen when pigs fly.



2. Get your ducks in a row.



3. He's getting cold feet.



4. Don't count your chickens before they're hatched.



5. She's been feeling under the weather.



6. I felt like a fish out of water.

- |                          |                                 |                    |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| ___ Nervous or reluctant | ___ In an unfamiliar place      | ___ Be organized   |
| ___ Don't be too sure    | ___ Something that's impossible | ___ Sick or unwell |

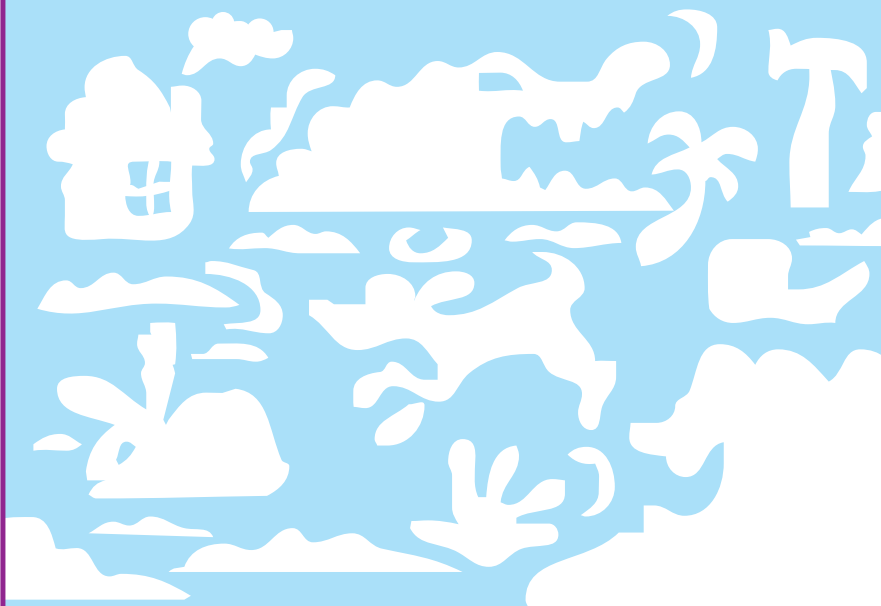
**Standards Link:** Language Arts: Understand the meaning of common idioms and their uses.



## Kid Scoop® Puzzler

### Cloud Gazing

Look at the clouds below. Can you see any pictures hidden in the clouds? Outline what you see.



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



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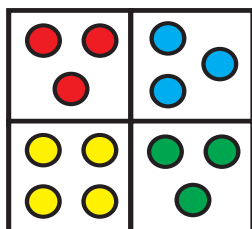
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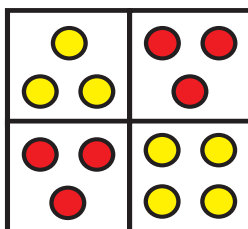
# Spot the Spots

Find each group of the dots below on the large grid.  
Circle them when you find them.

