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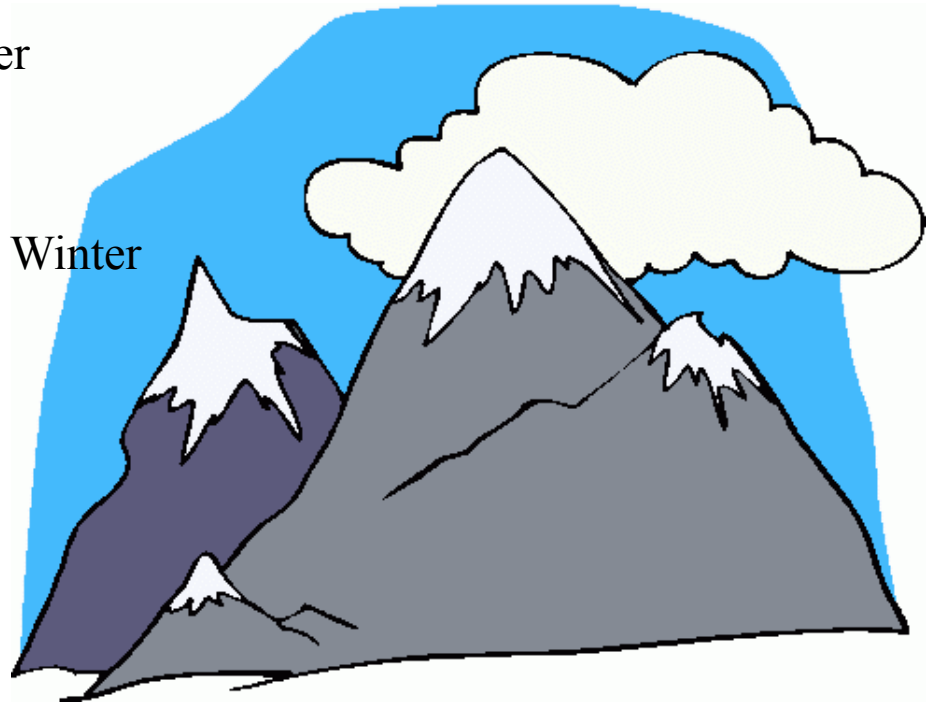
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Let It Snow!



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Dr. Jelly Belly

By Sharon Greenaway

In the hospital waiting room Olivia held tightly onto Mum's hand.

Olivia was scared.

Suddenly a doctor wearing a huge plastic red nose ran into the room.

"I am Dr. Jelly Belly at your service," she said.

Dr. Jelly Belly bowed. A red flower sprang up from her head.

"Is she a real doctor, Mummy?" Olivia asked.

"No," said Mum.

Dr. Jelly Belly gave Mum the flower.

"Would you like to hear a joke?" Dr. Jelly Belly asked Olivia.

"Yes please," said Olivia.

"Why did the toilet roll, roll down the hill?"

Dr. Jelly Belly asked.

"It was trying to get to the bottom!" said

Olivia.

A boy sitting in the corner of the room started laughing.

"I know a joke," he said.

"I do too," said the girl sitting next to the fish tank.

"All right, tell me your jokes," said Dr. Jelly Belly.

Dr. Jelly Belly ran from child to child to hear their jokes.

"Phew! I'm all tuckered out!" Dr. Jelly Belly said at last. "But I can still give out red-nose transplants. Who wants one?"

Olivia was the first to put up her hand. Within minutes everyone, including the parents, were wearing fat red plastic noses.

"Well I have to go," said Dr. Jelly Belly. "I have my rounds to do you know."

"Thank you Dr. Jelly Belly," said Olivia.

Dr. Jelly Belly waved and ran out the door.

"Dr. Jelly Belly is a special doctor," Olivia said to Mum. "She made me feel better. I'm not scared anymore."



Snow Cream Recipe

By Nancy Cavanaugh

This is a fun recipe that can be quickly made on a snowy day. It is a lot more fun to eat than trying to catch snowflakes on your tongue! Have fun!

What you need:

- 1 cup of clean snow
- 1 cup of milk
- 1 cup of sugar
- A couple drops of vanilla

What to do:

1. Collect clean snow from outside.
2. Mix it up and eat the slush.

New Year's the Chinese Way

By Heidi Shelton-Jenck

“Gung Hey Fat Choy!”

