



Neighborhood Explorers

Summer Challenge 2025





What is Summer Challenge?

WFSU's annual Summer Challenge provides educational activities for families across the Big Bend with FREE summer learning kits distributed throughout Leon County Public Libraries and select Leon County Schools. Activity kits feature a Summer Challenge activity book, hands-on learning materials, and more. Children earn points for completing activities that they can exchange at the end of the summer for prizes, such as books and art supplies, and more. This year, our Summer Challenge theme is "Neighborhood Explorers".

What is The Learning Neighborhood?

The Learning Neighborhood is a partnership between community organizations and businesses focused on early learning needs of children and their families.

TheLearningNeighborhood.org is an interactive website that allows kids to explore different jobs that make up their community. Each stop in the neighborhood is tied to resources to help children understand different community jobs using PBS KIDS shows, games, hands-on activities, books, and additional resources!

What is Ready To Learn?

Ready To Learn 2020-2025 is a project of CPB and PBS KIDS, working with early learning experts like WFSU to create experiences that expose young children to career and workforce options and help them to build vital functional literacy, critical thinking, collaboration, and "world of work" skills and knowledge.



Thank you to the sponsors and partners that made Summer Challenge 2025 possible.













Summer Challenge Checklist

Keep track of your points to earn prizes at the end of the summer! In August, find us at designated library locations below to trade your points for books, games, and more!

August 1, 10am-1pm Bruce J. Host Northeast Branch Library
August 2, 10am-1pm Dr. B.L. Perry, Jr. Branch

Attend a WFSU Summer Challenge Library Camp
Complete 20 of the activities in this book and have an adult initial them to track your progress
Try a new food and tell us what it was:
Create your own game to play as a family
Watch a PBS KIDS show and tell us which one:
Create a dance to your favorite song
Visit TheLearningNeighborhood.org and explore 3 careers
Read 10+ books
Plant a seed and track the growth
Write a letter and mail it to a loved one

Take the Stage

You got the lead role in a new play. Actors and actresses must know the stage and story well.

Design a stage for a play in the box below!

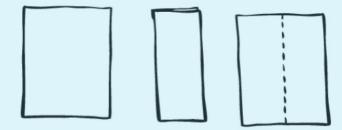


What is the storyline of the play?

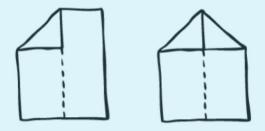
Exposition (Beginning):	
Rising Action:	
Climax:	
Falling Action:	
Resolution (Ending):	

Make a Paper Airplane

1. Fold paper in half the long way and reopen.



2. Fold the top two corners into the center spine of the paper.



3. Refold lengthwise and rotate the paper to lay on the table like this:



4. Fold the top left corner down to lay parallel to the bottom spine. Repeat this step on the other side.



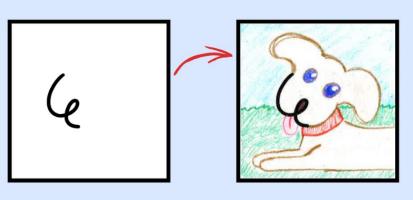
5. Turn the paper over and repeat the last two steps. Your airplane should look like this!

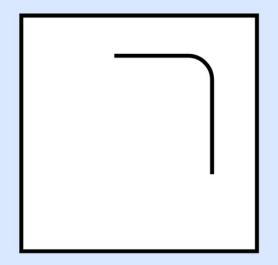


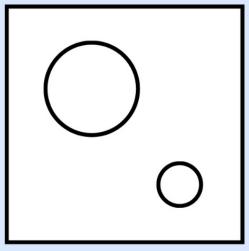
6. Now, try to fly it to the moon! How far can you make the airplane fly?

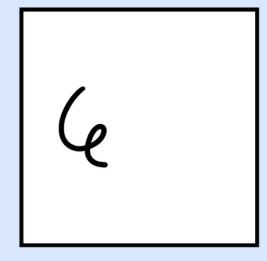
Let's Get Creative!

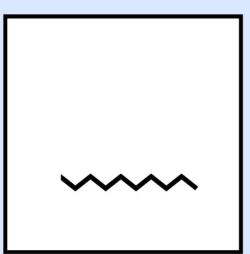
Whoops! Someone forgot to finish these pictures. Use your imagination to draw the rest. You can use pencil, crayons, markers, or colored pencils to design.

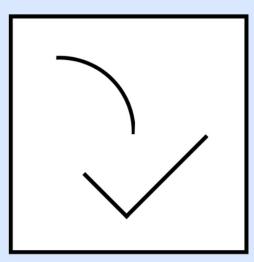
















125 North Gadsden Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301 (850) 222-8800 | lemoyne.org Tuesday - Saturday 11:00am - 6:00pm

Moon Journal





Waning Crescent Time to Check Moon Each Night: Last Quarter Waning Gibbous Full Waxing Gibbous First Quarter Date observations started: **Waxing Crescent** New every night for one month what you see! Look up at and draw the moon

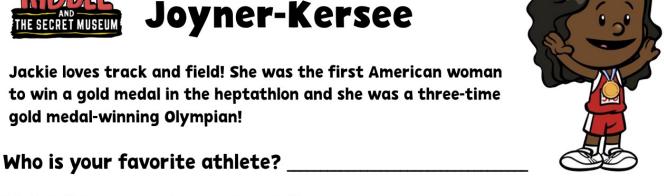


Athlete



Meet Jackie

Jackie loves track and field! She was the first American woman to win a gold medal in the heptathlon and she was a three-time gold medal-winning Olympian!



List 3 things you know about them:

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Draw a picture of you practicing your favorite sport.







MONEY MANAGEMENT: BUILD A BANK



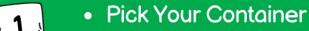


What you'll need:

- A clean container (like a plastic tub, oatmeal can, or tissue box)
- Scissors (an adult for help!)
- Tape or glue
- Paper, stickers, and crayons or markers to decorate
- Coins (to start saving!)