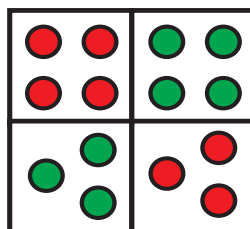
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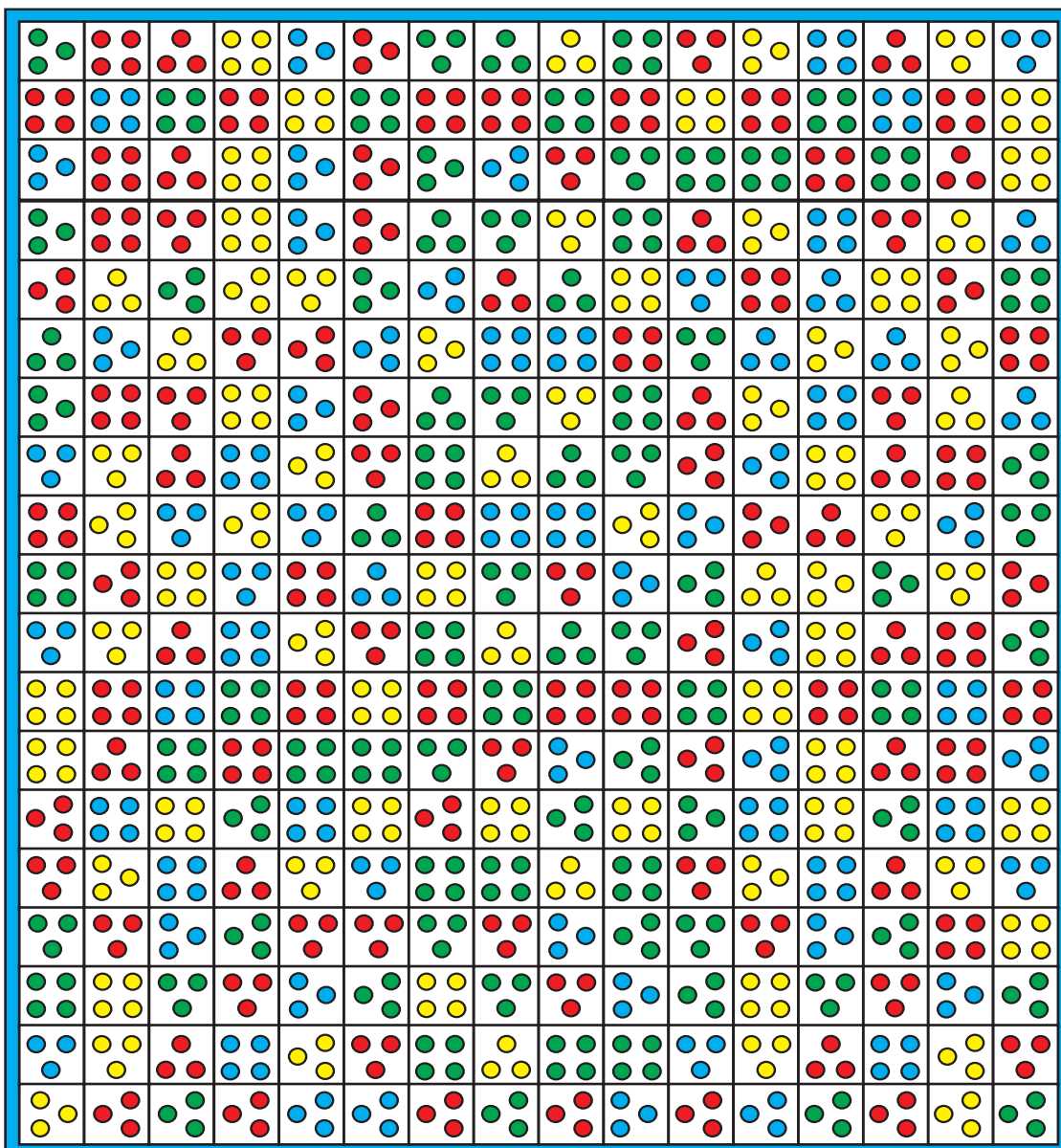
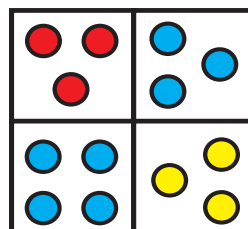
GROUP 2



GROUP 3



GROUP 4



## Penguin Punch Lines

Draw a line connecting each riddle with its answer.

What do you call a penguin in the desert?

What do penguins eat on Cinco de Mayo?

Where do penguins go swimming?

How does a penguin build its home?

What do penguins eat at picnics?



Iceberg-ers!

Igloos it together!

Brrrritos!

The South Pool!

Lost!

## SNOW + BALL = SNOWBALL

**Compound words** are two words that are joined together to make a new word. Can you draw a line combining each snowball below with another one to create compound words? How many compound words can you find?

