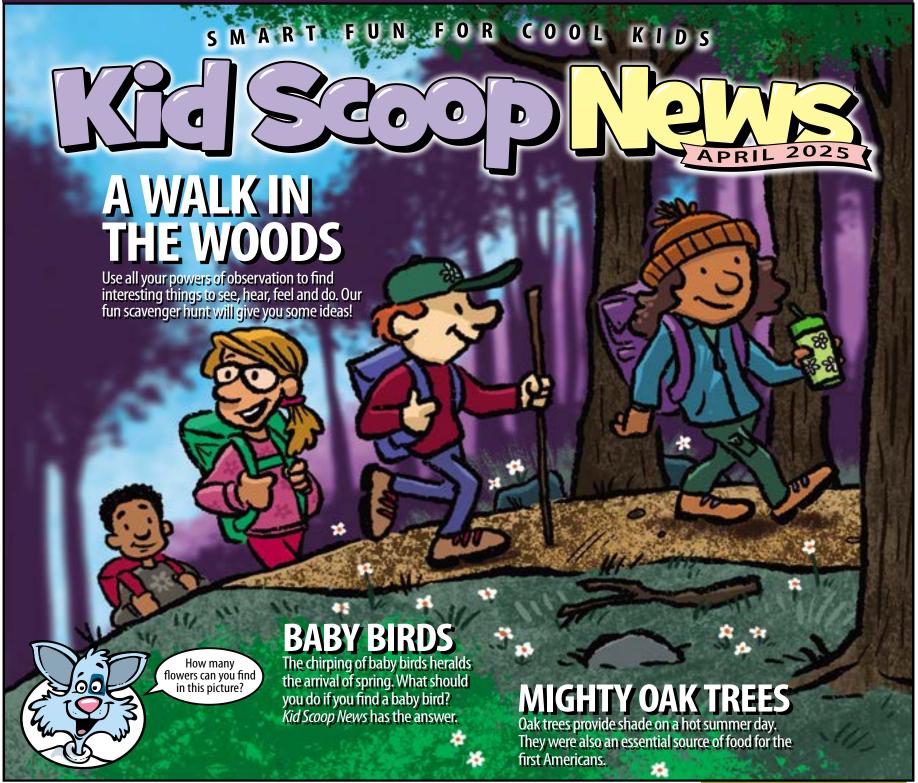
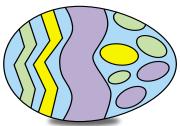
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BUNNY BUDDIES ARE BACK

Solve the puzzle of the Mysterious Egg. Find a buddy and do the page together! If the page looks easy, find "somebunny" younger to be your buddy. If it looks harder get "somebunny" older to help.

This copy of News belongs to:

During the 2024-25 school year, Book Mark & Nautical Yarn will provide free tutoring through their ON TRACK READER Tutoring Program held at Book Mark in downtown Ludington, With the help of volunteer tutors, students are assisted in foundational reading skills using a well-respected, research-based curriculum. Students may be in grades K - 3.

- Beginning this fall, the Literacy Team at Ludington Elementary School will administer assessments in reading skills to each student
- The Literacy Team will share results with K-3 teachers prior to Parent/Teacher Conferences scheduled for October 16-17, 2024
- If assessments warrant intervention, teachers will encourage parents to enroll their children in the ON TRACK READER program
- Representatives of the ON TRACK READER program will be available on-site during conferences to collect permission slips (Actual tutoring sessions will begin the following Tuesday, October 22, 2024)
- Tutors will customize a tutorial program for each student based on the student's instructional needs
- Students will be tutored individually or in small-groups by volunteer tutors (frequently retired educators) trained in the science of reading

Schedule for 2024-25

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

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

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

Parent Training and Tutor Training Dates

Parent Training

If you would like to learn how to help your child improve their reading skills at home, On Track Reader is offering parent training at Book Mark on Thursday, October 3 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. Please email info@ontrackreader.com to reserve a seat. Visit https://ontrackreader.com/documents/FlyerParentTraining2024Fall.pdf for more information.

