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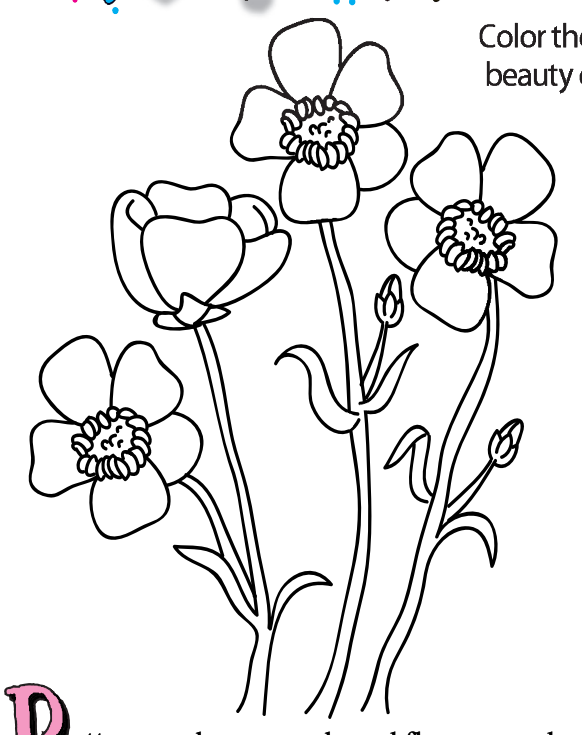
April showers bring... WILDFLOWERS

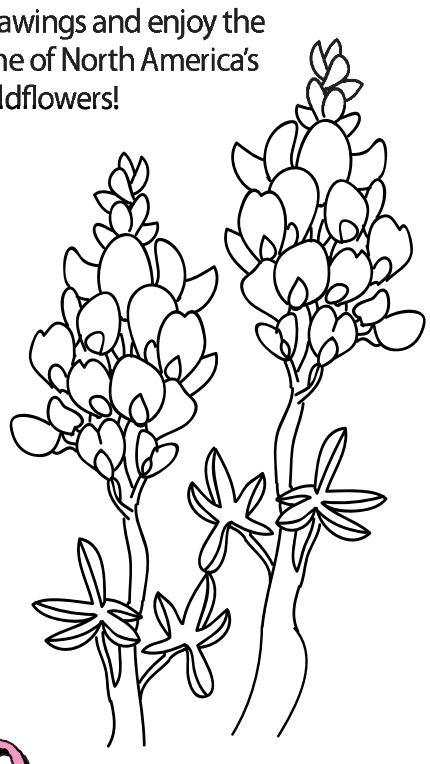
Take a walk outside and look around! Chances are you will see flowers starting to bloom. May is a month to celebrate the colorful display of flowers in our community. Even pesky weeds bloom this time of year!

Color these drawings and enjoy the beauty of some of North America's wildflowers!



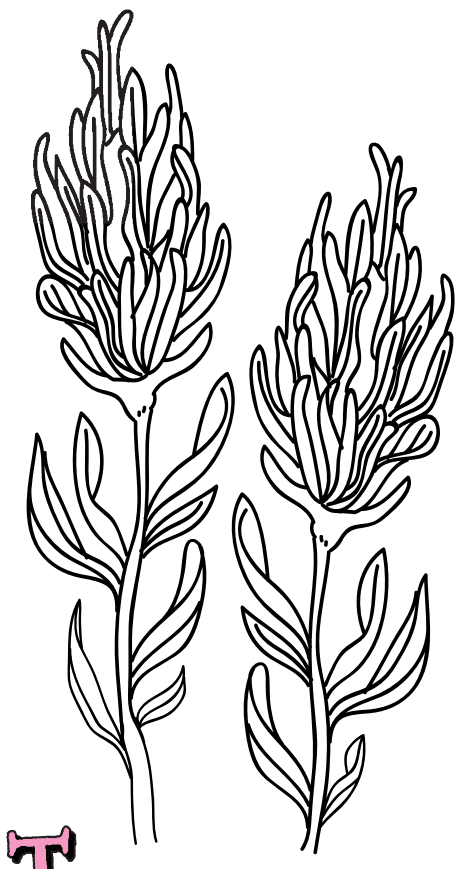
Buttercups have cup-shaped flowers made up of five petals. People used to believe that the rich yellow color of butter originated from a high content of buttercups in the cows' diet. This belief is false. Cows avoid buttercups because they are poisonous!

FLOWER: **YELLOW**
STEM AND LEAVES: **GREEN**



Bluebonnets are the Texas state flower. Some grow to be three feet high! The bluebonnet comes from the legume (bean) family.

FLOWER: **PURPLE/DARK BLUE**
STEM AND LEAVES: **GRAY-GREEN**



The Indian Paint Brush is Wyoming's state flower. It has been used to make dyes. The main pollinators of this wildflower are hummingbirds.

FLOWER: **RED-ORANGE**
STEM AND LEAVES: **GREEN**

Look closely: Can you find the two identical bouquets of flowers?

Poppies are the California state flower. They can be found blooming throughout the state in spring.

FLOWER: **ORANGE**
STEM AND LEAVES: **GREEN**

Extra! Extra! Circle It!