BACK

NEWS

MAN

CAVE

END

LIFE

EVER

ROOM

GIVE

WEEK

BOAT

WHAT

PACK

SUPER

HERO

PAPER

FOR

WASH



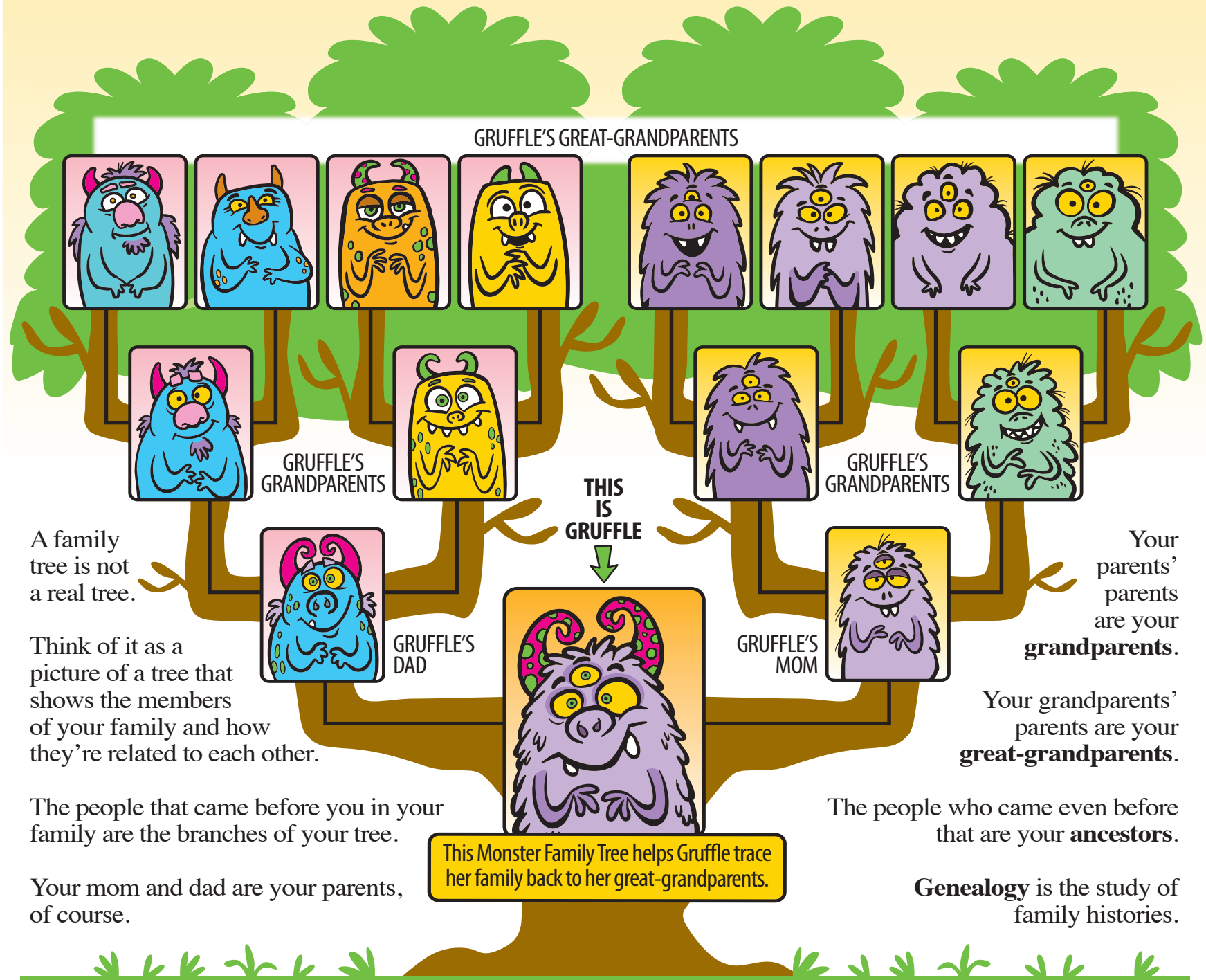


# ACTIVITY CALENDAR

## JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>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.</p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>It is said that no two snowflakes are exactly alike, but on this page, all the snowflakes are the same except for one. Can you find it?</p>			<p>1  Write out your list of 10 long-term goals for the New Year.</p> <p><b>New Year's Day</b></p>	<p>2  Choose something new to make or do this month. Start collecting the materials you'll need for a new hobby.</p> <p><b>National Hobby Month</b></p>	<p>3  Chart how many hours of sleep you get per night. Between 10 and 11 should be your target.</p> <p><b>Festival of Sleep Day</b></p>
<p>4  Write down three trivia questions and quiz your parents or friends. Then have them ask you three trivia questions.</p> <p><b>Trivia Day</b></p>	<p>5  Wrap up warm and go for a walk today. See how many different kinds of birds you can spot.</p> <p><b>National Bird Day</b></p>	<p>6  Today would be a good day to write thank you letters for all your Christmas gifts.</p> <p><b>National Thank You Month</b></p>	<p>7  Put together a family calendar for the entire year. Mark everyone's birthday, school holidays, anniversaries and special days.</p>	<p>8  Fill five or six glasses with different amounts of water. Make a tune tapping them lightly with a wooden spoon.</p>	<p>9  Which is the most cluttered part of your room? Get containers together and organize the clutter, label the containers and throw away or recycle unwanted pieces.</p>	<p>10  30 minutes of walking can boost your brainpower. Start walking with some friends daily.</p> <p>94% BRAIN POWER LOADING...</p>
<p>11  Why is milk important? Discuss the different ways you consume milk? What is your favorite milk product?</p> <p><b>Milk Day</b></p>	<p>12  Find a chore to do at home or ask a parent to allocate a chore. Give it an extra effort and see if you can accomplish something today.</p> <p><b>Work Harder Day</b></p>	<p>13  Make a map today of your home and yard, as if you are looking down on it from above. Use color to show different elements.</p>	<p>14  Sprint from one end of a basketball court to the other. How many times can you go back and forth in 10 minutes?</p>	<p>15  Look through a page in the newspaper and find a word you do not understand. Look up the meaning in a dictionary.</p> <p><b>DICTIONARY</b></p>	<p>16  Discuss frost today in class. What does it look like and feel like? How does it form? Or make a fruity frost treat at home by mixing different fruit juices and freezing them.</p>	<p>17  Ben Franklin was born on this day in 1706. Discuss his accomplishments and inventions. Why are these important to us all today?</p>
<p>18  Save up for something special! Start a jar or a piggy bank and put in change whenever you can.</p>	<p>19  This is a day off school when you can serve your community.</p> <p><b>Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b></p>	<p>20  For tonight's movie, rent a movie with a winter theme. Make a big bowl of popcorn and enjoy the show.</p> <p><b>Family Movie Night</b></p>	<p>21  Help a parent make a big bowl of soup for dinner tonight.</p> <p><b>National Soup Month</b></p>	<p>22  Make a January scrapbook. Include photos of all the family and memorabilia from special events and excursions this month.</p>	<p>23  Write a one paragraph description of your favorite pie, what is in it and why it is your favorite.</p> <p><b>National Pie Day</b></p>	<p>24  Try to say as many nice things to people as possible today.</p> <p><b>National Compliment Day</b></p>
<p>25  How many different "opposites" can you think of today. Make a list and add to it throughout the day.</p> <p><b>Opposite Day</b></p>	<p>26  Invite some friends over or gather the family together for</p> <p><b>Family Game Night</b></p>	<p>27  Lewis Carroll was born on this day in 1832. Make a drawing of one of the characters from "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland."</p>	<p>28  Get a group together. Choose a tune you all enjoy and play your kazoos together.</p> <p><b>Kazoo Day</b></p>	<p>29  Find a puzzle in <i>Kid Scoop News</i> and work with a friend to find the solution.</p> <p><b>National Puzzle Day</b></p>	<p>30  What did you do this month to stay healthy? What will you carry forward to stay healthy next month?</p> <p><b>National Staying Healthy Month</b></p>	<p>31  Jackie Robinson was born on this day in 1919. He was a great all-around sportsman. Participate in a sport today in honor of Jackie Robinson.</p>

