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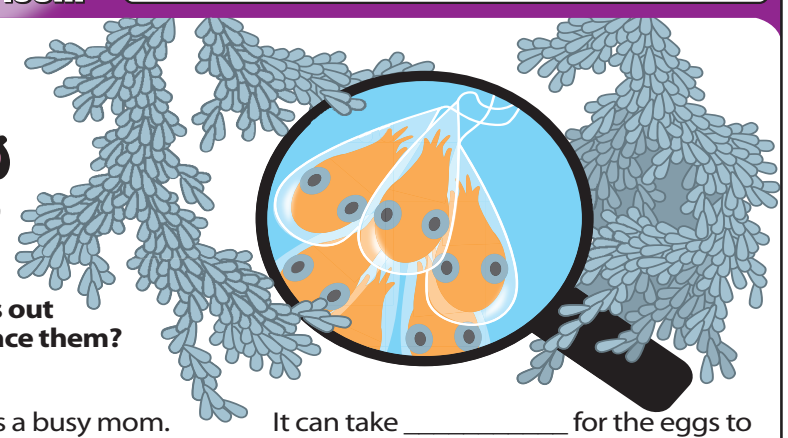
MOTHER'S DAY 2016

Animal Moms



Whoops! The octopus grabbed some of the words out of this article. Can you replace them?

An octopus mom is a busy mom. She lays from 50,000 _____ to as many as 200,000 eggs!

She carefully _____ her eggs and stitches them together in long _____. She then attaches them to the roof of a cave. This is her nursery.

It can take _____ for the eggs to hatch. The mother octopus stays with her eggs the entire time. She protects the eggs from _____. She waves her tentacles gently over the eggs. The moving water keeps them clean and _____ them with plenty of oxygen.

But watching the eggs means she can't go _____ to feed herself. Sadly, after the eggs hatch and she releases them into the ocean, she dies.

GATHERS HUNTING MONTHS STRANDS PREDATORS EGGS PROVIDES

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals adapt in different ways in order to survive.

Donkey Devotion

Donkey mothers may be the most devoted of all. They will not let any other animal come between them and their babies. Even if a curious little kitten comes close, a donkey mom will chase it away.

Strange Reflection

Find the differences between the mother donkey and its foal and their reflection in the pond.

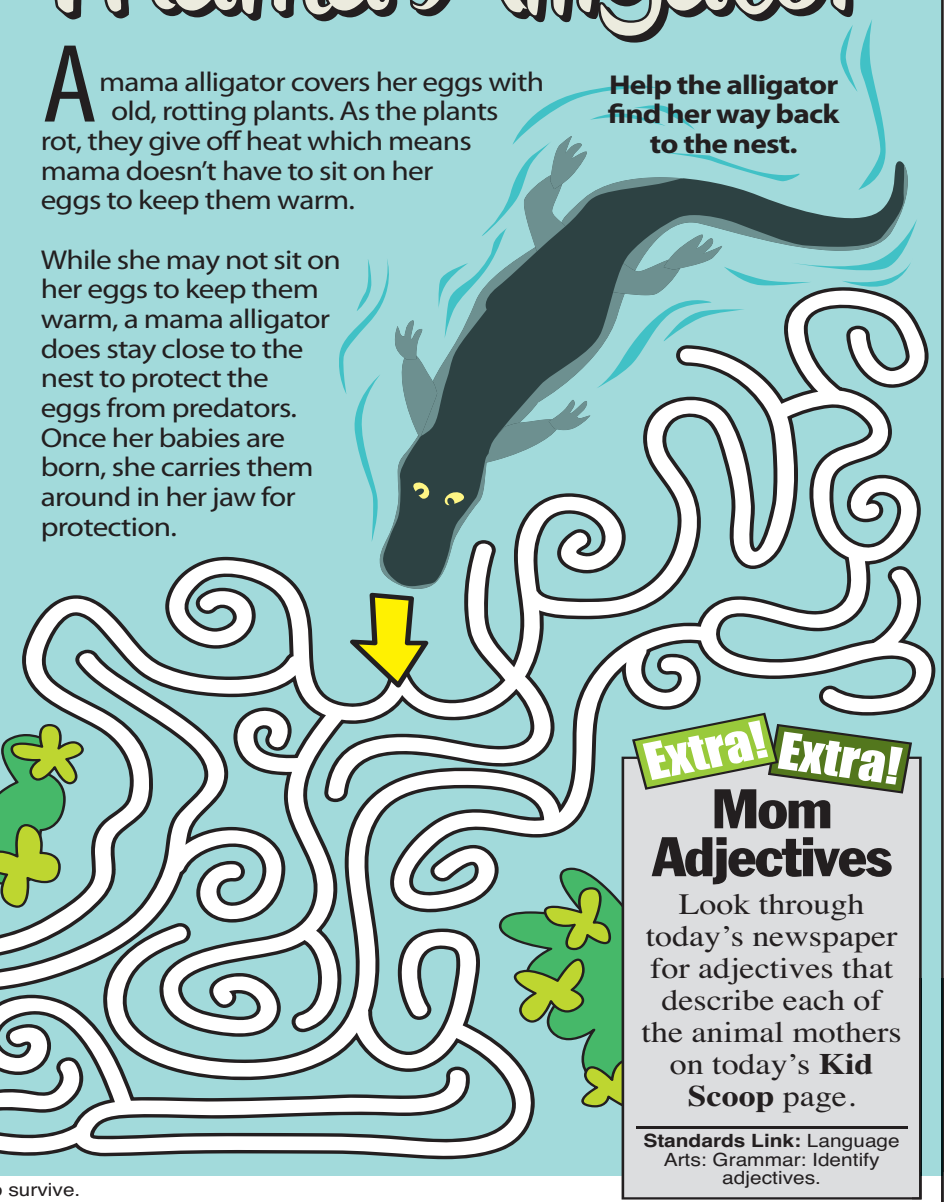
Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Finding similarities and differences in common objects.

