

Kid Scoop

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Salvador & Sonia Squirrel

To be money smart, you need to know the importance of saving for later.



Salvador the Squirrel was born in the winter.



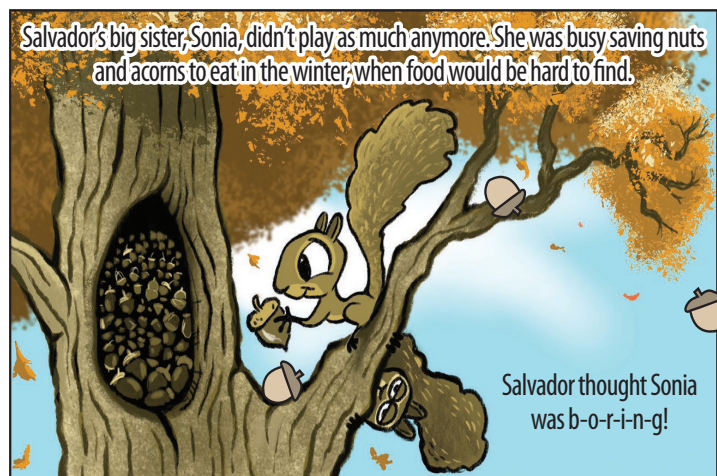
He left the nest in spring and found lots of food. He ate all of his favorites: tender shoots, new leaves, mushrooms and bugs!



In summer, he gobbled up fruit and berries day after day.



In the fall he was flipping for joy! There were nuts everywhere — acorns, walnuts and hazelnuts were his favorites! He just ate and played. And played and ate.



Salvador's big sister, Sonia, didn't play as much anymore. She was busy saving nuts and acorns to eat in the winter, when food would be hard to find.

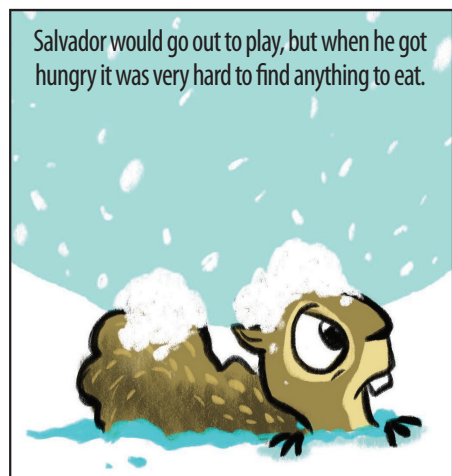
Salvador thought Sonia was b-o-r-i-n-g!



Then the weather started to turn cold and snow began to fall. The nuts on the trees and ground were nearly all gone. They had been gathered and saved by the other squirrels.

Now Salvador was really worried about the long winter ahead!

How many acorns on this page?



Salvador would go out to play, but when he got hungry it was very hard to find anything to eat.

What should Salvador have done differently?

Saving Plan

Like squirrels, people also need to save to help with future needs. They also need to save to be able to buy things they don't have the money for in the present.

Is there something you would like to buy, but you don't have enough money? Make a plan to see if you can save enough to buy this at some time in the future!

Write down what you want to buy and the amount of money you need.

MY SAVING PLAN

I need \$ _____ to buy _____.

Money I have saved: \$ _____

Weekly allowance I can save: \$ _____

Weekly work/chores income: \$ _____

TOTAL AFTER ONE WEEK: \$ _____

After one week, how much more money do you need to reach your goal? Repeat this plan each week until you have the money you need.

Extra! Extra! Growing, Growing, GROWING

"From tiny acorns, mighty oaks grow," is a popular saying that means even small things can be great and big one day.

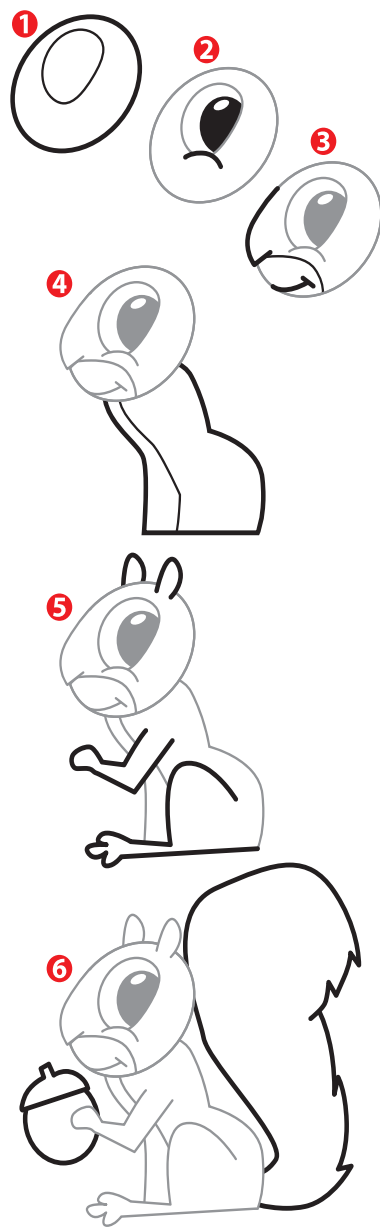
Look at each number in the chart below. Then look through the newspaper to show the next number in sequence when counting by 3's. The first row has been done for you.