Tutor Training

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



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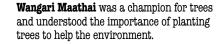
WOODWORD'S CORNER

Dear Readers.

We celebrate April with longer and lighter days. Do you see the signs of spring where vou live?

It's the time when birds nest and you might be lucky enough to see the young peeking over the top of a nest. There's some good advice here on page 6 and 7 about what to do if you find a baby bird.

Arbor Day is April 25 and we feature trees in our Spotlight pages on the Mighty Oak. And you can have some fun with the nature scavenger hunt on page 8 that will take you on a Walk in the Woods. You can do the hunt on the page or take it with you on a walk and see if you can find the items in the open air!



My pals the **Bunny Buddies** are here to celebrate Easter. There's lots of fun activities on page 16 to do with a buddy and a mysterious egg that can talk! Read on!

Happy Spring reading!

(LOT)



YTOP)

The Secret of the POP Inside the hard shell of a kernel of popcorn

there is a little bit of WATER. When the kernel gets really 10, the water inside turns into 51. The pressure from the steam causes the kernel to explode and ... You get a fluffy white popped kernel!

that have words that rhyme with POP Use red to color all the pieces with words that rhyme with







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EARTH DAY IS

How to make **EVERY day Earth Day!**

ach April we celebrate **Earth Day**. But taking care of the Earth needs to be done daily.

Earthsaversclubforkids.com is a website where kids can learn

Find a fund

that saves a

type of animal

and get the

address for

that fund.

I found one for

a tiger fund.

Send money

to that fund

saying it's to

help with

research.

– Bluetiaer,

ways to take care of our planet. And you can submit your ideas, art, poetry, photos and videos!

Here are some of the Earth Saving Tips kids have sent into this website.



earthkid109 United States

Make a composter! When you're done composting vou can use what you made with it for a garden that you can grow. That can help save the earth.

Sparkle1

Take the short shower challenge. See who in your family can take the shortest shower (include **vour mom and** dad). Don't forget to wash out the shampoo!

- kholland, United States

Put a bucket in the shower. Turn on the water for 30 seconds. If you have captured more than a half gallon, ask your parents to get a low-flow **plumbing fixture** for vour shower at a hardware store.

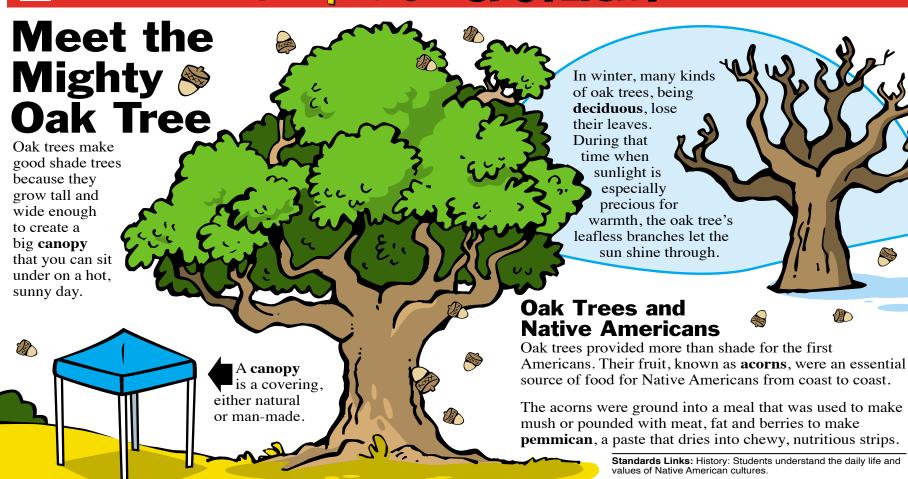
- dholland, United States

Can you reuse three things in one week? Take a re-usable bag to the grocery store. Pack your lunch sandwich in a re-usable plastic container. Check out a book from the library. What else could vou reuse?

