

Happy Valentine's Day

We had a Valentine's Day party at school today. 9

It was so much fun! All of the boys and girls 20

passed out their Valentines to each other. 27

Afterwards, we played a lot of fun games like 36

bingo, and we made a Valentine's Day craft. We 45

had delicious cupcakes and some fruit at the 53

party too! When the party was finished, we 61

opened our cards and read them. I got a 70

special card from my best friend. That made 78

me feel so happy! When I got home, my 87

parents gave me a card and a box of candy. 97

Yum! Valentine's Day is the best! 103

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Comprehension Questions: Happy Valentine's Day

1. What was the first thing the students did at the party?

2. What did the students eat at the party?

3. What did the child get from their best friend?

4. What did the child's parents give them?

5. How do you think the child is feeling?

Taking Care of Your Teeth

There are many things that you can do to help take care of your teeth. One thing that you can do is to brush regularly. You should brush your teeth twice a day, for about two minutes each time. This will keep you from getting cavities. You should also go and see your dentist twice a year. The dentist will clean your teeth with special tools, and they will check them to make sure they are healthy. You should also eat plenty of healthy foods and drink milk to keep your teeth strong. Too much sugar is bad for your teeth, so make sure you brush after you have candy or sweets!

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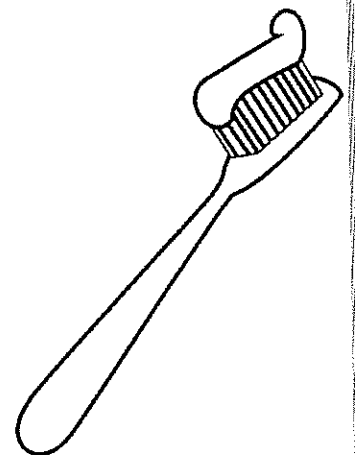
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Comprehension Questions: Taking Care of Your Teeth

1. How often should you brush your teeth?

2. What does your dentist do to take care of your teeth?

3. How often should you see the dentist?

4. Why do you think you should brush your teeth after you eat candy or sweets?

5. Why do you think it is so important to take good care of your teeth?

President's Day

Every year on the third Monday in February, our country celebrates President's Day. George Washington was our first president and his birthday was in February. Abraham Lincoln was another important president who was also born in February. Americans used to celebrate both Washington and Lincoln's birthdays. In the 1970s, it was decided that we should have a special holiday to celebrate all the past Presidents of the United States. Since then, we use this day to honor all of the men who have done the difficult job of serving as President of the United States. Happy President's Day to them all!

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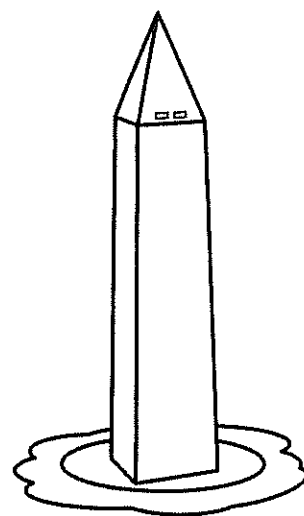
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Comprehension Questions: President's Day

1. When is President's Day celebrated?

2. What two important presidents were born in February?

3. When was President's Day first celebrated?

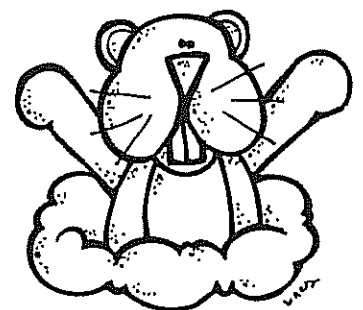
4. Who do we honor on President's Day?

5. Why do you think the author says that being president is a difficult job?

Gretchen the Groundhog

Gretchen the Groundhog woke up. "It's here!" she 8
 said. "Today is February 2. This is the day I have 19
 been waiting for!" February 2 is the day that 28
 groundhogs everywhere climb out of their burrows 35
 and look for their shadows. If they see their 44
 shadow, that means that winter will last for six 53
 more weeks. If they do not see their shadow, it 63
 means that winter will be over soon and spring will 73
 come early. Gretchen poked her head out to see a 83
 group of people waiting for her. "Hooray!" they 91
 shouted when they saw her. Gretchen looked down 99
 to see her shadow. The people cheered. "More 107
 winter fun for us!" they said. "Thanks Gretchen!" 115

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Comprehension Questions: Gretchen the Groundhog

1. On what date did the story happen?

2. What do you think a burrow is?

3. What does it mean if a groundhog sees their shadow?

4. What does it mean if a groundhog does not see their shadow?

5. Why were the people excited at the end of the story?

Cupcake Fun

“Mom,” I said as I ran in the door. “I told my 12
 teacher we would make cupcakes for the 19
 Valentine’s party tomorrow. “That sounds like fun,” 26
 she said. “Let’s go to the store.” We bought cake 36
 mix and frosting. We also bought candy hearts, and 45
 sprinkles. When we got home, we made the 53
 cupcakes. I mixed the batter, and mom took them 62
 out of the oven when they were ready. When they 72
 were cool, we spread on the pink frosting. 80
 I covered each cupcake with sprinkles. Then I put a 90
 giant candy heart in the middle of every cupcake. 99
 “My class is going to love these!” I said. “I made 110
 two extras,” Mom said. “Let’s have one now!” 118

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Comprehension Questions: Cupcake Fun