- Look around your home for a clean, empty container.
- If your container has a lid, ask an adult to help you cut a slot big enough for coins to fit through.
- Decorate your bank!
 - Use paper, stickers, markers, or anything you like to make your piggy bank your own.
- Name Your Bank
 - Give your piggy bank a name and write it on the front.
 - Example: "Saving Sammy" or "The Treasure Keeper"
- Start Saving!
 - Drop your first coin into the slot.



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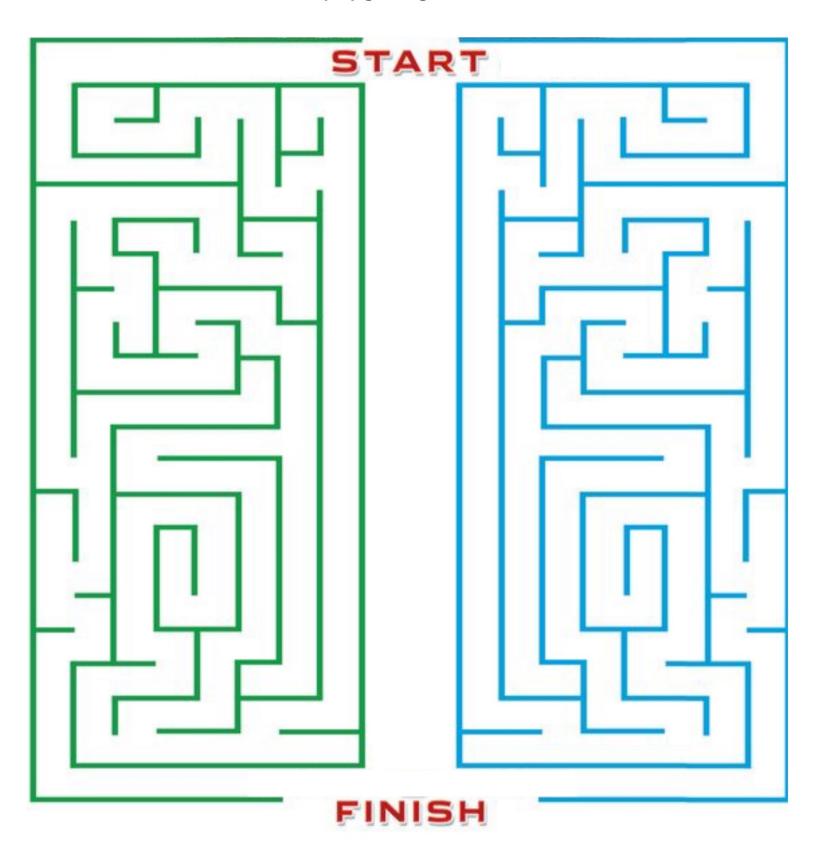
Every time you save a coin, your piggy bank grows!

Car Mechanic



Maze Race

Car mechanics help make sure our cars and other vehicles work properly. In this activity, you and a friend have just gotten your vehicles tuned up! See whose car runs more smoothly by getting from start to finish.









"Every Sand-Which Way" Challenge



Invent a new Loops Lunch Special!

The sandwich needs to have at least one crunchy, juicy, salty, sweet, and silly ingredient.

Draw and color the ingredients you want to make the perfect sandwich. Make sure to give it a name for the menu!

your sandwich something
CRUNCHY
JUICY
SALTY
SWEET
SILLY

Name your sandwich!







Choose Your Adventure!

Create your own interactive story with your favorite PBS KIDS characters on the <u>FREE</u> ScratchJr. app. You choose the characters, how they move, the setting of the story, sound effects, and more!

Can you collect these ScratchJr. badges?

Try these activities on ScratchJr. and see how you can change the story!



Wild Kratts "Creature Powers"



Peg + Cat "The Tree Problem"



Odd Squad "Something Odd"



Ready Jet Go! "Space Exploration"



Nature Cat "How Plants Grow"





Construction



In the "What Can You Become?" episode titled "Builders", Cecily helps Luke make his bird house come to life by offering advice and the tools she has learned in her career as a <u>fabricator</u>. A fabricator is a type of builder who makes things out of wood, metal, and other materials.

Cicily advises Luke to sketch out the design before starting to build. Sketch out something you would like to build in this space.

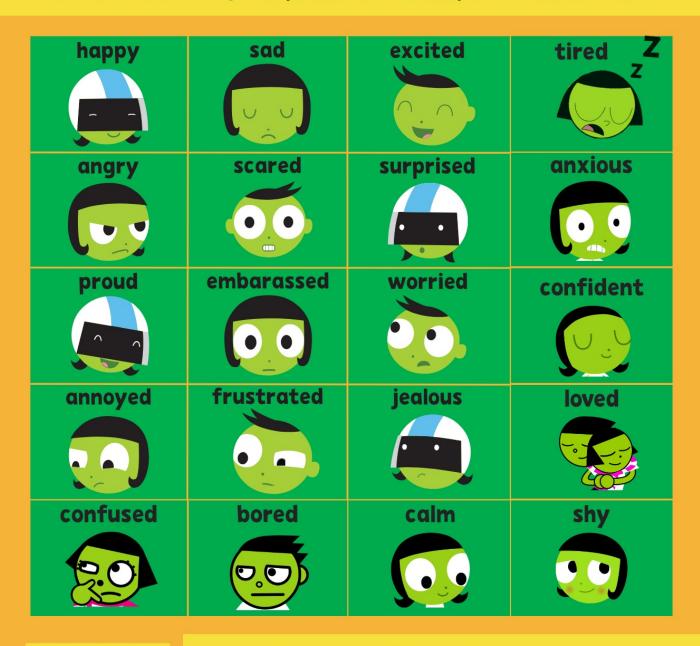




Counselor

A Tool for Counselors: Feelings Chart

Feelings are the way we experience emotions and give them meaning. It is important to be able to identify our feelings so we know what to do when we have big emotions. Counselors are people that can help us understand our feelings. It's possible to feel multiple emotions all at once.