> - thebookworm. Canada



Now it's YOUR turn!



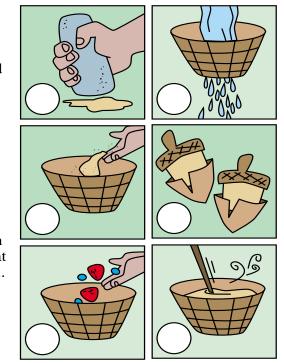


you find on this page?

Making Acorns Safe for Eating

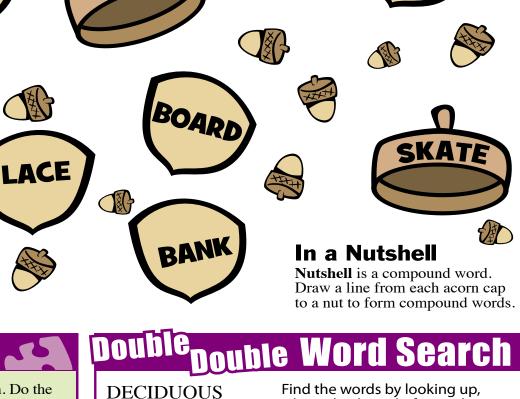
Read the steps that Native Americans followed to remove tannins from acorns. Then number the pictures in the correct order.

- 1. Shell the acorns by splitting the outer shell and removing the light-colored inner nut.
- 2. Grind the shelled acorns into a fine meal
- 3. Scoop the pounded meal into a basket.
- **4.** Rinse the acorn meal with hot water to wash away the tannins. The meal must be rinsed at least ten times, or more if cold water is used.
- **5.** Add water to the leached meal and stir with a hot rock lodged into a looped stick.
- **6.** Add berries, seeds or dried meat for flavor.



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SUNLIGHT

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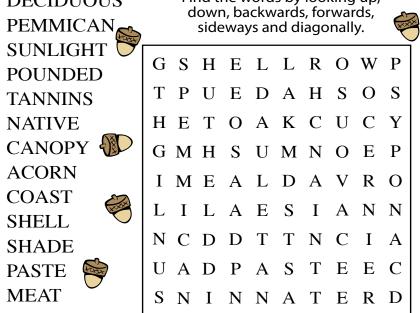
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Standards Links: Science: Students know that living things in an ecosystem are interdependent for survival.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums and differences.

A Walk in the Woods

A forest is filled with some interesting things to see, hear, feel and do. But it isn't always possible to get to the woods. *Kid Scoop News* takes you on an adventure in the woods.

Animal Groups

What do you call a group of these woodland animals? Circle every other letter under each animal to discover the answer!

