

Kids Korner



Getting ready for the Pennsylvania Farm Show are Rachel Day, New Holland, and Travis Donough, Manheim. Rachel shows the champion non-sale lamb and Travis the reserve at the Ephrata Fair. The Farm Show opens Saturday for visitors and is open through Jan. 15. Check Farm Show schedules included in this section for fun things for kids.



Donna Grover sent in this picture of her daughters, Regina and Rebecca, riding in style.

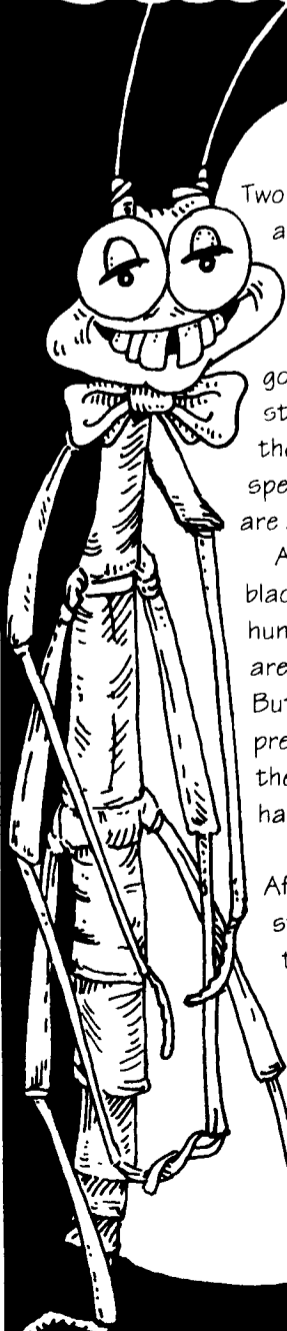
Draw Yourself

Find some paper large enough for you to lie down on. A wide roll of shelf paper or brown craft paper works well. Ask a parent or older brother or sister to trace your outline with a heavy black marker or crayon.

Draw your face, hair, and clothing on the paper portrait of yourself.

Smart Stuff

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Rhonda Nichols from McIntosh, Ala., wants to know
Why do zebras have stripes?

Two reasons: to tell each other apart and to confuse animals that want to eat them!

There are three different kinds of zebras. Each type has a specific kind of shape and behavior — and stripe pattern. One kind has wide stripes that go up and down, another has a lot of skinny vertical strips, and the third has stripes that swirl together by the back legs in a specific pattern. But even within a species of zebras, no two are exactly alike. Their stripes are as unique to them as your fingerprints are to you.

And the part about confusing predators? Well, the black and white patterns don't help zebras hide from hungry animals. In fact, wildlife specialists say zebras are easy to see on the African plains where they run. But the uneven spacings of the stripes can make it pretty hard to tell the zebra's shape, especially when they're running together in a big herd. That makes it harder for a starving lion to pick one to attack.

Next time you are at a zoo — or if you ever visit the African plains — look closely at two zebras standing close together. It's almost impossible to tell where one zebra stops and the other begins!

Scientifically yours, Twig



Pointers For Parents

Help Kids Battle Winter Creativity Blues

(NAPS)—Despite the pleasures of holiday festivities, family get-togethers and cold-weather fun, many children experience the indoor wintertime blues. Often brought on by time-consuming school projects, increased indoor activity and gray, cloudy days, these glum moods call for a creative outlet to unleash kids' imaginations during the winter season.

With a little help from parents, kids will realize that school and holiday projects can be a fun and easy part of at-home activity.

"Many kids don't realize that their home computer, favorite printing software and ink jet printer can serve as their own personal print shop and as a source for at-home fun," said Joe Nezwik, director of marketing for the Avery Kids™ group at Avery Dennison. Research conducted by Avery Dennison indicates that kids like to watch their designs come to life, from the computer screen through the printer and onto tangible stickers and cards they can play with for hours.

Whether adding flair to school assignments with personalized stickers or creating customized holiday cards and invitations, kids can use their imagination, along with the help of Avery Kids™ products, to battle the boredom. Kids can also access a variety of different kid-friendly web sites such as Avery Kids web site at www.avery.com/kids where they can down-



load clip art "stamps" and exchange project ideas with other kids.

Kids can experience "printer magic" both on and off the computer by incorporating their printing projects into the world of their imaginations. Playing teacher with A+ stickers and imaginary lessons, creating business cards for the "new club on the block" or designing laminated ID cards for soccer games and backpack name tags is easy and fun in the kids' print shop. Parents can also feel reassured that computer time often leads to interactive and imaginative playtime with friends.

Using products such as the Avery Kids Printertainment™ Software Kit and Supplies Packs or Mickey's Stickers & Stuff Printing Fun Kit, kids can use their personalized stickers and cards for a variety of projects for school and home.

Here are a few examples of printer fun. Kids can:

- Use customized stickers to highlight and illustrate the

important facts of science projects, geography reports or president's biographies—from T. Rex's toes, to Colorado's capital, to President Kennedy's Camelot.

- Create eye-catching reports by designing personalized covers.

- Import photos to create personalized cards and invitations for teachers and classmates.

- Stake your turf by decorating bedroom doors and school lockers with attention-grabbing signs.

- Add magic to sporting events by printing each team member their own laminated ID card.

When shopping for the best materials for their children's print shop, parents should look for:

- high quality printer supplies that best highlight their children's work;
- products that won't damage the family printer,
- easy-to-use importing and photo capabilities; and
- added features such as re-stickable stickers that can continually be removed and "re-stuck" without damage to the sticker or to the objects on which they are stuck.

So next time the kids complain about the winter blues, unleash their imagination and let them create fun holiday and school projects. Their personalized stickers and cards will be sure to entertain them for hours and their extra creativity just might boost their grades.