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Current Event

Find an article in the newspaper or in a magazine that especially interests you. Read it at least twice. Write your ideas below. Be ready to discuss your article with the class.

Name of newspaper or magazine: _____

Title of article: _____

Written by: _____

Who/What was in the news? _____

What happened? _____

Where? _____

When? _____

Why did you find this interesting?

1. Cat

by: Dorothy Baruch

My cat
Is quiet.
She moves without a sound.
Sometimes she stretches herself curving
On tiptoe.
Sometimes she crouches low
And creeping.

Sometimes she rubs herself against a chair,
And there

With a miew and a miew
And a purrrr purrrr purrrr
She curls up
And goes to sleep.

My cat
Lives through a black hole
Under the house.

So one day I
Crawled in after her.
And it was dark
And I sat
And didn't know
Where to go.
And then —

Two yellow-white
Round little lights
Came moving... moving... toward me.
And there
With a miew and a miew
And a purrrr purrrr purrrr
My cat
Rubbed, soft, against me.

And I knew
The lights
Were MY CAT'S EYES
In the dark.



2. Mud

by: Polly Chase Boyden

Mud is very nice to feel
All squishy-squash between the toes!
I'd rather wade in wiggly mud
Than smell a yellow rose.

Nobody else but the rosebush knows
How nice mud feels
Between the toes.

3. I'll Wear a Shamrock

by: Mary Carolyn Davies

St. Patrick's Day is with us,
The day when all that's seen
To right and left and everywhere
Is green, green, green!

And Irish tunes they whistle
And Irish songs they sing,
To-day each Irish lad walks out
As proud as any king.

I'll wear a four-leaf shamrock
In my coat, the glad day through,
For my father and mother are Irish
And I am Irish, too!

4. *Have You Watched the Fairies*

by: Rose Fyleman

*Have you watched the fairies when the
rain is done*

*Spreading out their little wings to dry
them in the sun?*

I have, I have! Isn't it fun?

*Have you heard the fairies all among
the limes*

*Singing little fairy tunes to little fairy
rhymes?*

I have, I have, lots and lots of times!

*Have you seen the fairies dancing in
the air,*

*And dashing off behind the stars to
tidy up their hair?*

I have, I have; I've been there!

5. *When Tillie Ate the Chili*

*When Tillie ate the chili,
she erupted from her seat,
she gulped a quart of water,
and fled screaming down the street,
she coughed, she wheezed, she sputtered,
she ran totally amok,
she set a new world record
as she raced around the block.*

*Tillie's mouth was full of fire,
Tillie's eyes were red with tears,
she was smoking from her nostrils,
she was steaming from her ears,
she cooled off an hour later,
showing perfect self-control
as she said, "What tasty chili,
I should like another bowl."*



6. *Merry...*

*No one's hangin' stockin's up,
No one's bakin' pie,
No ones' lookin' up to see
A new star in the sky.
No one's talkin' brotherhood,
No one's givin' gifts,
And no one loves a Christmas tree
On March the twenty-fifth.*

7. *Pancake?*

*Who wants a pancake,
Sweet and piping hot?
Good little Grace looks up and says,
"I'll take the one on top."
Who else wants a pancake,
Fresh off the griddle?
Terrible Theresa smiles and says,
"I'll take the one in the middle."*

2nd Grade Homework Packet

February 25 - February 28, 2013

Monday

Study this week's spelling list for Friday's test. Complete the "Spelling ABC" worksheet. Also, complete the phonics worksheet. Have an adult check and sign your homework. Read.

Tuesday

Study your spelling words. Complete Math Problem Solving pages 73 and 74. Complete the two "Identifying Main Idea & Details" worksheets. Have an adult check your work for errors, and sign after you make corrections. Practice math facts & using money with an adult. Try to make different amounts with the fewest coins possible. Play story, "buy" a few things, and make change! Read.

Wednesday

Study your spelling list. Complete the math problems solving pages 75 and 76. Read "Busy Bees" aloud to an adult and answer the questions, writing complete sentence answers on the lines. Have an adult check all work for errors, and then sign after you correct it. All homework is due tomorrow. Read.