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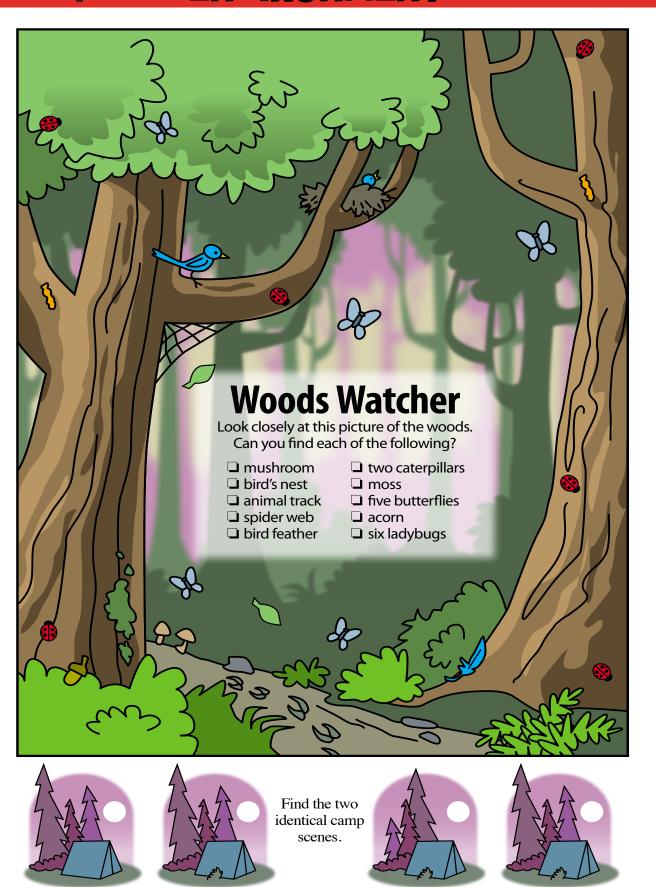
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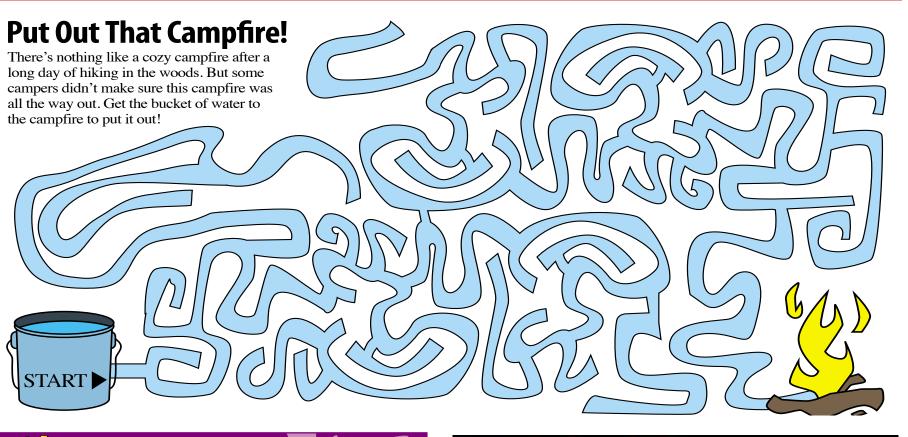
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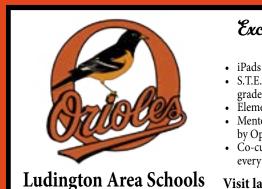
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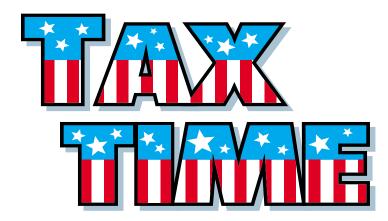


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Kid Scoop News MONEY MATTERS



What are taxes? What do they do? Why are they needed?



What are taxes?

A tax is money that is collected by the government to pay for such services as public schools, roads, fire and police departments, courts,



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Sales Tax

When you buy certain things, the store adds a percentage of money called a sales tax. Sales tax money goes to the state and sometimes to the city or county in which the store is located.

The next time you want to buy something, do the following:

1. Add the tax to the price.

Income Taxes

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2. Check to see if you still have enough money.

Most of this tax is taken out of a

throughout the year. But, once a year, people have to list both the

person's paycheck a little at a time

money they have earned and their

amount of taxes. Income taxes for

2024 are due by April 15, 2025.

expenses to see if they paid the right

NOTE: Not every state collects sales tax.

Everyone who earns

pays a percentage of

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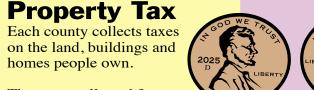
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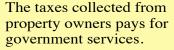
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his earnings to the

Penny Puzzler

You've probably seen a penny many times. Only one of these images of a penny is correct. Which one do you think is it? Compare to a real penny





Standards Link: Social Studies: understanding of the economy



to see if you are right.