Activity:



Think of a time you felt one of these feelings.
On a separate piece of paper, write about that time.
What happened? How did you feel?
Did you tell someone about it? What did you say or do?





DANCE PARTY

Try these different dances and then choose your favorite and share the steps!

Freeze Dance

Dance like you can't stop, and then freeze like a statue.

- Put on music with an adult and dance.
- Stop the music suddenly, and freeze in place!
- Repeat by restarting and then stopping the music again.

Retro Moves

Ask an adult to teach you their favorite dance choreography from the past.

- Start with the basics, then put on some music and boogie!
- Can you guess what he or she is imitating?



The "Add-on" Dance

Make up a dance, step-by-step with your friends and family!

- The first dancer does a dance move ("jump up and down," for example).
- The next dancer adds a move ("jump up and down...then spin around").
- Continue to add steps. When the dance has at least three moves, perform it together.

Write the steps to your favorite dance!

Step 1:	
Step 2:	
Step 3:	
Step 4:	
Step 5:	wfsı

Dentist



Have you been to the Dentist?
Watch "Daniel Tiger Visits the Dentist" or
think about when you went to the dentist
and answer the questions below:

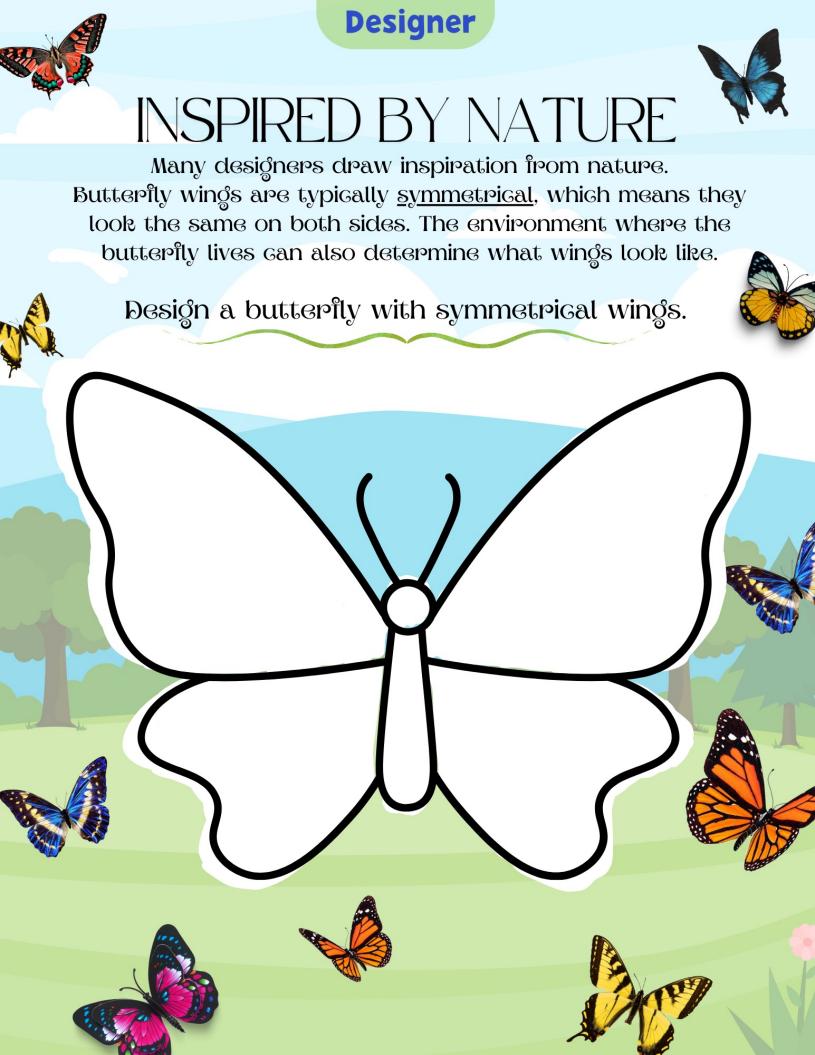
 What do you think Daniel Tiger was feeling when he was at Dr. Plat's office?

 What do you want to know about going to the dentist's office? picture.
Toothbrush
Dr. Plat
Toothpaste
Chair
Dentist's tools
Mr. Dino

Mom Tiger

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Doctors and Nurses

There are lots of people who do different jobs that help take care of us and our families, friends, and neighbors. Nurses and doctors help us stay healthy and take care of us when we are sick or hurt.



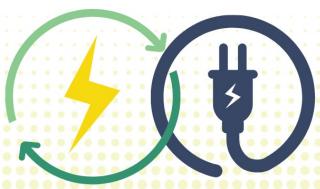
Do you remember a time when someone helped take care of you or someone you love? Who was it? How did they help?

Write down and draw your ideas below.

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WHY IS ELECTRICITY IMPORTANT?



Electricity helps us every day. It keeps us warm, cool, bright, and connected. It's powerful—and very helpful when we use it safely!

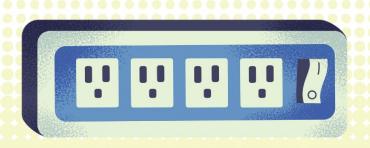
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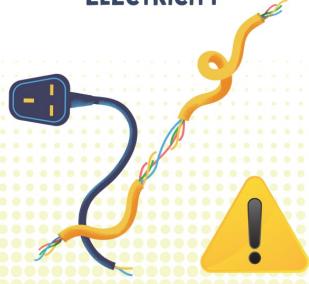


ELECTRICITY AND THE PEOPLE WHO FIX IT

Electricians make sure our electrical devices are working

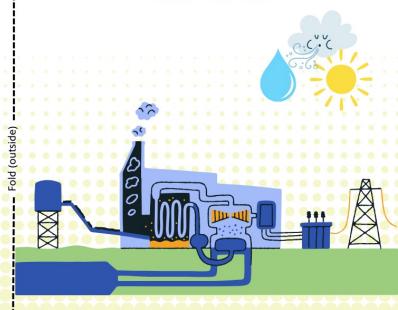


STAYING SAFE WITH ELECTRICITY



Electricity can be dangerous. Never touch wires or put things in outlets. Always ask an adult if you need help.