That's how you say “Happy New Year” in Chinese. This year Chinese New Year begins on January 29th and is known as “The Year of the Dog”. Every year in China is named after an animal. There are twelve different animal names in the Chinese zodiac calendar that are used over and over again.

What a Party!

During this important celebration people line the streets to watch parades. The loud bang-bang-bang of firecrackers can be heard day and night to keep bad luck away. Friends and family visit each other to share delicious food and give children lucky red envelopes with money inside.

Lucky Lanterns

Chinese New Year celebrations traditionally end with a Festival of Lanterns and a Lantern Parade. People hang lanterns and red scrolls. Follow these directions to make your own red lantern. In China red is a symbol of happiness and good luck!

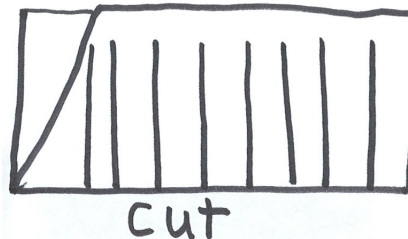
What you need:

- Red construction paper
- Scissors
- Stapler



What to do:

1. Fold red construction paper in half lengthwise.
2. Start at the fold and cut slits up to 1 “ from the opposite edge.



3. Open the paper, form a lantern, and staple the two ends together (be sure the lantern folds out)

4. Cut out a red handle and staple it to the top of your lantern.

Hang your lantern and enjoy Chinese New Year!



On the Web

Check out these websites for more information:

Have your name translated into Chinese and find your zodiac sign – free! <http://www.mandarintools.com/chinesename.html>

Free Chinese characters to download! <http://chineseculture.about.com/library/symbol/blcc.htm>



Seeing Colors with New Eyes

By Heidi Shelton-Jenck

Did you know that cultures around the world sometimes think about colors in different ways? You can celebrate Chinese New Year, starting January 29th, by looking at colors with new eyes.

Red

An important color in Chinese culture, red is a symbol for happiness, joy and good luck. Red is used for festive occasions like the Chinese New Year parades and decorations. Chinese brides often wear red wedding dresses to bring good luck and happiness to their marriage.

Black

You have probably heard of black belts in Asian martial arts. Different colored belts are awarded for different skill levels. Black is for those who demonstrate the highest skills. If you visited the Chinese opera you would see characters on stage with black painted faces. They often portray strong characters like military generals.

Blue

Blue is another color that symbolizes power and strength.

White

If you gave a birthday present wrapped in white to a friend in China they might be shocked! White represents death and sadness. The character wearing a white mask in Chinese opera is usually a villain.

Green

Many Chinese people wear green jade

stones. Green jade is traditionally thought to protect against evil.

Yellow

You might see European Kings and Queens wearing royal purple robes, but in China yellow and gold are the colors for royalty, wealth and power. Early Emperors and Empresses in China decorated their palaces with yellow dragons and phoenixes.

Orange, Brown, Yellow

These colors are seen all over China on the robes worn by Buddhist monks. These three colors symbolize the sacrifices made by monks. Fall leaf colors help remind the monks to “let go” of earthly things like the fall leaves “let go” of trees in the fall.

The Year of
the Dog
Zodiac Sign



Review: Never Say "Boo" to a Frilly

By Nancy Cavanaugh

Title: Never Say "Boo" to a Frilly and Other Rhymes

Author: Margot Finke

Illustrator: Aysin Eroglu

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Margot Finke has done it again with her latest e-book, "Never Say "Boo" to a Frilly and Other Rhymes".