# DISCOVER YOUR HISTORY WITH A FAMILY TREE





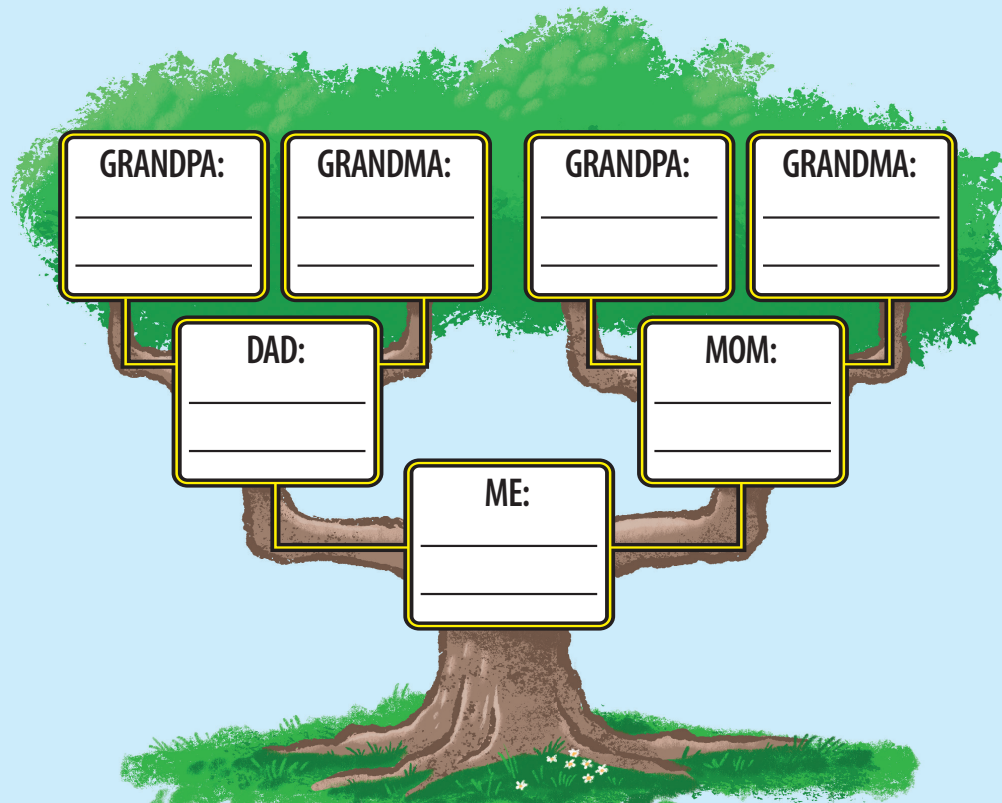
# My Family Tree

**Work with a family member to complete this family tree!**

Learn more about your family by interviewing your parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and other family members.

Most people like to talk about their lives. Enjoy learning about the history of your family. You might discover some surprising things!