1. What was the reason the child wanted to make cupcakes?

2. What did the child and their mom buy at the store?

3. What did they do when the cupcakes were cool?

4. How did they decorate the cupcakes?

5. How did they treat themselves for their hard work?

My Favorite Author

Reading is my favorite hobby. I read lots of 9
 different kinds of books. I like fiction and 17
 non-fiction. Most of all I love to read books 26
 by my favorite author. His books are funny 34
 and they always make me laugh. I love all of 44
 the characters in his stories. I hope that 52
 one day I can meet my favorite author and 61
 tell him how much I love to read his stories. 71
 When I write my own stories, I try to make 81
 them like his. Who knows? Maybe someday 88
 I will become an author too! 94

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Comprehension Questions: My Favorite Author

1. What is the child's favorite hobby?

2. What is the child's favorite type of book to read?

3. Why does the child like books by their favorite author?

4. What does the child hope they can do some day?

5. How do you think the child tries to make their stories like the stories from their favorite author?

Susan B. Anthony

Susan B. Anthony was born on February 15, 1820. 9

Things were very different then. Women did not 17

have the same rights as men. When Susan grew up, 27

she thought this was unfair and she worked to 36

change the laws. One of the things that Susan 45

thought was unfair was that women were not 53

allowed to vote. Susan and her friends began to 62

fight for the right for women to vote. She gave 72

speeches, wrote articles and even began a 79

newspaper to spread the word that women should 87

fight for the right to vote. Susan B. Anthony died in 98

1906. Fourteen years later, women were finally given 106

the right to vote. Susan B. Anthony had changed the 116

world! 117

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Comprehension Questions: Susan B. Anthony

1. When was Susan B. Anthony born?

2. What unfair thing did Susan fight to change?

3. How did Susan and her friends spread the word about their ideas?

4. When did Susan B. Anthony die?

5. How did Susan B. Anthony change the world?

Hibernation

Animals have many different ways to survive in the winter. One way that some animals survive is to hibernate. Hibernation is when an animal goes into their home and does not come out for most of the winter. Some of them even sleep for the entire winter! Some of the animals that hibernate are bears, bats, squirrels, raccoons, fish and frogs. When an animal prepares to hibernate they need to collect enough food to last them for the winter. It is difficult for animals to find food in the winter, so they gather extra food in the fall to keep in their homes. Good night hibernating animals! We will see you again in the spring!

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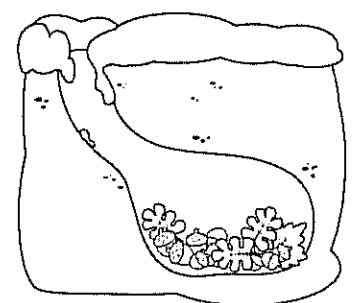
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Comprehension Questions: Hibernation

1. What does hibernation mean?

2. What are some animals that hibernate?

3. What do animals need to do to prepare for hibernation?

4. Why do you think it is difficult for animals to find food in the winter?

5. When do animals come out of hibernation?

Awesome Cherries

Cherries are delicious! They are one of the most popular fruits. People like to eat them, and also to make them into other foods. When cherries are ripe, their skins are bright red. That is when they are ready to pick. Once you pick them, you can eat them right off their stems, just don't swallow the pit in the middle! You can also use them to make desserts or other treats. Many people love a slice of delicious cherry pie. Don't forget the ice cream! Cherry jam is another great treat to make with cherries. You can add cherries to muffins, cookies and lots of other foods. Cherries are awesome!

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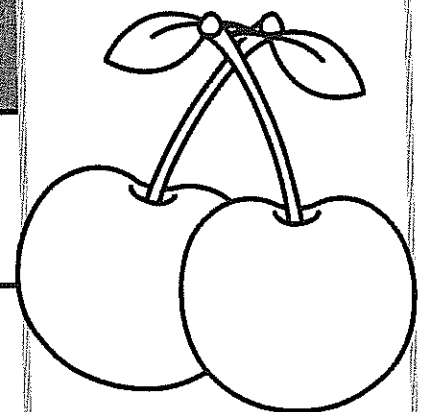
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Comprehension Questions: Awesome Cherries

1. How can you tell when cherries are ripe?

2. What do you think the pit is in a cherry?

3. How can you eat cherries?

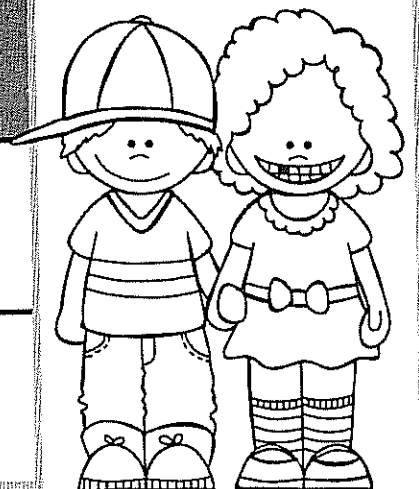
4. What are some of the things you can make with cherries?

5. Why do you think cherries are one of the most popular fruits?

My Friends

I am very lucky because I have a lot of 10
 good friends. My friends are always nice 17
 to me and I am nice to them too! We 27
 care about each other very much. I play 35
 soccer with my friend Maria. She is a 43
 good player. My friend Sam is in my class. 52
 I help him with his math and he helps me 62
 with spelling. My friends Nate and Sara 69
 live in the house next door. I play with 78
 them after school. I love spending time 85
 with all of my friends. 90

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Comprehension Questions: My Friends

1. How does the child say the friends treat each other?

2. What does the child do with their friend Maria?

3. What does the child help Sam with?

4. Where do Nate and Sara live?

5. Why do you think the author likes spending time with their friends?