WHERE DOES ELECTRICITY **COME FROM?**



Electricity can come from power plants. Some power plants use wind, water, or the sun! The electricity travels through big wires called power lines.



WHAT IS ELECTRICITY?



Electricity is a kind of energy.

Electricity moves through wires to get to our homes and schools.

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WHAT DOES AN ELECTRICIAN DO?

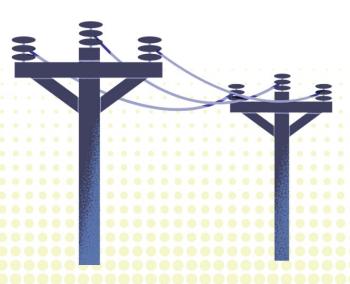


Electricians work with wires and electricity.

They fix broken lights and outlets.

They help build houses and make sure everything works safely.

HOW DOES IT GET TO US?



Power lines carry electricity to buildings.
Inside the walls, wires bring it to lights,
outlets, and machines.
We use switches to turn electricity
on and off.

WHAT USES ELECTRICITY?



We use electricity to turn on lights,
refrigerators, TVs, computers, and more.
Even some cars use it!
If it plugs in or turns on, it probably needs
electricity.

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Engineer

Make a Boat Float

Engineers who design boats need to explore the right materials and the right shape to make the boat float.



Watch "Whatever Floats Your Boat" (6:15-8:55) from The Cat in the Hat Knows A Lot About That! Reflect on the ideas being explored by Cat in the Hat and his friends, Nick and Sally.

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Let's investigate how the materials and the shape of a boat affect its ability to float.

Materials:

- ☐ Container to hold water
- □ Paper
- ☐ Pencils or crayons
- ☐ A variety of materials to design a boat, such as:
 - Bouncing putty
 - Aluminum foil
 - Pool noodles (cut into smaller pieces)
 - Deli containers or bowls
 - Craft sticks
 - Foil pie pans
 - Rocks
 - Wooden blocks
 - Tape

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Make & Test the Boat:

After exploring materials and making predictions, it's time to use your engineering skills to create your boat! When you have a boat built, it's time to test it! Place your boat in the water and see if it floats.

AS YOU INVESTIGATE, ASK:

- What do you observe about each boat's shape, size, and weight?
- What materials seem to sink?
- What materials seem to float?
- What shapes seem to sink?
- What shapes seem to float?

After you have tested your creations, refer to the observations you made during the test.

Improve the Design:

Brainstorm possible ways to improve your design!

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Entrepreneur

The Skillsville Lemonade Stand

An entrepreneur is someone who comes up with an idea and starts their own business. Watch the Skillsville episode, "Entrepreneur" FREE on PBS KIDS to see what it takes to open a lemonade stand. Below is a recipe and instructions to help you start your own lemonade stand. You can change the recipe to make it special to your business!

What you will need:

- 7 cups of water
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup of fresh lemon juice (8 lemons)
- Knife (grown-up supervision required)
- Medium saucepan
- Measuring cup
- Large spoon
- Pitcher

Instructions:

- 1. Combine the sugar with two cups of water in a saucepan and stir it with the spoon. Bring the mixture to a boil on the stove, and continue stirring until all of the sugar has dissolved. Take the saucepan off the stove, and let the sugar water cool until it is at room temperature.
- $2.\,\mbox{With help from a grown-up, cut all the lemons and remove the seeds.}$
- 3. Mix the sugar water, lemon juice, and four cups of water together in a pitcher. Make sure to mix well!

Set up your business:

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- 2. What will be the price per cup? ______
- 3. Who are you going to sell your lemonade to? ______
- 4. Where are you going to set up your stand? ______

Now you're ready to open your business!











Environmentalist

Plant or Pet Caring Schedule



Elinor is excited for plant day — until she receives a cactus to take care of. She doesn't understand how to look after such a pokey plant! She wonders how she is supposed to care for the plant and help it grow. After making some observations, she and her friends figure out that each of their plants needs different amounts of water and sunlight. In the end, they learn that each plant may be different, but they all need love and care!

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Do you take care of a plant, pet, or stuffed animal? What do	es it eat? '	What
keeps it warm? Write down or draw what you observe and	create a li	st or
schedule of ways you can take care of it throughout the day.)

I take care of _____

It needs:		
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Everyday I need to:	
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BONUS: With help from an adult, share a picture of the plant or pet you take care of by emailing education@wfsu.org or tagging us on social media @WFSUeducation.

Farmer

Farming with Alma!

Practice your farm vocabulary by matching the letter of the definition to the correct picture.





- A) a small tool used to dig soil
- B) a tool with a long handle and a row of teeth, used for gathering leaves or smoothing soil
- C) a big, powerful machine that helps on farms
- D) a cart with one or two wheels and handles for pushing
- E) to gather fruits or vegetables
- F) a tall building that is used to store food for farm animals
- G) the dirt where plants grow
- H) a bundled-up package of dried grass that's used as food for animals
- I) plants that are grown for food



Firefighter

A FIREFIGHTER'S Kitchen Fire Safety Checklist





Yes	No	
		Does a grown-up always pay attention to things that are cooking?
		Does a grown-up watch the stovetop when he or she is frying, boiling,
		grilling, or broiling food?
		If a grown-up must leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, does
		he or she turn off the burner?
		Are things that can burn, such as dish towels, curtains, or paper, away from
		the stovetop?
		Are the stovetop, burners, and oven clean - no spilled food, grease, paper,
		or bags?
		Are pot handles turned toward the back of the stove when a grown-up is
		cooking?
		Do children and pets stay out of the kid-free zone (3 feet or 1 meter from
		the stove) when a grown-up is cooking?
		Are containers opened slowly when removing them from the microwave?
		Hot steam can escape from containers and cause burns.
		Does your family have working smoke alarms on every level of the home,
		outside all sleeping areas, and in each bedroom?
		Does your family have a home fire escape plan?
		Do you practice the plan?