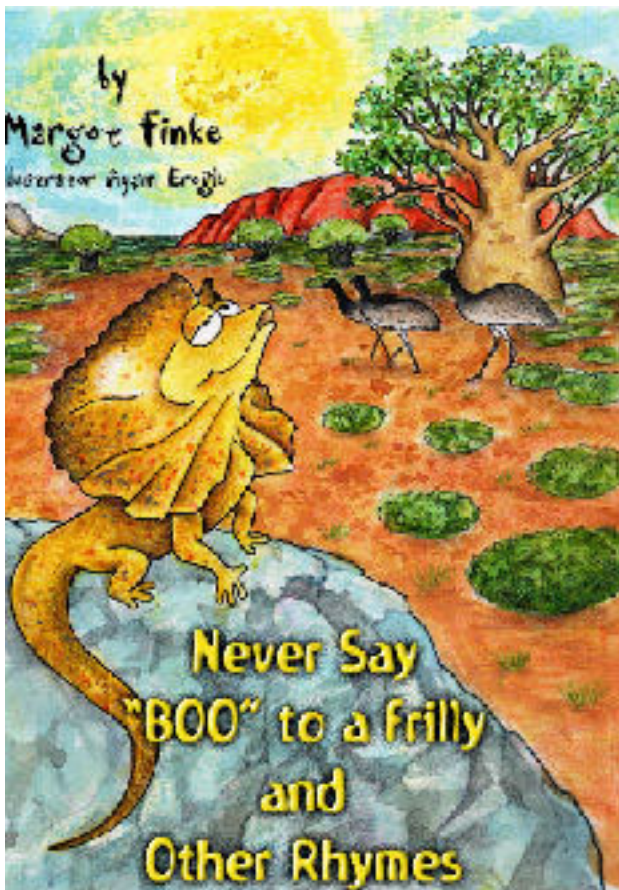
Finke introduces readers to frillneck, various Australian birds and tasmanian devils with cute rhymes and brilliant illustrations by Aysin Eroglu. As you virtually turn each page you will learn more about these animals from their habitat to legends about them.

The book also has a list of some of the

unusual Australian words used in the book. It gives a brief explanation about them.

The e-book software is easy to install and use. The ability to turn the pages makes this a much more real experience for you and your child.

To find out more about this e-book and Finke's other works, visit <http://www.writersexchange.com/margot.htm>



Christmas is Over

By Brenda Reeves Sturgis

Our Christmas tree was taken down.
It's seen a better day.
The candy canes were eaten up.
And Santa flew away.

The spicy ham was gobbled fast.
Along with pumpkin pie
I can't eat one more single bite
Not even if I try.

My Grandma traveled way back East
My cousins have gone home.
My mom's exhausted, snoring loud
Can't hear the telephone.

The wrapping papers in the trash
With tape and tags and bows.
We think our dog has disappeared.
To where, nobody knows.

The violin I wanted most
Is sadly out of tune.
Our Christmas day has come and gone
And it's not even noon.

Science Fun: Getting Magnetic

By Sharon Greenaway

Amazing Magnets

What are magnets?

Magnets are objects that can push some things away (repel) and pick up other things. Magnets are made from iron, steel, nickel or cobalt. Magnets will only push or pull items that are made from these substances.

All things are made up of tiny particles known as atoms. In things that are not magnetic the atoms are mixed up. In magnets the atoms all face one direction.

That's why you always need to take care of your magnets. Dropping a magnet can mix up the direction of the atoms within it.

Where are magnets?

There are magnets in computers and telephones. They even keep the refrigerator door closed.

Industry uses magnets in lots of ways such as in scrap metal yards. There is even a train, known as the Maglev train that uses the repelling force of magnets so it can travel along.

For more information on this train go to: <http://travel.howstuffworks.com/maglev-train.htm>

Natural magnets.

Natural magnets were found over 2,000 years ago. The ancient Greeks discovered pieces of rock that could attract metal to them. These rocks are called magnetite.

The Chinese also used these magnetic rocks. Some of these were shaped like spoons and were used by sailors in foggy weather to find their way home. The stones came to be known as lodestones, meaning leading stone.

The rule of magnetism.

Magnets have a north and a south pole. It is the opposite poles that attract one another, while the same poles repel each other.

The area immediately surrounding a magnet is known as the magnetic field.

The Earth is one huge magnet.

That's why a compass works. The tiny bar balancing in the centre of a compass is really a magnet, which always points to north.

Scientists think that magnetism could explain why homing pigeons always find their way home.

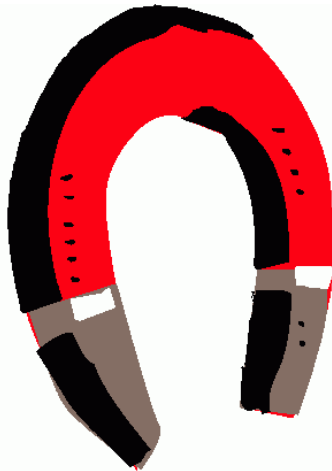
How are magnets made?