Mama Alligator

A mama alligator covers her eggs with old, rotting plants. As the plants rot, they give off heat which means mama doesn't have to sit on her eggs to keep them warm.

While she may not sit on her eggs to keep them warm, a mama alligator does stay close to the nest to protect the eggs from predators. Once her babies are born, she carries them around in her jaw for protection.

Help the alligator find her way back to the nest.



Standards Link: Life Science: Animals adapt in different ways in order to survive.

Extra! Extra! Mom Adjectives

Look through today's newspaper for adjectives that describe each of the animal mothers on today's **Kid Scoop** page.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Grammar: Identify adjectives.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

The mother Surinam toad cares for her eggs in one of the strangest ways. As the mother toad lays eggs, the male toad presses them one by one into the soft skin on the mother's back. After a while, each egg sinks into a little pocket that forms on the mother's back. Then a covering of skin grows over the pocket. The baby toads hatch and develop in these little pockets. A few weeks later, the mother rubs her back and the little toads swim free.

What did the mother Surinam toad say to her kids? Unscramble the answer:

"ETG FOF YM AKBC!"

G _ _ _ F _ _ _ _ C _ _

Double Double Word Search

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

ALLIGATOR
PREDATORS
OCTOPUS
SURINAM
CURIOUS
DONKEY
MOTHER
HATCH
WAVES
TOAD
BABY
BORN
CAVE
NEST
SWIM

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

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

Proof It!

Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Read the article below and circle the six errors you find. Then rewrite the article correctly on the lines below the article.

Spider Mom

The wolf spidur is a caring mom. While most spiders wrap their eggs in a silken pouch and leaf them behind, this mom carries her egg sac on her back. She carry it everywhere she goes. If it fall off, the wolf spider mom puts it back on. And once her eggs hatch, she takes care of the little crawlers and let's them ride on her back until they are reddy for life on their own.

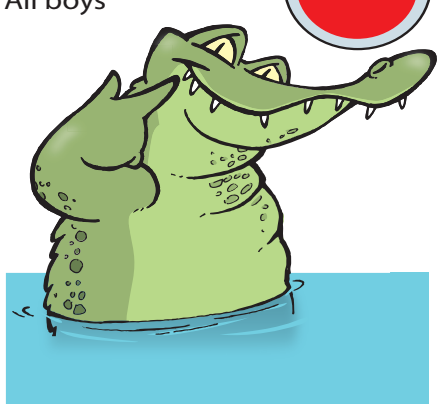
Gator Girls or Gator Boys?

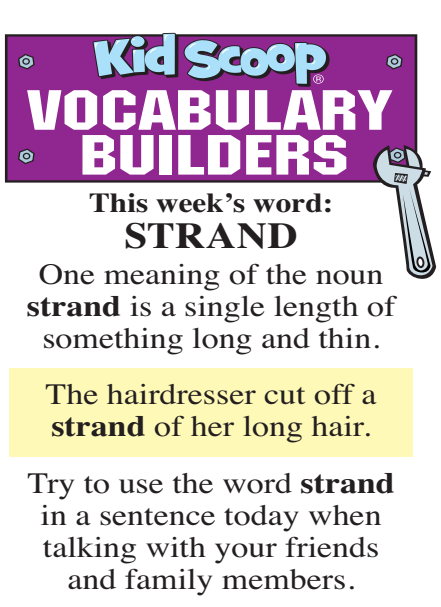
The temperature of an alligator's nest determines if a baby alligator will hatch as a girl or a boy.

Less than 86°F:
All girls

86°F - 89°F:
Both boys and girls

More than 90°F:
All boys





Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word:
STRAND

One meaning of the noun **strand** is a single length of something long and thin.

The hairdresser cut off a **strand** of her long hair.

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

"Mom, You're Fired!"

Imagine you could fire your mom. Look through the newspaper to find all of the different people and companies you would need to hire to replace your mother. How much would it cost for one week? One year?

Standards Link: Math: Estimation.

Write On!

A Woman I Admire

Write about a woman you admire. Include three or more reasons why you selected this woman.

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