Pollinators

The gardener needs your help to identify the pollinators!

Pollinators are animals that move pollen from one flower to another so that the plants can produce fruits and seeds. Animals can also be pollinators if they eat nuts and seeds that get scattered from their droppings. Without pollinators we wouldn't be able to enjoy many of the foods we eat. Circle the pollinators!

Check your answers below!









Can you find these items in the grocery store?

Cross the items off the list as you find them. Can you fill a row or the whole card?

Greater than \$5.00	Rectangular	Sold by a gallon	Circle	Less than
Cylinder	Less than one pound	Rectangle	Greater than \$1.00	Oval
Sold by a quart	Four strawberries	Free	One carrot	Sold by a dozen
Square	Greater than 1 ounce	Two	Less than \$5.00	Cube
Sphere	Dairy	More than one pound	Three apples	Less than one ounce





Insurance

INSURANCE SEARCH Health, Car, and More

Insurance is a safety net that protects you if something bad happens. Learn about the types of insurance by finding the words below in the word search.



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Storm
Trust



Journalism 101

Practice a core journalism skill: asking questions!
Your job is to ask someone questions and learn their story.
It could be a parent, teacher, friend, or neighbor—
anyone you're curious about!



<u>who</u>	<u>are you interviewing?</u>	
Name:	Relationship to you:	
	Let's ask some questions! Write down they share with you! What is your favorite thing to do and why?	the answers as
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	s a fun memory from when you were my age?	
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What did you learn? Write about what surprised yo	u, inspired you, o
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Lawyer

Order in the Court!

Learn what a lawyer does by pretending to be one!

Lawyers help people solve problems. Some lawyers help families or workers, and some help protect the environment.

Part 1: Match each type of lawyer with what they do:

- 1. Family Lawyer
- 2. Environmental Lawyer
- 3. Criminal Lawyer

- (A) Makes sure we keep air and water clean
- (B)Helps people who are accused of a crime
- (C) Helps people adopt children or get divorced

Step 2: Lawyer Lingo – Lawyers use special words. Unscramble these to learn more
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- 5. UROTC Where lawyers talk to judges:
- 6. C E S A What lawyers work on for each person:

Part 3: Dress like a lawyer – Imagine yourself as a lawyer in the courtroom! What will you wear? A blazer? Glasses? A briefcase? Draw in the space below!

Fun Fact: You don't have to go to court to be a lawyer! Some work in offices, help kids, or write laws!





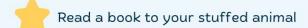
Molly of Denali's **Library Challenge!**

These stars can be seen on the Alaskan state flag. The smaller stars represent the Big Dipper constellation, while the larger star represents the North Star.

> As you complete these bonus reading challenges, color the stars on the flag yellow!



Ask a librarian about what their job is like



Find a recipe book and try out a new recipe



Read a book that is recommended by your librarian



Check out a book that was written 50 or more years ago



Read a book that takes place in Florida



Read a book that was made into a TV show or movie



My Summer Reading Log

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Book Title	Did you read with someone?	Date



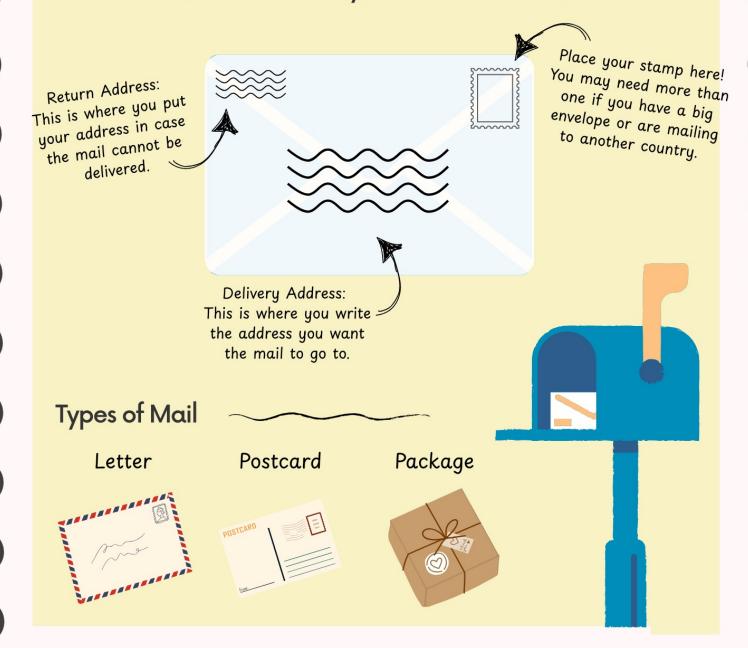
Have a grown-up initial here

MAIL CARRIER

Mail carriers are community helpers that make sure we get our letters and packages in the mail.



Learn how to address a letter and send your own letter to a family member or friend!



Salamat Po



Let's write a letter to a loved one to tell them "Salamat Po". In Filipino, "Salamat" translates to "Thank you" and "Po" is a term of respect.

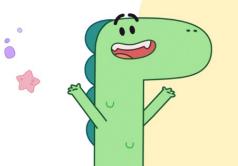
Watch how Jelly and Ben help Pogo make a Salamat Po card to mail. Remember, when writing a card to someone, your words should come from the heart.

Tip: draw a picture to make it extra special!





What you will need:



- Paper
- Pencil
- Colored pencils or crayons
- Stamp
- Envelope



Instructions:

- Write or color your message on paper and put it into an envelope.
- Add the return address and delivery address to the envelope.
- Place a stamp in the top right corner.
- Now you're ready to drop your letter in a mailbox or at the post office!







Meteorologist



The Weather in My Neighborhood



What is the weather like outside? Is it sunny, rainy, cloudy or rainy?