**Standards Link:** Social Science: Interpret data using graphic elements.



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# The Kraken

## Legend Begins

Replace the missing words.

Long ago, heading out to sea was an adventure into the unknown. People believed that the earth was \_\_\_\_\_. They thought if you sailed too far away from land, you would sail right off the \_\_\_\_\_ of the planet!

**CREATURES**  
**FLAT**

It took great \_\_\_\_\_ to head across the ocean in a small ship. When sailors looked into the deep, dark sea from the \_\_\_\_\_ of a ship, they imagined strange and scary \_\_\_\_\_ swimming there. One of the scariest stories told and retold through generations of \_\_\_\_\_ was the legend of the terrible, mighty **Kraken!**

**SAILORS**

**COURAGE**

**EDGE**

**DECK**

## Are Krakens Real?

Like many legends, stories about the Kraken probably started with something real. It may have been based on sightings of a real species of squid called the **colossal squid**.

## Jeepers! Why such large peepers?

Hold this page up to a mirror and use your peepers to read this paragraph:

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**T**he Kraken is a legendary octopus-like sea monster of gigantic size in Scandinavian folklore. For hundreds of years, sailors told stories of a huge, many-armed creature that could reach the top of a ship's main mast. They claimed it could pull an entire ship underwater!

Sometimes it would swim in fast circles around the ship, creating a whirlpool that would suck the ship under the sea. In these stories, or legends, meeting the Kraken never ended well for the sailors.

## Things Aren't Always As They Seem

In some stories about the Kraken, it was said that it could float on top of the water and look like a group of islands.

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HO!**

# Do You Like Scary Stories?

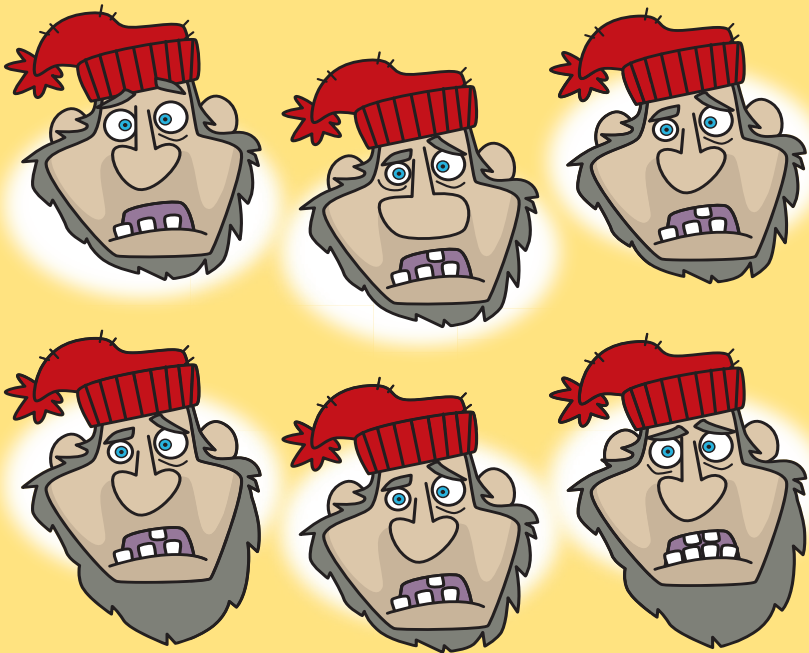
A lot of people do. When a sailor told stories of their adventures, they liked to entertain and even scare their listeners. Each time a sailor retold a story about a giant squid, it most likely became exaggerated and more exciting. And when a sailor came home telling about an encounter with a giant, scary sea creature, it also made the sailor seem very brave.

With a family member, write what you think each sailor's story might be. Start the story with seeing a large octopus. The next sailor can exaggerate a frightening encounter with the Kraken.



## Kid Scoop<sup>®</sup> Puzzler

Find the two identical scared sailors.