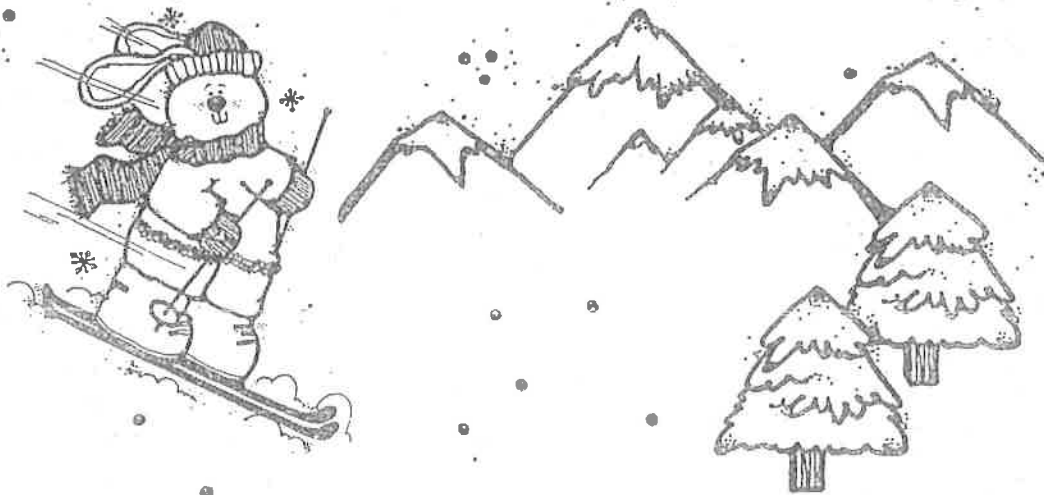
Thursday

This is a paper-free night! Review the spelling words for tomorrow's test. Practice, play spelling games, and take a test on this week's words. Read.

Lesson 21
Plurals - s & es

Spelling Words

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|-------------|--------------|
| 1. trees | 11. guesses |
| 2. names | 12. hills |
| 3. taxes | *13. clothes |
| 4. glasses | *14. friends |
| 5. sticks | *15. pieces |
| 6. sleds | |
| 7. schools | |
| 8. boxes | |
| 9. cakes | |
| 10. dresses | |



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Spelling Lesson 21 - Plurals - s & es

Word List

Vowels

Syllables

ABC Order

	Vowels	Syllables	ABC Order
1 trees			
2 names			
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*15 pieces			

Name _____



The ending **s** or **es** can be added to a base word to make a new word.
Add **s** to most base words. Add **es** to words that end in **s**, **ss**, **ch**, **sh**, **x**, or **z**.
find + **s** = finds reach + **es** = reaches



Add **s** or **es** to each base word. Write the new word.

1	find _____	2	mix _____
3	patch _____	4	splash _____
5	pass _____	6	learn _____

Write the base word.

7	reaches _____	8	buzzes _____
9	washes _____	10	stands _____
11	treats _____	12	catches _____



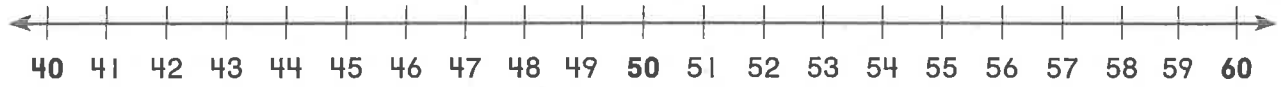
Add **s** or **es** to a base word from the box to complete each sentence.

attach fix like sketch spend wish

- 13. Fran _____ a lot of time at her workbench.
- 14. She _____ tinkering and making new things.
- 15. When something is broken, she _____ it.
- 16. Sometimes she switches the parts or _____ new ones.
- 17. She either _____ her ideas or builds models.
- 18. Someday Fran _____ to be a famous inventor.

Reading Strategy • Reread

Reading a problem more than once can help you solve it.



Use the number line to round. Then solve.