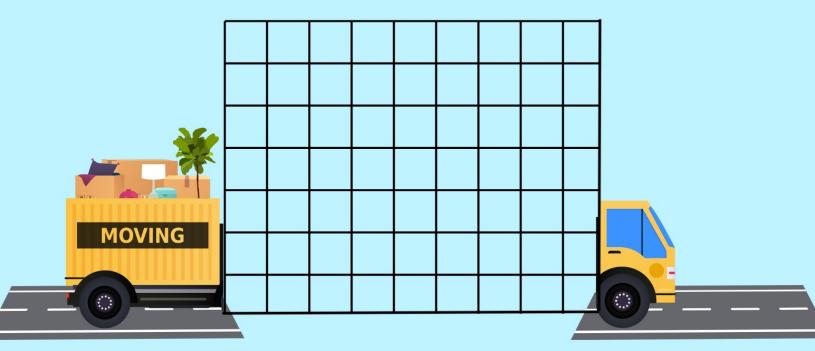
Meteorologists study the weather. This week, help chart the weather conditions. Each day, look out your window and draw a picture of the weather outside.

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Thursday	Friday	Sati	urday	Sunday
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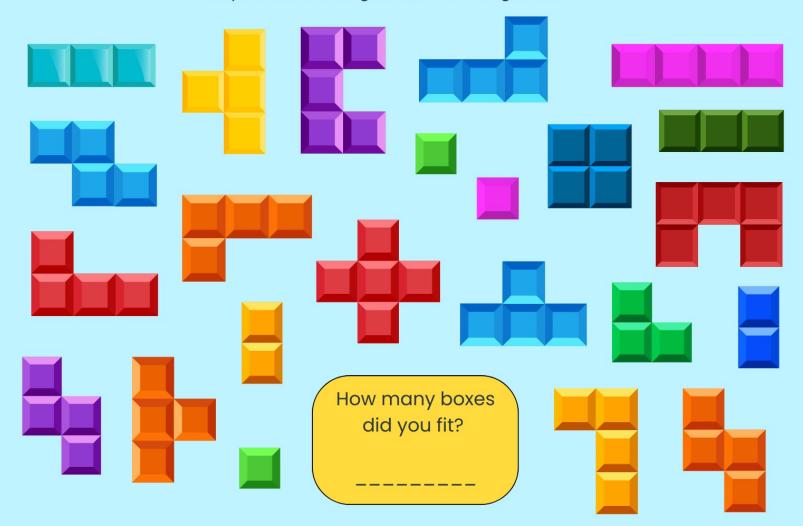
PACKING UP

Movers help us settle into a new home or office.

Fit as many "boxes" into the moving truck as possible!



Make a copy of this page to cut out the shapes or cross them out as you color in the grid. There is no right answer!



Museum Curator

Tallahassee Scavenger Hunt

You are a museum curator building a special exhibit about the culture, history, and creativity of Tallahassee. Your job is to explore the city, find objects, art, and places that tell a story, and decide how you'd display them in your imaginary exhibit.

Part 1: Explore the Community

Discover what Tallahassee has to offer by exploring these scavenger hunt locations. Visit as many of the following locations as you can. At each spot, draw or write the name of your favorite item or piece of art!

Florida Historic Capitol Museum
Riley House Museum
Mission San Luis
Tallahassee Museum
res, paintings, photographs?)



Making Music



In the Tiny Time Travel episode, "Guillermo's Guitar", Guillermo faces his fear of playing his songs in front of an audience. He writes songs to express how he is feeling.

In the lines below, write lyrics to a song that expresses your feelings or experiences.



LETTER HUNT PHOTOGRAPHY COLLAGE

Photographers have the unique job of being able to capture what the world looks like around them. People, nature, animals, food, and more are photographed to capture their beauty and uniqueness.

Using a camera, go out and explore nature, looking for shapes that make up the letters in your name. Once you find a letter, snap a picture! Once you find all the letters, print your photos and turn it into a beautiful collage!

Below is an example of what a letter collage can look like. Can you tell what is spelled out?









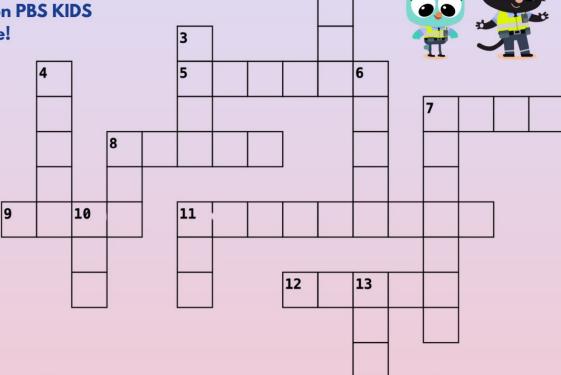
We would love to see your photography collage!
Send us your collage via social media @wfsueducation
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Police Officer

SERVICE & SAFETY CROSSWORD

Police officers work to keep us safe. Learn more by checking out "Milo, The Police Officer" and other Milo shorts on PBS KIDS and YouTube!





Across

- 2. When police walk or drive around an area to make sure it's safe
- 5. These flash on top of the police car
- 7. Police officers keep us ____ (not in danger)
- 8. A shiny badge is worn on their
- 9. What police do when someone is in trouble
- 11. What police officers work to protect
- 12. The item police use to talk to each other



Down

- 1. What police officers wear to protect their heads
- 3. The color of most police uniforms
- 4. A small plate worn by police officers, showing their job
- 6. The sound a police car makes
- 7. A place where police cars go when not being used
- 8. A shorter name for a Police Officer
- 10. Police help people follow the _____ (rules for society)
- 11. What police drive
- 13. Animal that may help police officers

Know the Rules

Public servants play many important roles in our community. They might be teachers helping us learn, firefighters responding to emergencies, or doctors caring for our health. Some work behind the scenes to keep everything running smoothly, while others help us understand and follow rules and laws. No matter their role, they all share a common goal: serving the public and making our communities better places to live.



Civics Vocabulary

Match the vocabulary words in the word bank to the correct definition. Write the letter of the correct word next to each definition.