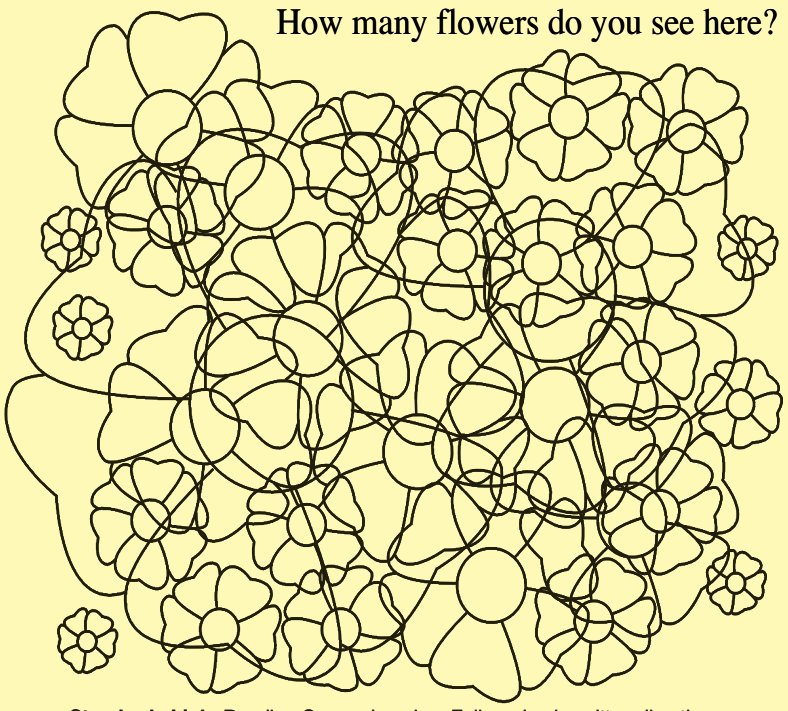
On one page of the newspaper, find and circle the letters that spell each of the flowers on this page. Connect the circled letters to spell each word.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow simple written directions.

ANSWER: Bouquets E and K are the same.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

How many flowers do you see here?



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

BLUEBONNET
BUTTERCUP
LEGUME
INDIAN
FAMILY
TEXAS
BLOOM
BRUSH
SEEDS
AVOID
PODS
DYES
STEM
COWS
RICH

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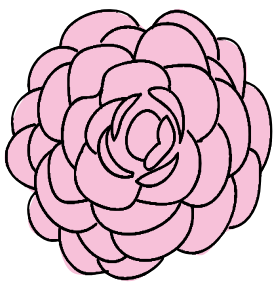
S	M	C	H	U	S	W	O	C	H
O	U	F	A	M	I	L	Y	V	W
P	O	D	S	E	E	D	S	S	A

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

Kid Scoop Together: State Flower Scramble

Which flower belongs to which state? Unscramble the letters underneath each flower to find out!

camellia



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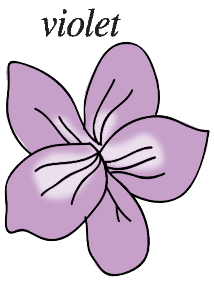
violet



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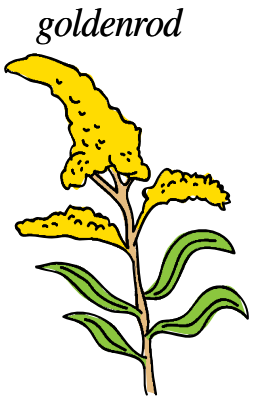
goldenrod



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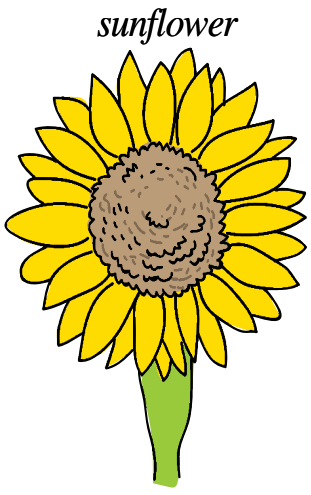
sunflower



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Answers can be found at *www.kidscoop.com*

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word:
ORIGINATE
The verb **originate** means to bring into being.

The annual holiday custom **originated** in ancient times.

Try to use the word **originate** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

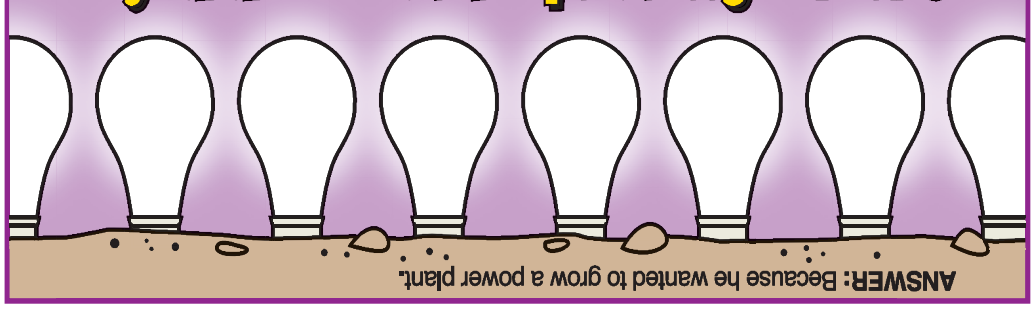
FROM THE Kid Scoop® LESSON LIBRARY

What's missing?

Show a friend pictures from the newspaper with a piece of the picture missing. Then have them ask questions that can only be answered "YES" or "NO" to determine what is missing.

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

Why did the farmer plant light bulbs?



ANSWER: Because he wanted to grow a power plant.

Write On!

Remembering the School Year

What will you remember about this school year? Write a paragraph about it. Share your writing with your classmates.