## Double Double Word Search

- CREATURES
- ENCOUNTER
- COLOSSAL
- FAMILIAR
- SAILORS
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- KRAKEN
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- RETOLD
- WHALES
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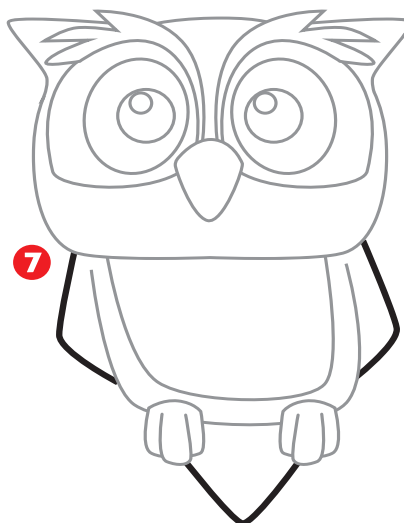
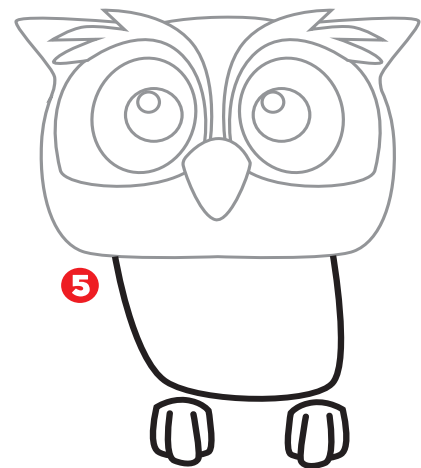
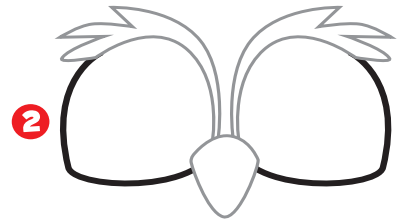
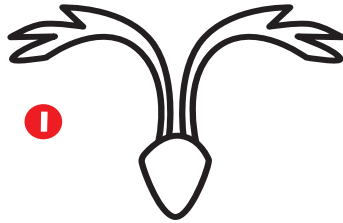
Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

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N	L	S	E	L	A	H	W	C	E

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



# HOW TO DRAW AN OWL



# Air Pressure

You can measure high and low pressure!

## Make a barometer!

The tool scientists use to measure air pressure is called a **barometer**. You can make one with things found around your house. Here's how:

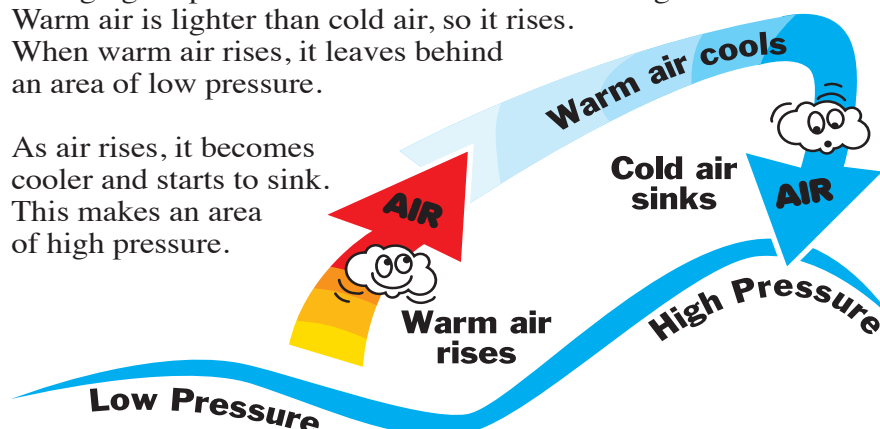
### Stuff you'll need:

- ☐ 1 balloon
- ☐ 1 drinking straw
- ☐ 1 wide-necked glass jar
- ☐ glue
- ☐ scissors
- ☐ string



Changing air pressure causes the weather to change. Warm air is lighter than cold air, so it rises. When warm air rises, it leaves behind an area of low pressure.

As air rises, it becomes cooler and starts to sink. This makes an area of high pressure.



## Pressure Predictions



High pressure usually brings fair weather.



Low pressure often brings cloudy, unsettled weather.

You can use your barometer and this chart to see if this is true!



Date	Where is the straw on the air pressure scale (barometer)?	Actual weather outside

**Standards Link:** Investigation: Students know how to make a systematic observation.

### Pressure Scale

**HIGH PRESSURE**



**LOW PRESSURE**

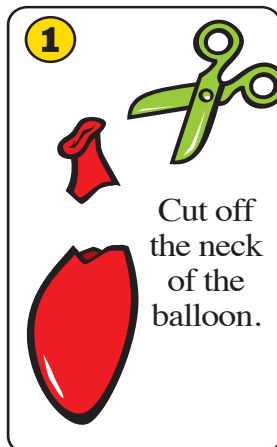
## Moving with Air



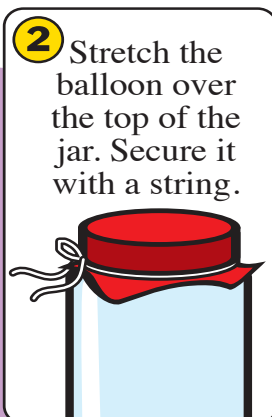
Air is made of molecules. When molecules heat up, they move faster and farther away from each other. This causes warm air to be lighter than cold air, so it rises.

This is why hot air balloons float up into the sky. Heaters blow hot air into the balloon and it fills and rises. When balloonists want to land, they turn off the heat and float downward.