Word Bank:

- A. Ballot E. Flag I. Mayor
 B. Community F. Government J. Responsibility
 C. Court G. Help K. Rule
 D. Fair H. Law L. Vote
- To do something kind or useful for someone else
 A direction that helps people stay safe and fair
 A rule everyone must follow, made by the government
 To choose something or someone in an election
 A place where people live, work, and play
 A leader of a town or city
 A special symbol that represents our country
 A place where people go to solve problems using the law
 Something you should do to help others, or take care of something
 A piece of paper on which you write your vote
 Treating everyone the same and taking turns
 A group of people who make laws and help lead the community

Together We Can is a new music video series that explores ideas and concepts about American Democracy and Civics.

Watch Together We Can anywhere PBS KIDS is available!









Your Dream Home

Real Estate Agents help you find the perfect home to live in!



Draw the front of your dream home! Think about the placement of the front door and windows.

Bonus:	Think about where you want to live. Near the park? Near school? Write a few sentences about your Dream House.



Scientist



Making observations

Scientists study all types of things! No matter what they study it's important to make observations over time. Make your own observations with this experiment!

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Instructions:

- 1. Fill one plastic, clear cup with water and a second plastic, clear cup with ice.
- 2. Find a piece of chalk, a pencil, and take the two cups and this paper and go outside.
- Pour a small amount of water on the ground. Outline the water puddle with chalk. In the first column, draw what you notice about the water.
- 4. Next, place one of your ice cubes on the ground and outline it with chalk. Leave one ice cube in a clear cup. After 30-minutes, in the second column, draw what you observe about the ice.
- 5. When another 30-minutes pass, write or draw a question you are interested in.

During my investigation	I noticed this about
the water	

When I first poured the water on the ground, the water looked like this... After 30-minutes, the water I poured looked like this...

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When I first placed the ice on the ground, the ice looked like this...

After 30-minutes, the ice looked like this...

water changed?		
What	do you notice about how solid	
water	(ice) changed?	

What do you notice about how liquid

I made the connection in my mind when I observed the water and ice that...



Teacher



Prepare the Classroom

Teachers do a lot to help students learn. Help Mr.
Ratburn prepare for the first day of school by circling the items he needs.



Truck Driver



ON THE ROAD

FUEL UP & THINK
IT THROUGH!



Mid-Trip Math

Your truck's gas tank holds 100 gallons. Right now, it only has 30 gallons.

How many more gallons do you need?

- → 50 gallons → 30 gallons
- → 70 gallons → 100 gallons

You have a 500 mile trip.

If you've already driven 230 miles, how many miles do you have left?

- 300 miles 500 miles
- 45 miles 270 miles

Think & Share

What would you like about being a truck driver?

- O Seeing new places
- O Driving a big truck
- O Helping people get what they need
- O Listening to music or podcasts
- O Eating snacks on the road
- O Wearing cool sunglasses

BONUS!

Ask a grown-up if they've ever

taken a road trip! What did they like best?

Waste Management



Recycling in your Community



Recycling is something that everyone can do to make a difference in making our world a better place. Recycling or reusing the things you have improves the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the ground we play on! Many states have different ways that they recycle. Learn about how you can recycle in your Florida community!

In this activity, choose an item and research whether or not the item is recycled, or does it go to a landfill? Answer the questions below and cite your source.









- Soda Can
- Old Pizza Box
- Plastic Bottle
- Egg Carton
- Newspaper
- Paper Towel
- Glass Jar
- Soup Can
- Toys
- Clothes
- Electronics







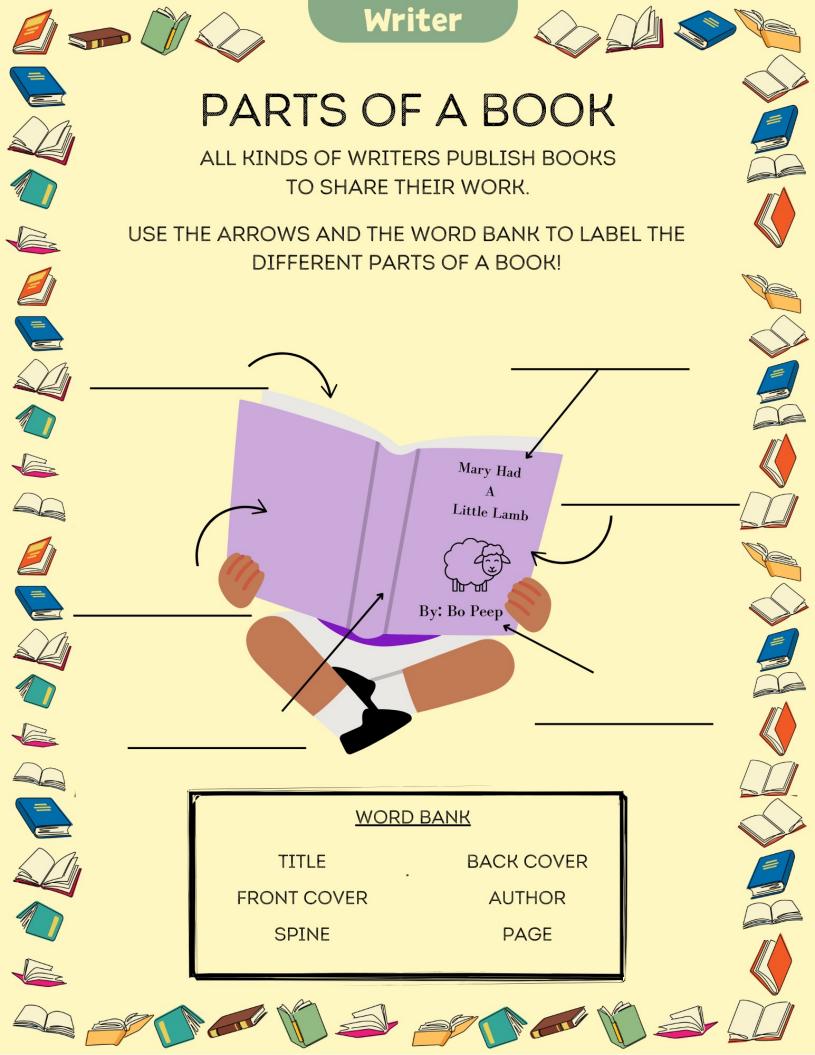


Answer the questions below about the research you conducted on a separate piece of paper.

