

Kid Scoop

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Fun Days in May!

Check out some of these unusual holidays that you can celebrate in May.

MAY 7 National Lost Sock Day

You throw your dirty socks in the hamper. (You do, don't you?) But after washing, not every sock is found! Where do they go? It's one of life's great mysteries. While thinking about the fate of those lost socks, look below to find each sock's match. Can you find the one sock that has no match?



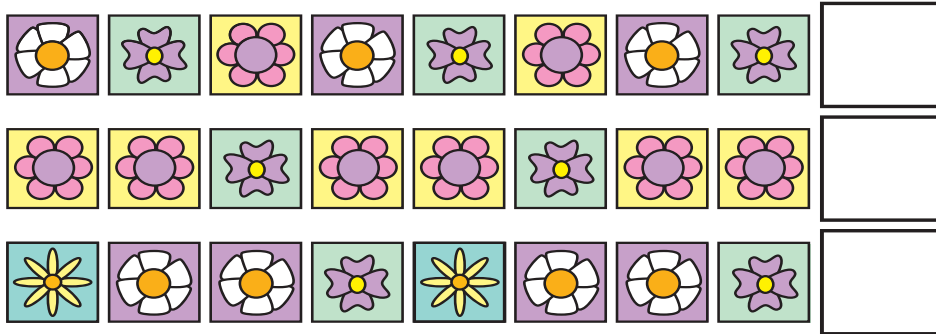
MAY 14 Dance Like a Chicken Day

Fold your arms like wings, play your favorite music and dance like a funky chicken! Sure, it's silly. But it's really good eggs-ercise! With some friends, try to stand in these crazy chicken dance poses for 30 seconds without getting the giggles.



MAY 30 National Water a Flower Day

Go on a hike with your family. Bring along some extra water and give it to a wildflower you find along the way. Draw the flower that should come next to complete the pattern in each row.



Standards Link: Math/Probability: Identify and extend simple patterns.

MAY 10 Clean Your Room Day

If your room has gotten out of control, spend this May 10 cleaning up your messy room. But first, help Chloe find the following things in this big pile of stuff from her room:

- 1 hairbrush
- 2 sneakers
- 3 pencils
- 6 books
- 6 baseballs
- 2 cups
- 4 paint brushes
- 2 Teddy bears
- 3 basketballs
- 8 crayons
- 2 dominoes
- 3 pans



MAY 18 National Pizza Party Day

Gather friends and family and order some pizzas. Or, make your own! Find your way through this maze to grab your slice of yummy pizza.



Extra! Extra!

May is National Hamburger Month!

Survey 15 friends to find out what topping they prefer on a hamburger. Create a graph to show the results.

Standards Link: Math/Data Analysis: Display results using a graph.

Kid Scoop Together: Missing Words

Some of the words are missing in this article. Work with a family member to decide where each word belongs.



MAY 5 Cinco de Mayo



On the fifth of May, people from Mexico and Mexican-Americans celebrate a _____ called **Cinco de Mayo**. Cinco de Mayo is how you say *fifth of May* in _____.

On May 5, 1862, in the _____ of Puebla, Mexico, a tired, poor and small Mexican army defeated the large, well-armed forces from France.

Mexicans did not want to be _____ by the French; they wanted to rule themselves. The French eventually left Mexico and each year, people of Mexican heritage _____ the historic battle at Puebla with food, games, music and dancing.

Cinco de Mayo became very _____ in the 1980s, and has been so ever since. It's a fun-filled _____ or, as they say in Spanish, a **fiesta!**

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: APPRECIATION

The noun **appreciation** means knowing the value or worth of someone or something.

John showed a great **appreciation** for the hard work of his baseball coach.

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

Kid Scoop Puzzler

MAY 5 Free Comic Book Day

Most comic book shops offer customers a free comic book the first Saturday in May. Visit your local comic book store and be sure to say a mighty, "Thank you!"

How many differences can you find between these two comics?



Kid Scoop Word Search

- CHICKEN
- UNUSUAL
- PIZZA
- FATE
- FLOWER
- SILLY
- COMIC
- SOCK
- HIKE
- MESSY
- WATER
- MAY
- DANCE
- ROW
- FUN

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.



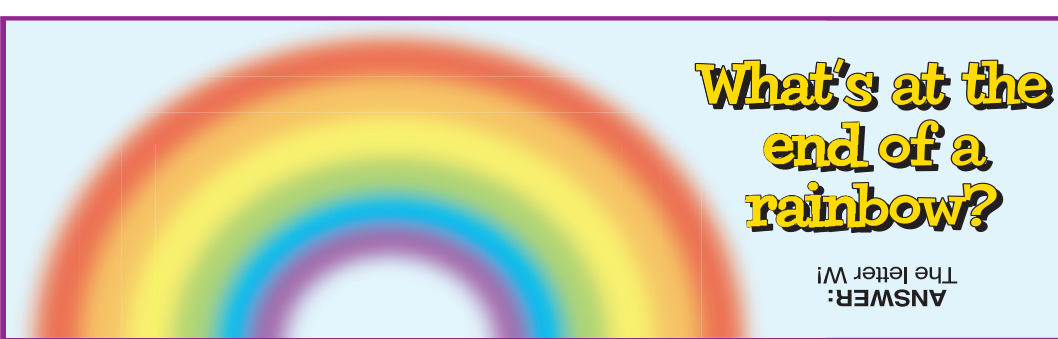
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

May is Teacher Appreciation Month

Design a newspaper ad telling your teacher how much you appreciate him or her. Look at some ads in your newspaper for ideas.

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



Write On! Animal Riddle

Write a "Who am I?" riddle with three or more clues about an animal. Write the answer on the back of the riddle. Can your friends guess the animal?

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