1. The pet store has 58 fish. They sell 49 fish. How many fish are left at the store?

9 fish

2. There were 49 birds in the tree. Then 41 birds flew away. How many birds stayed in the tree?

_____ birds

3. Aisha saw 59 ants on Thursday and 42 ants on Friday. How many more ants did Aisha see on Thursday?

_____ ants

4. There are 56 horses in the field. Denny brings 43 horses into the barn. How many horses are still in the field?

_____ horses

Estimate.	Solve.
$\begin{array}{r} 60 \\ -50 \\ \hline 10 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} \overset{4}{\cancel{5}}\overset{18}{8} \\ -49 \\ \hline 9 \end{array}$

Use Addition to Check Subtraction

Understand

Plan

Solve

Check

Subtract.
Add to check.



1. Devin cut out 74 snowflakes and 38 stars. How many more snowflakes than stars did he cut out?

36 more snowflakes

$\begin{array}{r} 6 \ 14 \\ 74 \\ - 38 \\ \hline 36 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 36 \\ + 38 \\ \hline 74 \end{array}$
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2. Zach made 61 moons. Jan made 9 moons. How many more moons did Zach make?

_____ more moons

3. Lana wants 84 stars. She has made 37. How many more stars must she make?

_____ more stars

Mark the correct answer.

4. Which numbers should you add to check the subtraction problem?

$$\begin{array}{r} 57 \\ - 25 \\ \hline 32 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 32 \\ + 25 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 32 \\ + 57 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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Read the paragraph. Then fill in the bubble that best completes each sentence.

Americans like toast, eggs, and cereal. In China people eat congee, a thick rice. People in Japan often have a soup called miso. Pancakes made from lentil beans are favored in India. Bread and coffee with milk are the most popular breakfast foods in France. Breakfast around the world is a matter of different tastes.



1. The main idea of the paragraph is

- A. people in China and Japan like different foods
- B. cereal is a popular breakfast food in the United States
- C. people eat different foods for breakfast around the world

2. A detail that tells about the main idea is

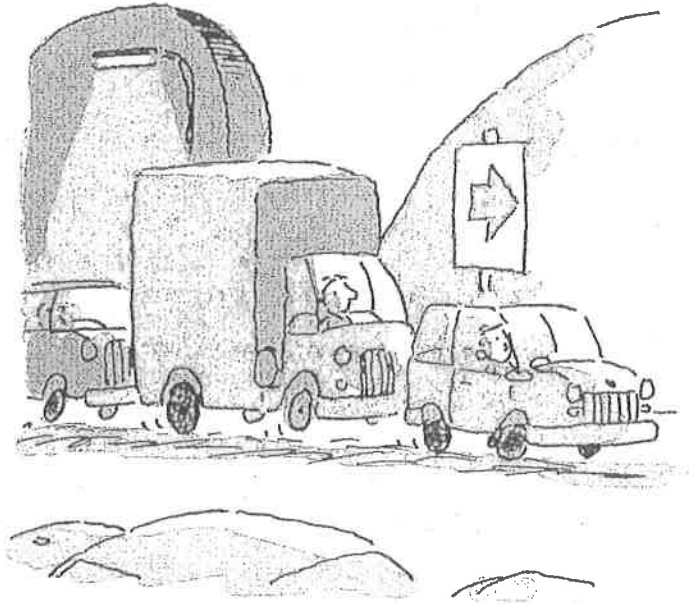
- A. breakfast is an important meal
- B. everyone eats eggs at breakfast
- C. people in India eat lentil pancakes

3. The best title for this paragraph would be

- A. Soup in the Morning
- B. Breakfast Around the World
- C. Something to Eat

Read the paragraph. Then fill in the bubble that best completes each sentence.

The Holland Tunnel is a roadway under the Hudson River. At one end of the tunnel is New York City. At the other end is the state of New Jersey. Almost 50,000 cars and trucks go through the Holland Tunnel each day. The distance is just over one and a half miles. Depending on the time of day, it can be a long or short trip.



1. The main idea of the paragraph is

- A. what the Holland Tunnel is
- B. the length of the Holland Tunnel
- C. what the Hudson River is like

2. A detail that tells more about the main idea is

- A. the places that the tunnel connects
- B. how to get through the tunnel
- C. other ways to cross the Hudson River

3. The best title for this paragraph would be

- A. A Long or Short Trip
- B. Riding Through a Tunnel
- C. Holland Tunnel Facts

Use Mental Math to Find Differences

Understand **Plan** **Solve** **Check**

Use mental math. Solve.