- 1. What item did you choose to research?
- 2. Is this item recyclable or not recyclable?
- 3. Cite the source you used to determine if the item is recyclable or not recyclable. Is this a credible source?
- 4. If this item is not recyclable, what is another use you can find for it?
- 5. Are there conditions to when this item can be recycled? (i.e. cleanliness of the item, where it can be recycled, etc.)

Bonus: Create an art project out of recycled materials!







Riddles of the Treeborhood

In the episode, "Riddles of the Treeborhood", Chanaa comes to visit the wombats and gives them the challenge of solving his three riddles.

Riddles are word puzzles that you typically need to think deeply about because the answer is not what you would expect.

See if you can solve these riddles, check your answers at the bottom!

1. I'm tall when I'm new and short when I'm old.
What am I?

2. You can hold me in your hand and I can speak without saying anything.

What am I?

3. It's the only place in the world where today comes before yesterday.

Where is it?





J. A candle 2. A pencil 5. A dictionary









Zookeepers take care of a wide variety of animals.

Answer the questions by guessing the animal and check your answers below!

- 1. I am the tallest land mammal. I have a long neck and tongue to pluck leaves off trees.
 Who am I?
- 2. I am a mammal with gray fur, round ears, and a short black nose. I live in trees, and only can be found in Australia.

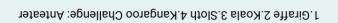
 What am I?
- 3. I am a very lazy mammal and spend my entire life in trees, using my long claws to hang upside down. I live in the tropical rain forests of Central and South America.
 What am I?
 - 4. I am a mammal with long pointed ears, short front legs, and big powerful back legs. I use my large tail to balance when I am hopping. I live in Australia and New Guinea.

 What am I?

Challenge: I am an animal named after the insect that I eat.
What am I?

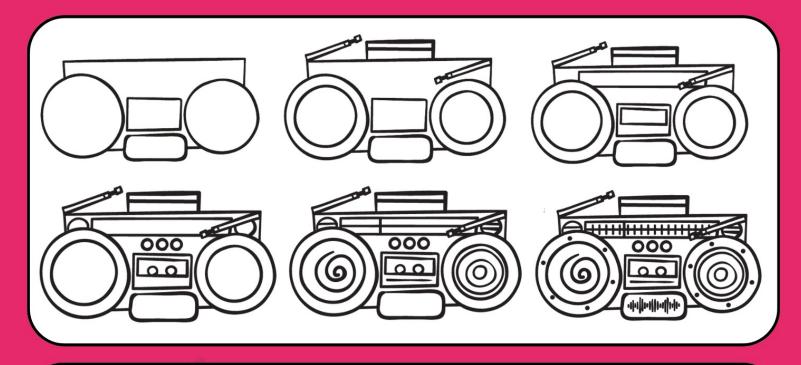






LET'S DRAW A BOOM BOX!

FOLLOW THE STEPS AND THEN ADD YOUR OWN CREATIVE DETAILS







Have you listened to PBS KIDS podcasts? Enjoy engaging stories, fun adventures, and learning on the go—for the whole family!







Work It Out Wombats! Podcast

Join Malik, Zadie, and Zeke as they use teamwork and problem-solving to figure out everyday challenges in their Treeborhood. Perfect for preschoolers learning to think like little engineers!

Jamming on the Job Podcast

Host Christina Sanabria and musician Andrés Salguero explore cool careers through catchy tunes, field trips, and interviews. Designed to inspire curiosity and creativity about the world of work!





Keyshawn Solves It

A fun mystery series featuring 10-year-old Keyshawn who cracks neighborhood cases using clever thinking and community teamwork. Great for older kids who love puzzles and adventure.

Odd Squad: Odd Squadcast!

Olive and Otto go behind the badge to uncover the oddest stories from the Odd Squad files. A zany, math-powered mission for curious listeners!





Molly of Denali Podcast

Travel with Molly, an Alaska Native girl, as she shares stories about culture, friendship, and exploring the outdoors. Encourages empathy and an appreciation for community traditions.

The Arthur Podcast

Everyone's favorite aardvark is back with brand-new audio stories! Relive classic Arthur moments and learn life lessons through his everyday adventures.





Pinkalicious & Peterrific Podcast

Bursting with color, creativity, and imagination, this podcast lets kids create their own pinktastic stories alongside Pinkalicious and Peter!

Listen Free on:

What's new on PBS KIDS?

Summer 2025







NEW Lyla in the Loop

Throughout May, celebrate brandnew episodes from "Lyla in the Loop", as well as a new game and the premiere of a new podcast series.



Acoustic Rooster

Join Rooster and his barnyard friends as they learn about friendship, fun, and jazz! Check out the 1-hour special and a series of 3-minute shorts that highlight preschool-friendly adventures and original jazz music!



Weather Hunters

Coming in July, Weather Hunters is a new animated STEM series for viewers ages 5-8 from Al Roker Entertainment (ARE). The new show is designed to support kids' learning about Earth science and meteorology through adventure and comedy!

Don't miss the live screening events @ WFSU

Adults: Never miss a WFSU event again! Follow us on Instagram or Facebook @WFSUeducation, or sign up for our monthly newsletter!







WFSU Summer Challenge: Family Engagement Camps

Friday, June 13

Dr. B.L. Perry, Jr. Branch Library

Saturday, June 14

Leon County Main Library

Friday, June 27

Dr. B.L. Perry, Jr. Branch Library

Saturday, June 28

Northeast Branch Library

Friday, July 11

Woodville Branch Library

Saturday, July 12

Lake Jackson Branch Library

Friday, July 25

Fort Braden Branch Library

Saturday, July 26

Eastside Branch Library

Camps run from 10 AM to 12 PM. Playful learning will include hands-on activities, reading, and media from PBS KIDS. Content changes weekly.