Magnets are made when the steel, iron, nickel or cobalt is melted and poured into moulds and left to cool in a magnetic field.

Another way to make magnets is to put pieces of steel into a coil of insulated wire. A strong direct electrical current is passed through the coil. Once these magnets are made they retain their magnetism for a long time.

Temporary magnets.

Some pieces of metal can become a magnet for a short time. This can happen if they have



near a magnet for a long time or have been rubbed in the same direction by a magnet for a period of time. After a while the nail or needle will lose its magnetism and so is known as a temporary magnet

Permanent magnets.

These magnets come in a variety of shapes, such as the bar, horseshoe and ring shaped.

Magnet Experiments

It will be best if you get a grown up to help with some of these experiments.

What can magnets pick up?

Choose a variety of small objects and place them on a table. Paper clips, rubber bands and a small pencil eraser are some suggestions.

Using a horseshoe magnet, lower it over the objects and see which one it picks up.

Does the magnet need to be touching the objects for the magnetic force to work?

Turn the magnet upside down. Does it still pick up any items?

Can magnets move things through other things?

Put the objects that the magnets picked up in the first experiment onto a piece of cardboard or a piece of timber or a piece of plastic.

Run the magnet underneath. What happens?

Try a metal tray. Is there any difference? Use several types of magnets and see what happens.

Does anything stop the magnet from working well?

Place the objects that were attracted to the magnet in a glass of water.

Does the magnetic force still work?

Use cooking oil or golden syrup (or honey)

Other tips about magnets.

Your magnets will last longer if you store them with the north and south poles together and you keep your magnets away from heat.

Keep magnets away from computers, videotapes, audiotapes, and computer discs and watches, as the magnet can damage these.

instead of the water. What happens?

Have a game with your friends.

Place a pile of paper clips in the centre of a table.

Each of you choose a magnet. Slowly, you and your friends slide your magnets toward the paper clips.

Who gets the most paper clips? Which magnet is the most powerful?

Which end is which?

To find out which end of a magnet is which, try this.

You will need a compass, bar magnet, some thread and a marker.

Tie the thread around the centre of the magnet and hang it up. When the magnet stops moving use the compass to check which end points to north. Place a mark there. Do the same with another magnet and then try placing the same poles together. What happens?

Make an electromagnet.

When electricity flows along a wire, it makes a magnetic field.

What you need:

9-volt battery (the fresher the better the results.)

One metre of thin insulated wire

One large iron nail (test to make certain it isn't already magnetic).

What to do:

1. Ask a grown up to strip away 3cms.of insulation from each end of the wire.

Then you can wind the wire around the nail seventy times.

2. Wind one end of the wire around one battery terminal, and then the other end of wire around the other terminal. There is now a current running along the wire.

3. Test your electromagnet by using the nail to pick up a paper clip or pin.

What happens when one end of the wire is taken off the battery?

Magnetic Crafts

Fridge magnets

What you need:

A pair of scissors

Flat, bar shaped magnets

PVA glue

Paint brush

Acrylic paint

Old magazines and photos (check with an adult before cutting up)

Thick coloured card

Fabric

Clean plastic containers with lids

What to do:

1. Cut out a photo to the size and shape you want.

2. Trace this shape onto the coloured card, then cut that shape out.

3. Glue the photo onto the card.

4. Cut out another piece of card and a piece of fabric, 1cm wider all around than the picture.

5. Glue the fabric onto the card and then glue the photo onto this, making certain it is in the centre.

6. Glue a suitable sized magnet onto the back of the card.

Paper clip holder

What you need:

Small container

Scissors

Paint

Glue

Water

Pictures

2 magnet bars

Newspaper



What to do:

1. Ask an adult to help you cut a hole 2cm by 2cm into the centre of the lid of a container.

2. Trim off any rough edges.

3. Lay down some newspaper on your work surface. Paint the lid.

4. You can paint the container or glue pictures cut out from magazines all over it for a great collage. (A mix of two parts glue and one part water can be painted over the collage for extra toughness.)

