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Timeout For Kids™
Ages 5 to 105!

POETRY A - Z
Out in the Snow
By Leslie Cox Ft. Smith, AR

"Where are you?"
"Out in the snow,"
Anywhere.
Wherever you go.
Sometimes here
Sometimes there.
Even in your ear,
Even in your hair.
But any place you will see,
That is where you will find me.

TO ALL READERS:
Poetry A - Z is for you. We're looking forward to publishing your poems in this space every week.

Please send to: **POETRY A - Z**
1555 East Margaret St.,
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MY PERSONAL THOUGHTS
"The Sun is Always Shining"
By Edie Borquez Anaheim, CA

If we but look, we'll always find that even the darkest day holds a little ray of "sunshine" to guide us on our way.
We can find it in a friendly smile, or in just a warm, "hello."
We will find it, if we're looking, almost every place we go.
And once we've found the little ways to let the sunshine through, we'll find it there to guide us - in everything we do!

TO ALL READERS:
If your heart could speak, what would it say? Are you sad? Frustrated? Angry? Depressed? Hurt? Lonely? Happy? As you read this, realize that ALL people are feeling at least one of these emotions. Sharing your thoughts could help someone else. We welcome your ideas.

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STORIES FROM READERS
By Meghan Bauer
Midland, MI

Snowflakes, snowflakes -
flittering, everywhere.
Snowflakes, snowflakes -
in the air. I love snowflakes
glittering in the air!

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FALLACIES - FACT OR MYTH?

- Human bones are solid, dry and white. F M
- Camels hold water in their humps. F M
- The first thing African lions eat after killing their prey is the intestines. F M
- Farmers flood rice paddies because the water kills weeds but not the rice. F M

QUOTE OF THE DAY
"Never laugh at anyone's dreams."

The art of making this was perfected by the American Indians over 5,000 years ago.

You will find the answer hidden within the puzzle. On a separate sheet of paper, see how many other words you can discover. Mix-and-match these letters.

FUN
P O P C O R N E
P O P O T E H T A

Save Our World!
TALES FROM HERMAN THE ERMINE

DO YOU PLAY A GUITAR?

PLASTIC TABS FROM BREAD BAGS MAKE GREAT 'FREE' PICKS.

Kids' Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- Not true
- Conclusion
- Understand
- Kind
- Green vegetables

CLUES DOWN

- Used and when eating
- Four less than a dozen
- Kind
- Kind
- Kind

SKETCHY SCHOOL SKILLS
If you get a test paper back that has mistakes - DON'T THROW IT AWAY. Learn from them, and understand just what you did wrong.

Always Remember: "It's never too late to learn."

RHYME ME

Heel _____
Wire _____
Load _____
Tote _____
Muddle _____
Shut _____

FUN STUFF
Now write your own story!

MUSICAL GENIUS - UNBELIEVABLE FACT
America's most prolific songwriter, Irving Berlin, never learned how to "write" - or - "read" music.

WHAT IS YOUR CAT SAYING?
Watch its Tail

- Soft curve? It is interested.
- Arched/bristled? Be careful.
- It's not a "happy camper."
- "Wagging" it's trying to decide about something. But look out if it gains speed; he's ticked off!
- Vertical? Ah-h - It likes you!
- And if it is straight up - he's very glad to see you.
- Low and fluffed out - this cat is afraid.

DECODE THE MESSAGE

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
3	8	2	14	9	16	5	21	18	11	12	1

M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X
10	15	6	20	26	4	22	17	24	13	23	19

Y	Z
25	7

How large are shooting stars?
Meteorites are 10 6 22 17 1 25 13 9 4 25
22 10 3 1 1. Some are 15 6 8 18 5 9 4
17 21 3 15 4 5 4 3 18 15 of 22 3 15 14.

GRINS
Johnny's teacher had the class do a book report on taxes.
Johnny wrote: "This book tells more about taxes than I am interested in learning."

PAST EVENTS

- February 1, 1884 - The first Oxford Dictionary was published in Scotland. It took Sir James Murray over 20 years and 2 million handwritten notes to complete the venture.
- February 2, 1862 - Singer, Garth Brooks was born in Tulsa, OK.
- February 3, 1870 - The 15th Amendment was ratified - granting citizens the right to vote regardless of race or color.
- February 4, 1912 - Frederick Law, the first motion picture stuntman, jumped from the Statue of Liberty's torch with a parachute.
- February 5, 1969 - Dancer/Singer, Bobby Brown was born in Boston, MA. In 1992 he married singer Whitney Houston. They have a little girl.
- February 6, 1994 - Whoopi Goldberg took over as host for the 1994 Oscars - making her the first African-American to host the show solo.
- February 7, 1994 - Michael Jordan signed with the White Sox to play baseball. Also on this day in 1993, Shaquille O'Neal (Orlando) slumped a basketball very hard. How hard? He broke the support that holds up the backboard!

PROLIX (pro-LIKS) adjective
Meaning: Extremely wordy and long.
Example: Susan's speech was utterly prolix; I almost fell asleep listening.

LEARN A NEW WORD TODAY

OTHER CULTURES
Groundhog Day
This widely observed annual event is steeped in tradition from early German settlers, whose animal wasn't the groundhog but rather a "badger".

When the Germans settled in Punxsutawney, PA there were no badgers, but scores of groundhogs - which they substituted.

Weather plays a key role in this. In Punxsutawney, groundhogs usually appear in February - further south, in January - further north, in March.

It also depends on the creature's appetite. If it's hungry for food or feels like looking for a mate, it will stay above ground. If not - back to sleep it goes.

How often are they correct? Only about 28 percent of the time.

Therefore it is more of a "fun" than "factual" day.

HOW THEY SAY IT IN...

ENGLISH: FIVE
SPANISH: CINCO
ITALIAN: CINQUE
FRENCH: CINQ
GERMAN: FÜNF
LATIN: QUINQUE

Did You Know?

WARRIOR BEES BRING DOWN THE HOUSE EVERY YEAR AND ARE THE ONLY BEES THAT CAN FLY IN THE DARK.

WHILE THE APPLICABLE TO A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS TODAY, THE FIRST USE OF A BOTTLE DURING THE LATE 19TH CENTURY.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

- FEBRUARY 8
Ted Koppel, Journalist
- FEBRUARY 9
Claude King, Singer/Songwriter
- FEBRUARY 10
Mark Spivey, Olympic Swimmer
- FEBRUARY 11
Sally Sheehy, Author
- FEBRUARY 12
Francis Zellerbach, Film Director
- FEBRUARY 13
Ann Druce, Actress
- FEBRUARY 14
Drew Bledsoe, Football Player