If, when preparing your taxes, you find out you have not paid enough taxes, you need to pay the government what you owe for the previous year. If you discover that you have paid too much in taxes, the government will send you a refund.

About 300 years ago, Russian ruler Peter the Great made sweeping changes to make Russia a more modern, powerful country.

It was a very expensive task and to pay for it, he found unusual ways to tax the Russian people.

Among the goods he taxed were hats, boots, chimneys, stamps, basements and beehives. He taxed things like mustaches and beards. He even taxed birth, marriage and burial!

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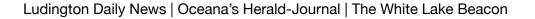


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Kid Scoop News PUZZLES

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You Need:

Each player needs 8 markers. Buttons, pebbles or even small squares of paper make good markers.

Goal:

Be the first person to get to the sum of 23.

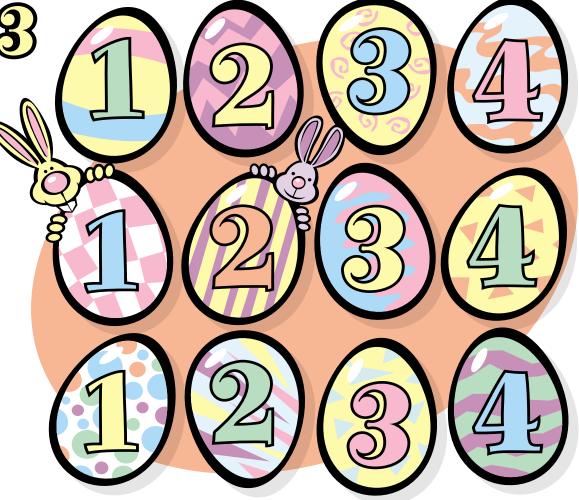
How to Play:

- **1.** The first player puts one marker on a number and says the number aloud.
- **2.** The second player places a marker on another number, adds that number to the previous number and says the **total** aloud.
- **3.** Play continues until one player reaches **exactly** 23.

Buzz's Eggs-tra Challenge:

Change the numbers in each egg above, using the numbers 5 through 8.

Beeper's Eggs-tra-ordinary Challenge: Begin with 23 and subtract the amounts to reach zero.









Gravity Power What happens when you put a car on a ramp?

It will roll down to the ground. An invisible force is pulling it down: **gravity**.



Susan and Taylor each made a gravity-powered car. Gravity has the same amount of pull on all of the cars in a race down a ramp.

Each kid is using science to make his or her car go faster.

MORE DRAG

Susan is using weight. She has glued some pennies to her car to make it heavier. But its boxy shape has **drag** which slows it down.

But, what if a car had no engine? How would it move? Could it still be a race car?

The answer is "YES!" if you know your science!

THE SCIENCE OF RACING

he E in STEM is for engineering. Engineers are changing the world all • of the time. They dream up creative, practical solutions and work with other smart, inspiring people to invent, design

and create things that matter. Be an engineer and create your own Gravity Racer! Here are instructions to get you started.

"Racers start your engines!" is

something you normally hear at an

automobile race like NASCAR or

YOU'LL NEED:

☐ cereal box

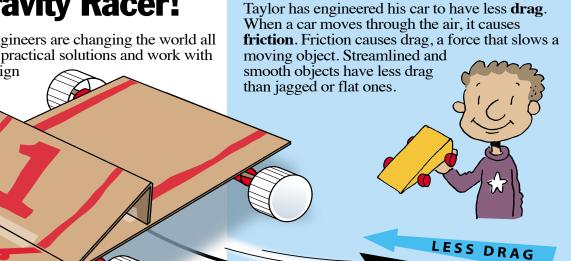
the Indy 500.

- ☐ 4 plastic bottle caps
- ☐ 2 bamboo skewers ☐ 2 straws ☐ ruler
- ☐ hot glue ☐ paint or markers
- 🖵 tape scissors

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Make your own Gravity Racer!