5. On the underside of the lid on either side of the hole, glue two bar magnets

6. Once the glue has dried, place the lid back on and you have an easy to use paper clip holder.

Things That Go Bump in the Night

By Debbie Roppolo

Scr-e-e-ch, tap, tap. The noise awakened eight year-old Mollie from a sound sleep. She sat up in her bed. “Mr. Snickers, w-what’s that?” she stammered. Her cat, Mr. Snickers, who was sleeping on the foot of her bed, opened his eyes sleepily and yawned. He stretched, then jumped off the bed.

“No. Wait Mr. Snickers. Don’t leave me. I-I’m scared.” The cat stretched again, then padded silently out of the room. Mean old cat, Mollie pouted.

Scr-e-e-ch, tap, tap. “There’s that noise again!” Mollie screamed. Her heart pounding, she pulled the covers over her head and hid. Soon she heard the sound of her parents’ footsteps running down the hall to her room. Mollie heard the soft click of the light switch as her mommy and daddy entered the room.

Mollie peaked out from under the covers. Mommy pulled the covers back, sat on the bed, and held Mollie in her arms. “What’s wrong, baby? We heard you screaming.”

“I-I heard a n-noise outside and it scared me.” Screech, tap, tap. “There it is again!” Mollie cried, burying her face in her mommy’s shoulder.

“That’s the sound that you heard?” Daddy asked.

“Y-Yes.”

“That’s just a tree branch scraping on your bedroom window,” he said. “Try to get some sleep honey. There’s no such thing as monsters.” Mommy hugged her, turned off the light, and tucked Mollie in before leaving the room with Daddy.

Whap! Thump! A loud noise came from her closet. There’s no such thing as monsters, Mollie chanted as she crept out of her bed. She

picked a shoe off the floor and tiptoed to the open closet.

Crash! A shoebox fell off the closet shelf and almost hit Mollie on the head. “Argh!” Mollie screamed, throwing the shoe into the closet. “Meow!” Mr. Snickers ran out of the closet and down the hall. Mollie laughed to herself. I didn’t know he was back in the room. Mollie got back in bed and snuggled beneath the warm covers.

Mollie was still scared. The glow from her night-light made creepy shadows on the wall, and the branch still tapped and scratched on her window. I will never fall asleep, she thought. She turned over on her side and stared out the window. The tree branch looked scary as it dipped and swayed in the moonlight.

Mollie shuddered and pulled the covers over her head again. She peaked out from under the covers at the window. Mollie gasped in horror. She thought she saw a skeleton outside her window.

“Mommy! Daddy! Skeleton! Help me!” Mollie screeched as she jumped out of the bed and ran for her parents’ room. Wham! Mollie ran into her bedroom door. She forgot Mommy had shut the door when she left the room. Mollie took a step back and rubbed her head.

Her father stepped through the doorway, turned on the light, knelt, and took her in his arms. “Mollie! What’s wrong?”

“I-I ran into the door,” she whimpered. Daddy pushed her bangs aside and looked at the knot on her head.

“Are you okay?” Mollie shook her head. She threw her arms around his neck and cried. Her head hurt and she was so scared.

“What else is wrong honey?”

“T-There’s something . . . there’s something out there. I s-saw it outside m-my window.” Daddy walked to the window and looked outside.

“I don’t see anything out there. You probably imagined it.” He scooped her into his arms and put her back into bed. Mollie felt very safe in Daddy’s arms. “Now go to sleep.” Daddy said sternly. “No more seeing monsters tonight.”

“I did see something out there.” Daddy turned off the lights.

“Enough Mollie.”

Mollie shivered beneath the covers. What if the monster comes through the window and gets me, she wondered. “Daddy, please don’t go. I’m scared.” Daddy sighed and walked

back to her bed.

“Oh Moll. What am I going to do with you? Would it make you feel better if I held your hand until you fell asleep?”

“Yes. Would you sing me a song too?” Daddy held her hand and sang until Mollie fell asleep.

Mollie was awakened the next morning by the sun shining on her cheek. She looked out the window and smiled. Oh! That was the bird-feeder outside the window last night, not a monster.

Daddy was right, she thought. There really is no such thing as monsters. It was just my imagination.







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