

For the FUN of it

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Exploring the Fun of Science

Observe how material dissolves. Plant three-inch squares of paper, cardboard, plastic wrap and plastic foam about two inches deep in outside soil. (Do not use potting soil.) Every three days, check the buried items to see the changes. The temperature, rain and soil will cause the cardboard and paper to dissolve, but the plastic wrap and plastic foam will not. This is a great lesson to teach us what can be thrown away and what needs to be recycled.

Watching carrot greens grow is a wonderful lesson about how plants grow. Cut the green top from a carrot, leaving about an eighth inch of orange. Place carrot end in a dish with a small amount of water. Set the dish in a sunny window and watch each day as the carrot greens get larger and larger.

See how liquids flow through plants. Find a large celery stalk with leaves attached. Starting at the bottom, split the stalk up to the center. Fill two small glasses with water and add several drops of differently colored food coloring to each glass. Insert half the stalk into one glass and the other half into the other glass. Let sit overnight. In the morning you will see that the two colors have traveled up the stalk, making each half of the stalk a different color.

PEN PALS

Do you want to write to kids across the country who have the same interests as you? Send a post card with your name, address, and three favorite hobbies to: **Pen Pals; Pack-O-Fun; 701 Lev. St., Suite 1000; Des Plaines, IL 60018-4570**



PICTURE SHOW: "Just hold that pose" says the artist. Add three colors by number: 1—Red, 2—Light blue, 3—Yellow, 4—Light brown, 5—Pink, 6—Light gray, 7—Dark brown, 8—Black.

Teaming up with Antonyms

Antonyms are words that mean the opposite. Children line up in two teams. The first player on team one calls out a word, and the first player on team two says the opposite. Points are given for every correctly spelled antonym. Teams then reverse roles. Try with the most points wins!

- Examples:
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|--------------|----------------|-------------|
| stop (go) | day (night) | slow (fast) |
| run (walk) | big (little) | near (far) |
| light (dark) | loud (quiet) | good (bad) |
| laugh (cry) | sunny (cloudy) | hard (soft) |

TONGUE-TWISTERS

How fast can you say these tongue-twisters without making a mistake? Try saying them three times without stopping!

1. A corps of cops copped a corpse in the corpse.
2. Science sects inspected the insect pests.
3. The detective found an effective lie detector for detecting defective alibis.
4. The tyke hiked along the pike to the dike.
5. Toy boat.

Kids in the KITCHEN

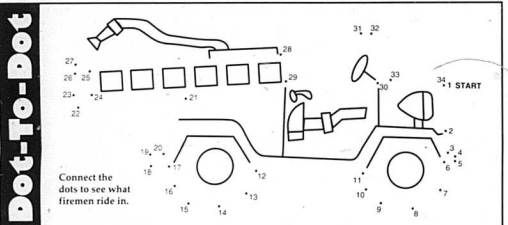
Fruity Chocolate Dippers
Joan Dreiner, Bradshaw, NE

- Ingredients:
- Banana chunks and whole strawberries
 - 1 pkg. semi-sweet chocolate chips
 - Craft sticks
 - Cake decorations, coconut or chopped nuts

Place a sheet of waxed paper on cardboard or cookie sheet. Pour the chocolate chips into the top of a double boiler. Bring water to a slow boil, gently stirring the chocolate chips until they melt. Remove the pan from the stove. (If you have a microwave, you can use that instead of a double boiler.)

Push craft stick in a banana chunk or a strawberry. Carefully dip the fruit into the melted chocolate and place on waxed paper. Sprinkle on cake decorations, coconut or chopped nuts. Place in the freezer for about 30 minutes.

For a bible school, write a special message on the craft stick with marker. Messages can be *Pray*, *Share*, *Help* or *Love*.



Connect the dots to see what firemen ride in.

SCIENCE MATTERS

The mountain gorilla

The disappearing, but drastic, mountain gorilla has been added to the book of extinction by human population and air waves.

- **Habitat:** Mountain forests. All of the world's mountain gorillas live in Rwanda, Zaire and Uganda. None are being bred in captivity. 650 are living in the wild.
- **Life expectancy:** 35 to 50 yrs.

RWANDA	Uganda	Zaire
Yes	Yes	Yes
Yes	Yes	Yes
Yes	Yes	Yes
Yes	Yes	Yes
Yes	Yes	Yes

Typical day

- **Feeding and feeding:** Gorillas eat about 30-40 lbs of vegetation each day.
- **Travelling:** Gorillas walk on all fours, but can stand and have short stints on their knuckles.
- **Whispering:** Gorillas whisper to each other to avoid detection by humans.
- **Encounters between gorilla groups:** Females and juveniles visit neighboring gorilla groups, possibly to exchange mates.
- **At night:** Gorillas sleep in a tight, circular huddle. The head of an adult female is always at the back and the head of a male is always at the front.

