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THINK GREEN! Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Although it began in Ireland, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated in countries around the world. People with Irish heritage remind themselves of the beautiful green countryside of Ireland by wearing green and taking part in the festivities.

Standards Link: Social Science: Students compare the beliefs, customs, traditions and social practices of various cultures.

Shamrocks!
In Ireland, clover leaves are also called **shamrocks**. Fields of clover or shamrocks are part of what make Ireland's countryside so green.

Most shamrocks have three leaves. But sometimes one grows with four leaves. This is called a lucky four-leaf clover. Can you find one on this page?

Standards Link: Classification: Visual Discrimination.

Shamrock Shoe Search

The leprechaun Seamus O'Scoop has hidden 10 shoes in these shamrocks. Can you find them all?

How Big Are Leprechauns?

Can you read three shoe-lengths of news? Put your shoes end to end to measure three shoe lengths. Mark the length on a piece of paper. Now read a news story in today's newspaper. Using your measure, find the length of your news story. Did you read the length of a leprechaun?

Standards Link: Math: Measure the length of given objects.

Wee folk are we. At most we grow to the length of your shoes times three!

What Comes Next?

Look for a pattern in each row. Draw the picture that comes next in the box at the end of each row.

Standards Link: Math: Students identify and extend simple patterns.

How Did Leprechauns Get Their Gold?

Stories from Ireland tell about magical little people called **leprechauns** who make shoes for fairies. Fairies wear out their shoes quickly because they dance all night. Leprechauns sell a lot of shoes to fairies and the fairies always pay in gold. This is what the stories say. What do you think?

Can you find the leprechaun twins? Careful—they're tricky!

Standards Link: Social Science: Students compare beliefs of various cultures drawing from folklore.

The leprechaun's shoe shelf has toppled. Can you match the pairs of fairy shoes?

Extra! Extra! Abbreviations
"St." is an abbreviation for the word Saint. Clip six examples of abbreviations from the newspaper. Write the whole word for each abbreviation.

Standards Link: Writing Conventions: Identify and correctly use abbreviations.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Color each shape with a shamrock green. What is hidden in this box?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Students follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

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

SHAMROCK
IRISH
HERITAGE
GREEN
FAIRIES
SHOES
SAINT
CLOVER
GOLD
MAGICAL
LUCKY
FOUR
LEAF
PATRICKS
DAY

H A L A C I G A M Y
S P P H Y S N S A K
K I N T S L E D C C
C R S Y E I E O A U
I E G A T I R E H L
R V F D I M G I T S
T O R I A N F O U R
A L C H I K T S L D
P C S E I R I A F D

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Lucky Shamrock Adjectives

Clip five words from the newspaper to describe St. Patrick's Day. Paste the words on a green shamrock. Write a sentence using each adjective. Select your favorite sentence and use it as the main idea for a paragraph.

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify and use adjectives correctly in writing.

How many shamrocks can a leprechaun eat on an empty stomach?

ANSWER: One. After eating one shamrock, his stomach is no longer empty.

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