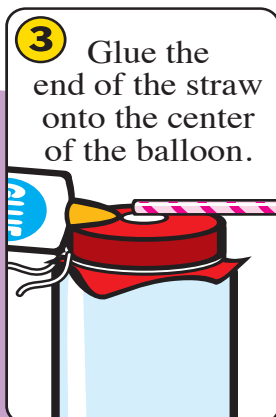
**Standards Link:** Physical Science: Students know that states of matter depend on molecular motion.



**1** Cut off the neck of the balloon.



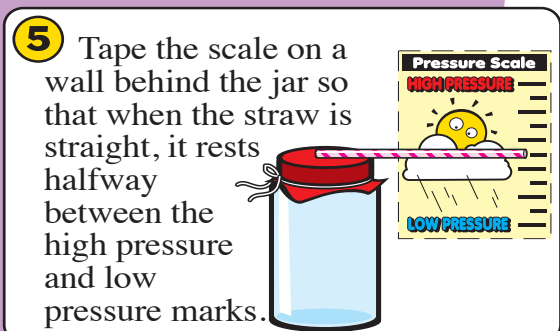
**2** Stretch the balloon over the top of the jar. Secure it with a string.



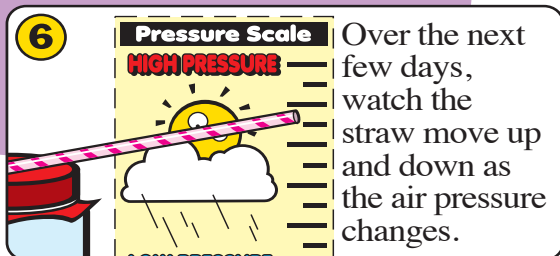
**3** Glue the end of the straw onto the center of the balloon.



**4** Cut out the pressure scale below.



**5** Tape the scale on a wall behind the jar so that when the straw is straight, it rests halfway between the high pressure and low pressure marks.