Social groups

- Gorillas form single and family groups of from two to 20 animals.
- **Domestic:** Unguarded leader, a sexually mature male, is the dominant male. He has the right to mate with all the females.
- **Blackback:** Sexually immature males, usually 10-15 years old, live in a group.

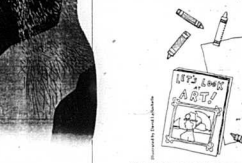
SOULS OF THE MOUNTAIN

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PRIME TIME WITH KIDS

by Donna Erickson
Sandpaper Art



Kids are always eager to draw pictures. They know firsthand the pleasure of putting crayon to paper and to see their work come to life. You can enhance your child's natural creativity and love of art by offering them many new experiences, using basic art supplies and supplies.

For this simple art activity, your child will actually draw on sandpaper and with adult assistance transfer the drawing onto a piece of paper. The texture of the sandpaper will create a beautiful picture made up of tiny dots. It's especially fun for kids because their artwork will resemble pointillism, a painting technique used by Postimpressionist painter Georges Seurat and others. He used dots of color instead of brush strokes in his paintings.

Here's how to sandpaper art. Using crayons, draw a picture on a piece of fine-grain sandpaper. Press hard. When complete, place the sandpaper upside down on a sheet of

Crime Fighting Ideas

Protecting Our Community

(NAPS)—Fighting neighborhood crime has become a common goal in communities around the country. The neighborhood officers that pore over maps by most citizens is vending machine crime.

Slicers such as this will soon be seen on soft drink vending machines to warn potential criminals.

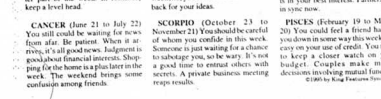
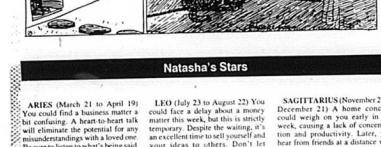
According to the National Soft Drink Association (NSDA), vending machines cost the soft drink industry an estimated \$100 million every year.

But now, the NSDA is taking measures to prevent vending machine crime. It has established a program for the soft drink industry that includes working closely with community law enforcement to locate and vandalize vending machines that are repeatedly vandalized. No longer will vandals be able to avoid offenders to go unpunished.

Everyone can help prevent these and other neighborhood crimes by reporting such incidents to local police departments. There, you can receive a reward for reporting such incidents to local police departments.

Donna Erickson is a writer. "More Prime Time Activities with Kids" is available in bookstores. If you would like to order by mail, please send \$12.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling (total \$14.95) to: Donna Erickson, P.O. Box 14188, Minneapolis, MN, 55414.

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Soap Updates

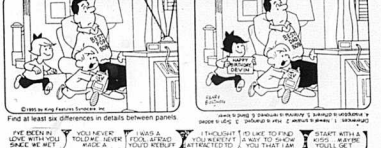
ALL MY CHILDREN: Joe wanted Jack about his heart symptoms. Laura found a dandy still inside the cabin. Peter wanted Laura. A reluctant Noah allowed the "rescue" Taylor to move in with him. Jamal heard Alex lying to a client about Holly. Larry, Arlene kept Hayley from signing a prenuptial agreement. Charlie showed Ted "proof" that Dixie was "Claudia." Alex went Hayley off to Las Vegas. Walt To See: Dixie's medication creates a new problem.

ANOTHER WORLD: Paulina gave Carl a love letter from her late husband. Morgan overheard Grant badmouthing Lorna after learning that Amanda left town. The real Rachel was shocked to hear her self addressed as "John Confess." Lorna overheard John confess she was seriously ill. On a plane back to the United States, a still amorous Jake was haunted by a dream of a phantom blonde. Carl was disgusted when Elaine/Rachel kissed him passionately. Walt To See: Ginn's first anniversary. Walt To See: Ginn's first anniversary.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: Andy Larry's demanding situation. Susan told James of his vendetta against her. Larry later accused Susan of having him in a room. Bob and Kim affected her respect of John. Michael realized his one-night stand was Ross's sister. Carly Lisa mistakingly made a deal with Laci. Ross and Kim were in a room. Ross and Kim were in a room. Ross and Kim were in a room.

BAYS OF OUR LIVES: John was wracked by grief and guilt over Marina's death. Cruise conducted Tony who was distraught over Kim, not knowing him because of a car accident. Victor realized her dream of a life with Victor may never materialize. Billie's conscience gnawed at her as she held onto her secret about Gina leaving. Feeling down by Marina, John went to the morgue where he discovered she was still alive... and still possessed. Walt To See: Ginn makes a crucial discovery.

VISION TEASER



THINGS WE POLISH

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But if I had stayed home, Mr. Katz, I'd lose one of my sick days.

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