1. Martin has 34 rows of carrots. He picks 27 rows. How many rows of carrots does he have left?

7 rows of carrots

2. There are 15 rows of lettuce. Bill picks 9 rows. How many rows of lettuce are left?

_____ rows of lettuce

3. There are 84 apples on the apple tree. Sarah picks 68 apples. How many apples are left on the tree?

_____ apples

4. There are 96 ears of corn in the field. Tony picks 47 of them. How many ears of corn are left?

_____ ears of corn

5. There are 45 pear trees in the orchard. There are 20 peach trees. How many more pear trees than peach trees are there?

_____ pear trees

6. There are 54 strawberries in a bowl. Raoul uses 23 strawberries to make a pie. How many strawberries are left?

_____ strawberries

Mark the correct answer.

7. What is the difference for $76 - 17$?

59

63

70

89

8. What is the difference for $51 - 27$?

20

24

43

71

Practice Subtracting 2-Digit Numbers

Understand Plan Solve Check

Complete the subtraction sentence. Solve.

1. There are 47 chickens in the barn. 23 of them lay eggs. How many chickens do not lay eggs?

$$\begin{array}{r} 47 \\ - 23 \\ \hline 24 \end{array} = 24$$

_____ chickens

2. There are 22 sheep on the farm. 18 sheep are in the barn. How many sheep are not in the barn?

$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{\quad} \\ - \underline{\quad} \\ \hline \underline{\quad} \end{array} = \underline{\quad}$$

_____ sheep

3. There are 56 cows in the barn. 20 cows give milk. How many cows do not give milk?

$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{\quad} \\ - \underline{\quad} \\ \hline \underline{\quad} \end{array} = \underline{\quad}$$

_____ cows

4. There are 38 horses in the pasture. 15 are brown. How many horses are not brown?

$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{\quad} \\ - \underline{\quad} \\ \hline \underline{\quad} \end{array} = \underline{\quad}$$

_____ horses

5. There are 26 pigs in the pen. 11 pigs have spots. How many pigs do not have spots?

$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{\quad} \\ - \underline{\quad} \\ \hline \underline{\quad} \end{array} = \underline{\quad}$$

_____ pigs

6. There are 46 goats in the field. 26 are eating hay. How many goats are not eating hay?

$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{\quad} \\ - \underline{\quad} \\ \hline \underline{\quad} \end{array} = \underline{\quad}$$

_____ goats

Mark the correct answer.

7. What is the difference for $93 - 52$?

40 48
 41 51

8. What is the difference for $93 - 39$?

64 54
 60 52

Busy Bees

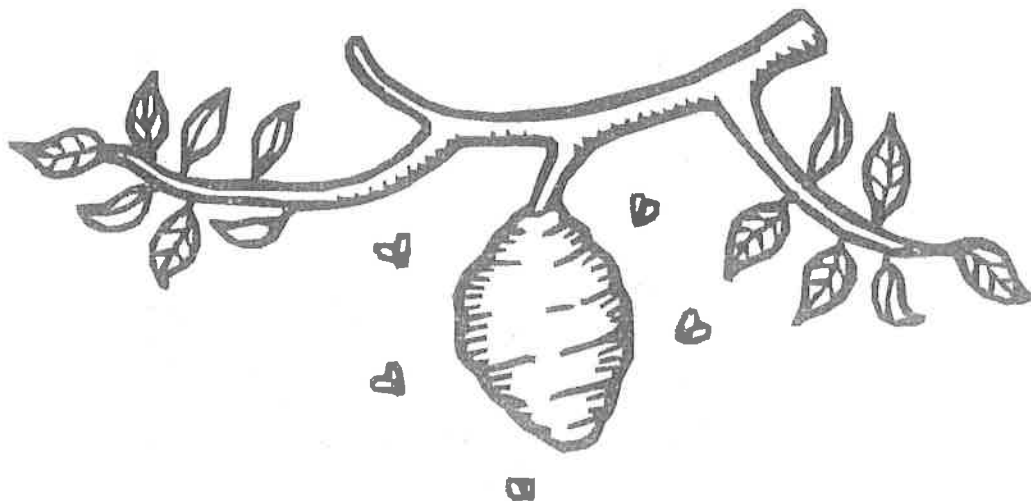
Honeybees keep busy all year. There are many jobs for them to do. In spring the worker bees find flowers. At each blossom they get pollen or nectar. Then they return to their hive. They do a dance to tell the other bees where to find the flowers. Then they enter the hive. They turn the nectar into honey and store it in a honeycomb. They store the pollen to eat later.