**6** Over the next few days, watch the straw move up and down as the air pressure changes.

**Standards Link:** Investigation: Conduct simple investigations.



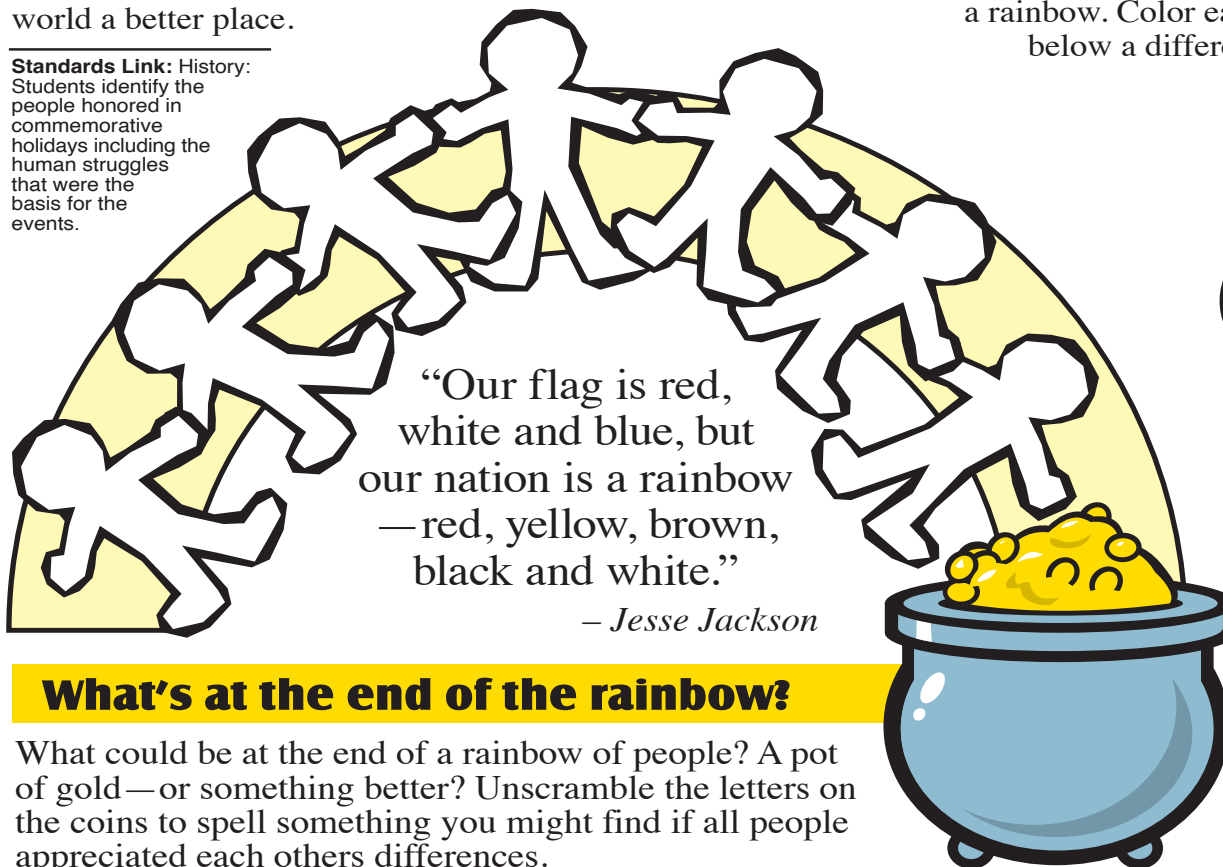
# RAINBOW POWER

**R**ainbows are beautiful to look at because they are made of many different colors. They have the power to make us feel happy, just by looking at them.

Martin Luther King, Jr. saw that there were many different colors of people in the world. He believed that these differences could make the world a better place to live. He spent his life helping people live together in peace and equality.

Each year on the third Monday in January, we celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday because of his great work and his important message: that all people are precious and that our differences, like a rainbow, can make the world a better place.

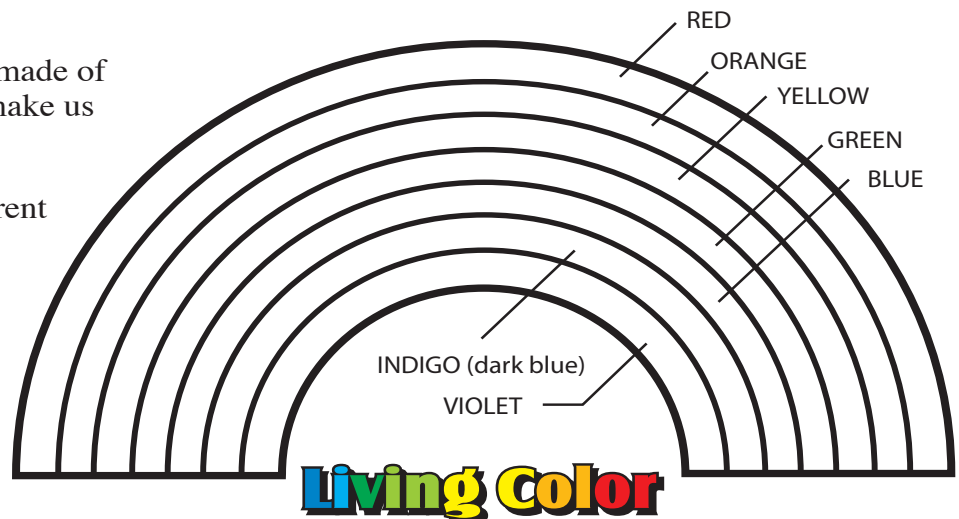
**Standards Link:** History: Students identify the people honored in commemorative holidays including the human struggles that were the basis for the events.



## What's at the end of the rainbow?

What could be at the end of a rainbow of people? A pot of gold—or something better? Unscramble the letters on the coins to spell something you might find if all people appreciated each others differences.

**Standards Link:** Social Science: Students recognize the forms of diversity in their community and the benefits of a diverse population.



Color the one above with the real colors of a rainbow. Color each child in the rainbow below a different color of people.



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

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

## TEEN EVENTS – for 6-12 grade students

Library Cup Duos 11 January 3 in LUD, 3pm  
 Teen Tuesday January 6 in LUD, 3:30pm  
 Teens Area Decorating January 6 in SVL, 3:30pm  
 Limelights Video Game tournament January 10 LUD, 2:30pm  
 Trading Card Game Night January 14 in LUD, 3:30pm  
 Switch Games January 15 in SVL, 3:30pm  
 Teen Cocoa Bar January 23 in SVL, 3:30pm  
 Teen Movie Night January 28 in SVL, 5:30pm  
 Teen Movie & Lunch January 30 in LUD, 12:30pm

## WINTER WONDERLAND PARTY IN LUDINGTON & SCOTTVILLE



Saturday, January 24 from 1-2pm! Come to this new event and see what we've got in store for you!

Creative Kids meets every Monday & Wednesday in Scottville, from 4-5:30pm., and every Tuesday in Ludington from 4-5pm. Join us for fun crafts and activities!



## 1-2-3 RHYME WITH ME!

Every Monday at 10am

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



**STEM** Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics

Preschool Story Time

Wednesdays 10am in Ludington with Ms. Emily

Fridays 10am in Scottville with Ms. Lisa

## Lego Time!

Saturdays, 11am-2pm

Come and build with your friends!



Do you enjoy the Kids Scoop? Tell a kids' librarian what your favorite part is about it to get a prize from them!

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