

A2 The Spottville Bugle

Fortune Shines on Freckled Faces

SPOTTVILLE, USA – The Spottville school board passed a new rule last night giving Spottville children with freckles more privileges than children without freckles.



Student Myron Fleming feels the new rule is "long overdue."

Freckled children will always sit at the front of the classroom and be first in line. They will get to use new pencils and the finest white paper. Children without freckles will have to sit at the back of the room or on the floor. Grocery bags will be used as paper for their assignments.

Many non-freckled children find the Freckle Rule unfair. "This rule stinks!" cried Alison Smythe, age 11. "I can't help it that I don't have freckles. Why can't I eat in the same cafeteria as my friends with freckles?"

Many children with freckles also disagree with the new Freckle Rule. "I plan to fight against this dumb idea," said Dottie Darling, a student at Spottville Elementary School. "Dr. Martin Luther King's message is that discrimination is always wrong, and this new rule is discrimination."

"Disgruntled nonsense," said school board president Spotz McDotter. "The rule is fair to the people that really matter most – people with freckles."

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Could this be true?

What if this news story were true? Are the schools in Spottville treating all children equally?

Dottie Darling Disagrees

Dottie and lots of kids from her school are speaking out against the Freckle Rule. Use the code to see what their signs say.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.

This story may seem a bit silly. Sadly, there is some truth to it. For many years, groups of people in the United States were treated differently just because of the way they looked.

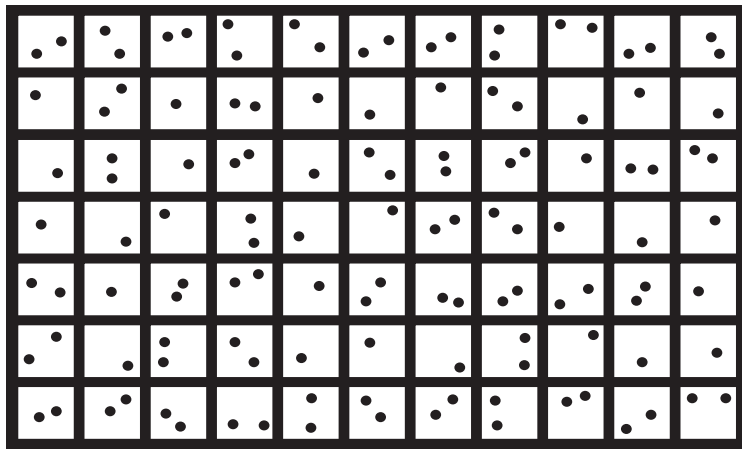
Dr. King's Dream of Equality

Dr. Martin Luther King knew what it was like to be discriminated against. He had been called names and told he could not do all of things other people could do. It wasn't because of freckles that Dr. King had these problems. It was because his skin was black.

In the 1950s and 60s, many Americans, black and white, spoke out and even fought against unfair laws that discriminated against black people. Dr. King was one of the leaders of this struggle called the Civil Rights movement.

Standards Link: History: Students understand the importance of individual action and character.

Did Dottie and her friends get rid of the Freckle Rule? To find out, color the spaces with two dots RED and the squares with one dot BLUE.



Standards Link: Follow simple directions.

Extra! Extra!

Spirit of Freedom

Look through the newspaper for pictures and stories that show the freedoms Americans enjoy. Cut these out and make a poster called: "The Spirit of Freedom – The Spirit of America!"

Standards Link: History: Students understand the rights of citizenship.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE

Make your celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day "a day on, not a day off." This year, thousands of people will do just that by volunteering.

Missing Words

Use the words in the word list to complete this news article.

100 Hours of Service

Longmont, Colo. – Julie Kraus, a _____ at Longmont High

School, is working to _____

a few of her own volunteer hours

into 10,000 _____ of

community service.

Kraus _____ a club with

100 students at her school who

each _____ to volunteer

100 hours by the _____ of the

school year. When 100 students

volunteer 100 hours, that

_____ 10,000 hours of

community _____.

HOURS	END
TOTALS	SERVICE
TURN	AGREED
STUDENT	FORMED

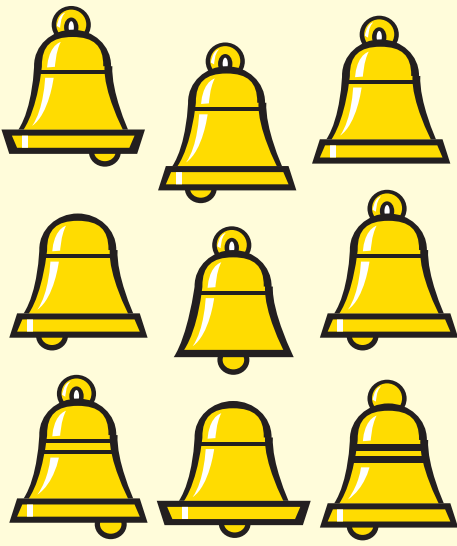
Standards Link: Civics: Understand the importance of volunteering as a characteristic of American society.

Kid Scoop-doku

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word DONATE in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

D	E			A
O			A	
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T	N			
E	A			D

Kid Scoop Puzzler



Find the two bells that are exactly the same.

Standards Link: Visual discrimination: Follow written directions.

Let Freedom Ring

After years of struggle, the Civil Rights Act made discrimination against the law. However, Dr. King knew it would take more than a law to change people's hearts and minds. He continued to teach people that discrimination was unfair.

Each year on his birthday, Americans remember this man who believed the dream of equality and freedom should ring true for all.

Double Double Word Search

- EQUALITY
- FORTUNE
- SIGNS
- FREEDOM
- MARTIN
- LUTHER
- KING
- DREAM
- TEACH
- STRUGGLE
- SPOTS
- SKIN
- RULE
- SAME
- LAW

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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

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

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: VOLUNTEER

The verb to volunteer means to work or help someone for no pay.

The fourth grade students volunteer to read to the kindergarten students.

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

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Is the Dream Alive?

Has Martin Luther King's dream come true? Look through the newspaper for examples that show the dream is alive. Do you see examples that show that his dream still isn't alive for all people?

Standards Link: History/Social Science: Students recognize the forms of diversity in their school and community and the benefits and challenges of a diverse population.

Why do cows wear bells?



ANSWER: Because their horns don't work.

Write On! Leadership

What are the qualities of a good leader? Who do you know that is a good leader? Why do you think of that person?

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