The queen lays all of the eggs, and the worker bees do all of the work. All worker bees are females. Some worker bees feed the baby bees. They give them a mix of honey and pollen called beebread. Others build the honeycomb and guard the hive. One set of worker bees spends their lives taking care of the queen.

If you are a bee, you don't want to be a boy. Male bees are drones. Their only job is to mate with the queen. Then they die.

In the fall worker bees use water and plant sap to fix cracks in the hive. They must keep cold winds from blowing through the walls. Then the worker bees gather around their queen and move their wings rapidly throughout the cold winter months. They keep her warm and safe.

Bees may be tiny, but we need them. By going from plant to plant, bees spread pollen. This makes some plants grow fruits and vegetables. Without bees, less fruits and vegetables would grow. We would have less food.



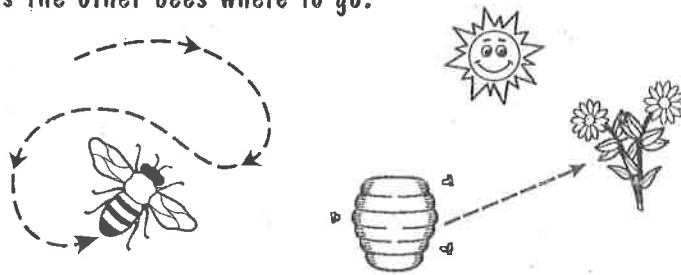
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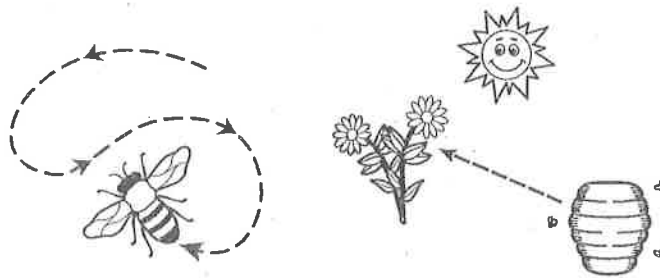
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Bees first visit the flowers closest to the hive. But soon they must go farther away. That's when the bees do a dance to tell the others where to find the flowers.

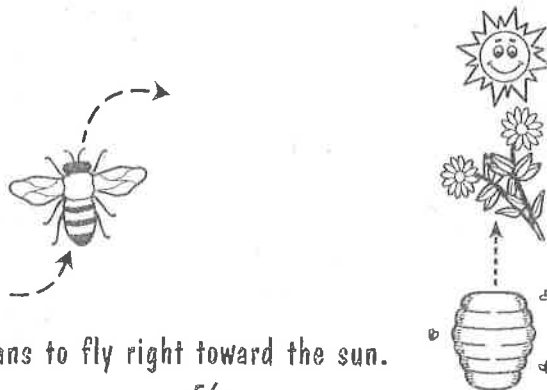
The bees come back to the hive. Then they dance in a circle. How they move their bodies in the middle of the circle tells the other bees where to go.



If the bee moves to the right, it means to fly to the right of the sun.



If the bee moves to the left, it means to fly to the left of the sun.



If a bee moves straight up, it means to fly right toward the sun.



Busy Bees

1. Which bees lay all the eggs?
a. worker bees b. queen bees c. drone bees
2. What happens after a bee visits the flowers on a cherry tree?
a. The tree grows more roots. c. The tree grows cherries.
b. The tree drops its leaves.
3. Picture a boy getting close to a bee hive. Worker bees buzz all around him. What will probably happen next?
a. The bees will fly away. c. The bees will give him honey.
b. The bees will sting him.
4. Drone bees are females and do all the work for the hive. True or False? Tell why.

5. The best flowers in a certain garden are located to the right of the sun. How can a bee tell the other bees where to go?

6. Beekeepers take care of bee hives in order to sell the honey. Do you think that you'd like to be a beekeeper when you grow up? Why or why not?
