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# Salvador & Sonia Squirrel

To be money smart, you need to know the importance of saving for later.

Salvador the Squirrel was born in the winter.



He left the nest in spring and found lots of food. He ate all of his favorites: tender shoots, new leaves, mushrooms and bugs!



In the fall he was flipping for joy! There were nuts everywhere — acorns, walnuts and hazelnuts were his favorites! He just ate and played. And played and ate.



Salvador's big sister, Sonia, didn't play as much anymore. She was busy saving nuts and acorns to eat in the winter, when food would be hard to find.



Then the weather started to turn cold and snow began to fall. The nuts on the trees and ground were nearly all gone. They had been gathered and saved by the other squirrels.



Now Salvador was really worried about the long winter ahead!



Salvador thought Sonia was b-o-r-i-n-g!



Salvador would go out to play, but when he got hungry it was very hard to find anything to eat.



What should Salvador have done differently?

Extra! Extra!

## Growing, Growing, GROWING

“From tiny acorns, mighty oaks grow,” is a popular saying that means even small things can be great and big one day.

Look at each number in the chart below. Then look through the newspaper to show the next number in sequence when counting by 3's. The first row has been done for you.

|    |   |   |    |    |
|----|---|---|----|----|
| 3  | 6 | 9 | 12 | 15 |
| 4  |   |   |    |    |
| 8  |   |   |    |    |
| 17 |   |   |    |    |

Standards Link: Math: Addition.

## Saving Plan

Like squirrels, people also need to save to help with future needs. They also need to save to be able to buy things they don't have the money for in the present.

Is there something you would like to buy, but you don't have enough money? Make a plan to see if you can save enough to buy this at some time in the future!

Write down what you want to buy and the amount of money you need.

MY SAVING PLAN

I need \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to buy \_\_\_\_\_.

Money I have saved: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Weekly allowance I can save: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Weekly work/chores income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AFTER ONE WEEK: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

After one week, how much more money do you need to reach your goal? Repeat this plan each week until you have the money you need.

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

Match each cap to the acorn with the math problem it answers.

20

14

3 + 2

17

8 + 9

13 + 13

8

26

5

12 - 4

19 - 5

16 + 4

## Double Double Word Search

FAVORITES  
SQUIRREL  
FLIPPING  
SAVING  
WINTER  
SISTER  
FRUITS  
LEAVES  
HUNGRY  
MONEY  
COLD  
FALL  
NEST  
EAT

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | S | G | N | I | P | P | I | L | F |
| L | E | S | R | E | T | S | I | S | A |
| M | V | S | A | A | S | L | Q | T | V |
| O | A | V | A | V | T | U | D | S | O |
| N | E | M | O | W | I | N | T | E | R |
| D | L | O | C | R | U | N | A | N | I |
| S | R | N | R | S | R | T | G | Q | T |
| U | I | E | R | R | F | A | L | L | E |
| E | L | Y | R | G | N | U | H | L | S |

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

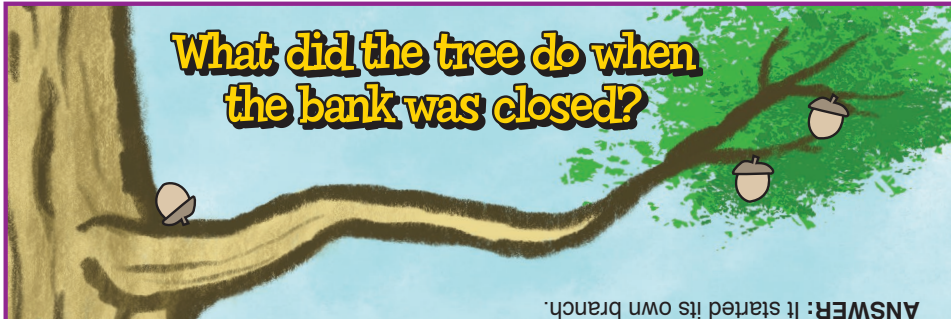
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### Squirrel Habitat Ad

Look at a house for sale or rent ads in the newspaper. Rewrite an ad as if you were selling or renting a home for a squirrel. Be sure to include how the “home” meets a squirrel's wants and needs.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

## What did the tree do when the bank was closed?



ANSWER: It started its own branch.

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