Race cars without engines?

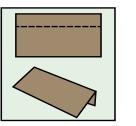




Cut a 6" x 9" rectangle out of a cardboard cereal box.

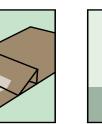


Decorate your Gravity Racer.

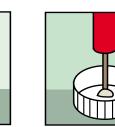


Cut another Tape the angled hood onto the rectangle, 6" x 4" and fold

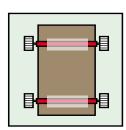




Hot glue a bamboo skewer to the inside center of a plastic bottle



Insert skewer through straw to create an axle. Hot glue bottle cap to other end of skewer.



Tape straw axles to bottom of car body. Make sure the wheels spin freely.

Engineering Success

Roll your gravity racer down a ramp. Measure how far it rolls. What happens if you add weight to your racer, such as taping pennies to it? What else can you do to make it roll farther?



Registration Opens April 15

Visit westshore.edu/kids-summer-programming.







What do baby birds eat?

he main goal of every baby bird is to eat, eat and eat some When is lunch? to build new muscles and grow flight feathers. Some parent birds are known to bring food hundreds of times each day to the nest something you definitely don't have time to do. That's why you need to leave feeding baby birds to their parents!

Bird Menu Different kinds of birds eat different kinds of food. Do the math to find out what each kind of bird eats.



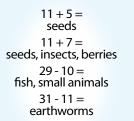




Humminabird

American Goldfinch

American Robin



21 - 4 = flower nectar, insects, spiders



Spring is here! Birds are one of the most common signs of spring's arrival. In early spring they begin building nests, laying eggs and hatching the next generation.

> Q: What should you do if you find a baby bird? Should you help it?

SHELTER Replace the missing words.









A: The simple answer is **NO**. As much as it would be to raise a baby bird of your own, it's best to let the young bird's parents ___ the little peeper. In fact, it's actually for you to do so, and you could get a fine from your local wildlife management agency!

Since you can't raise a baby bird on your own, what should you do? Here are a few ideas:



Call a local wildlife _____to help. They may take the bird and raise it properly.



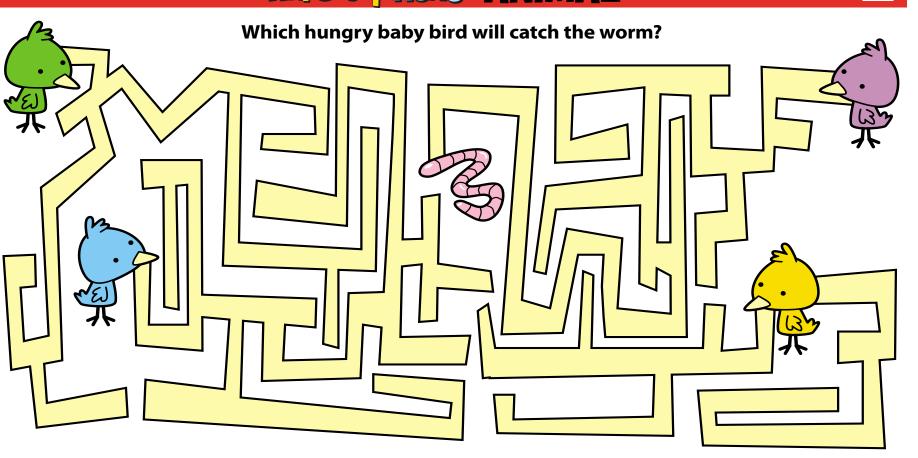
With your parent's _____, put the bird back in its nest. (The old belief that mother birds won't accept a baby covered with a human's scent is false!)

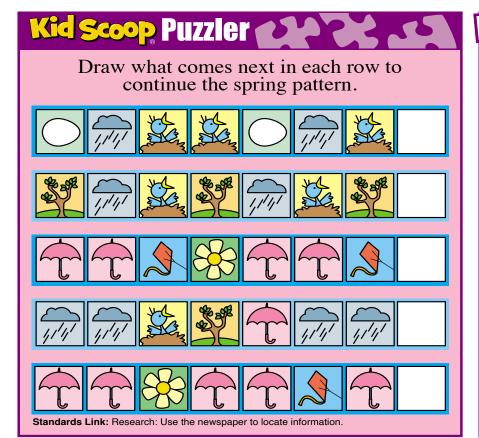


If the bird is in an exposed area, coax it to move someplace that offers such as under a bush. Some birds, including killdeer and some waterfowl, actually lay their eggs on the ground, so don't about them!

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

Special thanks to Perky-Pet® for their help with this page! Visit them at www.birdfeeders.com





Double Word Search

Find the words by looking up, **GENERATION** down, backwards, forwards, WILDLIFE sideways and diagonally. HATCHING NOITARENEG **EXPOSED**

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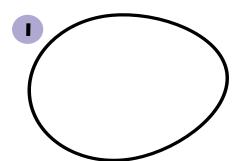
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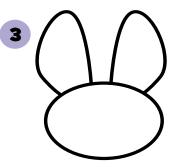
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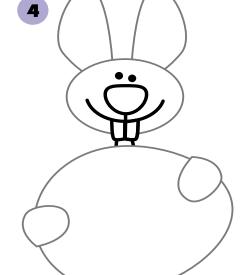
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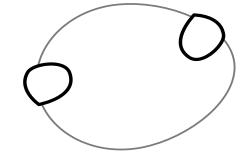
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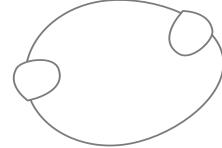




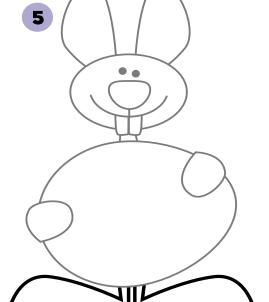


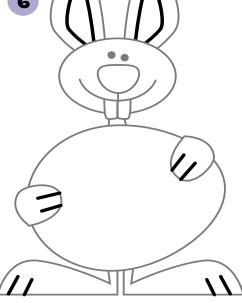


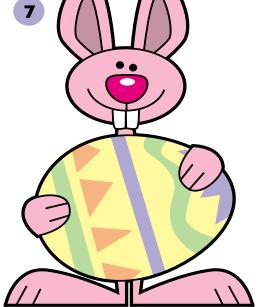






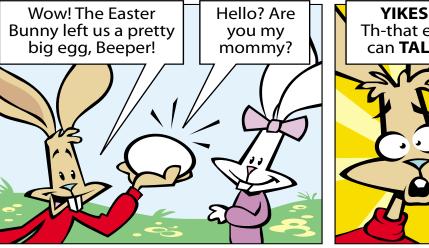


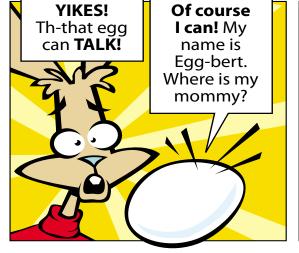


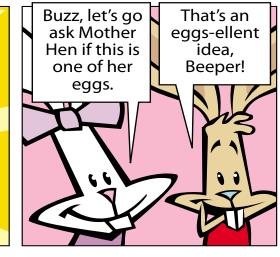


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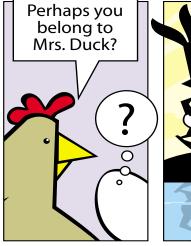
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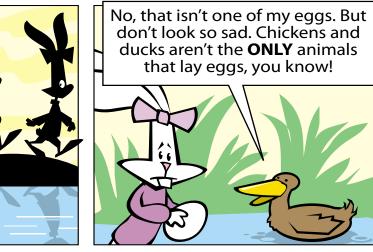
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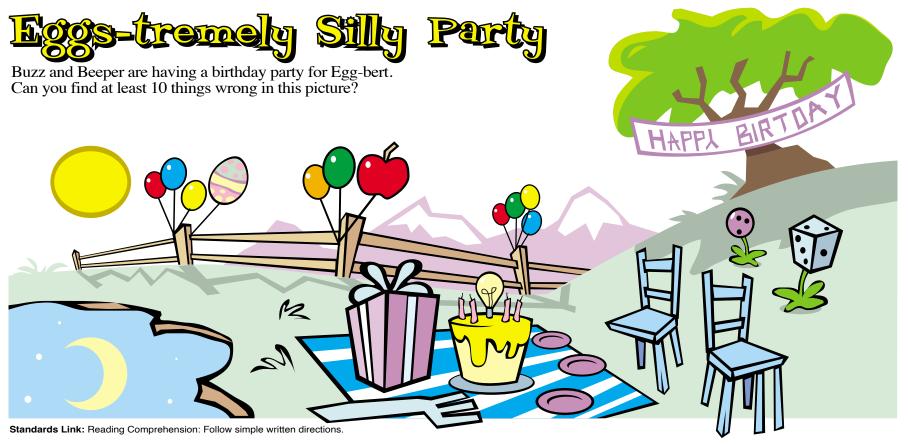
names of these animals in my word search puzzle. Each of these animals lay eggs.

KJHAIJID □Toad □Turtle Frog □Slug

Egg-bert is hatching! What kind of animal do you think is inside? Draw a picture of it.

Standards Link: Life Science: Students know organisms reproduce offspring of their own kind; life cycles are different for different animals.

Kid Scoop News BUNNY BUDDIES



(id Scoop Puzzier (1) Which egg is different? Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Double, Double Word Search

ANIMAL BIRTHDAY BUDDIES BUNNY DESCRIBE **DUCKS EASTER HATCHING MOTHER NOUN PAPER PARTY SILLY**

SYLLABLE

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

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

Kid Scoop News AT THE LIBRARY

ADULT CRAFT NIGHT

Wednesday, April 9 at the Ludington Library and Tuesday, April 15 at the Scottville Library from 6-7pm.

We will create a new decoration or useful object!

All materials provided. Free of charge. Donations accepted!

1-2-3 RHYME WITH ME! Every Monday at 10am

WEEN EVENIS

Ludington

Month in Ludington

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

Spring Break Activities daily March 31—April 4; check for

Teen Egg Hunt Thursday, April 17 from 6-7:30pm, cohosted

times on our website, Facebook, and Instagram!

Anime Club Every Wednesday in Ludington

Self-care for April, "Teen Tea" for May!

by Staircase Youth Services—with pizza!

Study Hours Every Monday in Ludington 3:30-6pm

Teen Tuesday on the First Tuesday in Ludington—

Teen Movie Marathon Friday, April 18 in Ludington

Limelights Smash Tournament Second Saturday of the

Earth Day craft—Shrinky Dinks 4-6pm, Tuesday, April 22 in



Don't miss Scottville Bingo Night Tuesdays, April 1 & May 6, 6-7pm

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

Lego Time!

Saturdays, 11am-2pm Come and build with your friends! Thousands of Legos to choose from.



The secret word is—CIRCULATION

Preschool Story Time

Wednesdays 10am in Ludington

Fridays 10am in Scottville

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

SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES March 31-April 4, 12-2pm at both Ludington and Scottville!

Creative kids meets every Monday and Wednesday in Scottville, from 4-5:30pm. Come have a snack and get creative with us starting April 7!

Creative Kids meets every Tuesday and Friday in Ludington, from 4-5pm. Come watch a movie, play a game, and do a craft with us starting April 8!

Mason County District Library

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

Teen Movie Night-Wednesday, April 30 5:30pm

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



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