3	6	9	12	15
4				
8				
17				

Standards Link: Math: Addition.

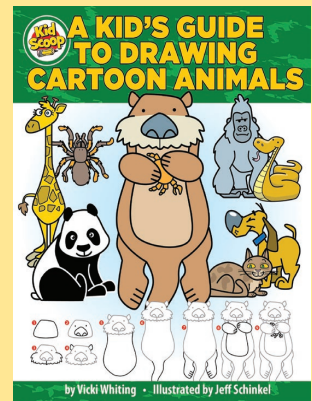
Let's Draw!

Follow these six easy steps to learn how to draw a squirrel.



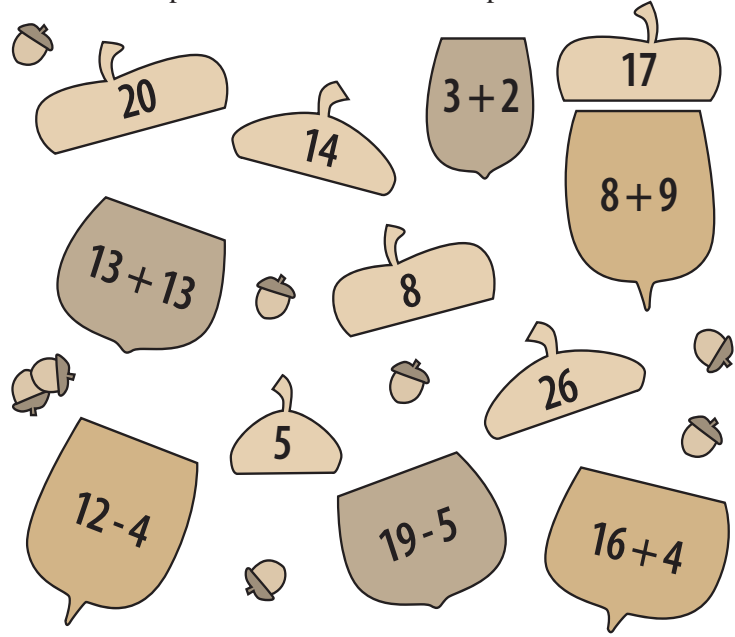
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Kid Scoop Puzzler

Match each cap to the acorn with the math problem it answers.



Double Double Word Search

- FAVORITES
- SQUIRREL
- FLIPPING
- SAVING
- WINTER
- SISTER
- FRUITS
- LEAVES
- HUNGRY
- MONEY
- COLD
- FALL
- NEST
- EAT

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

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

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

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **SAVE**

The verb **save** means to keep or store something for use in the future.

Jeremy plans to **save** his allowance for three weeks to buy a gift for his sister.

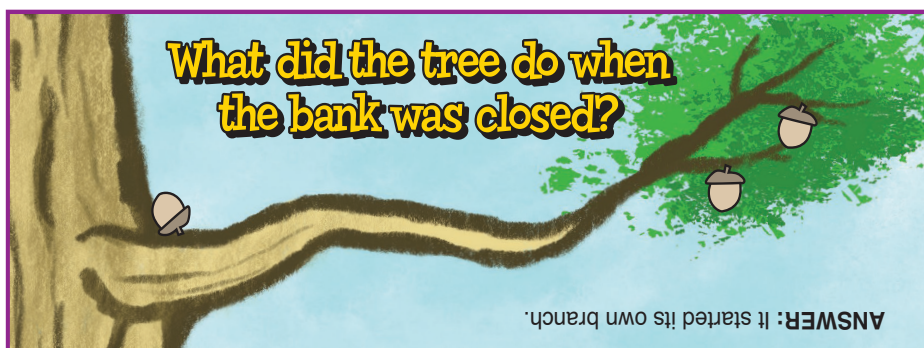
Try to use the word **save** in a sentence today when talking with friends and family.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Squirrel Habitat Ad

Look at a house for sale or rent ads in the newspaper. Rewrite an ad as if you were selling or renting a home for a squirrel. Be sure to include how the "home" meets a squirrel's wants and needs.

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



What did the tree do when the bank was closed?

ANSWER: It started its own branch.

Write On!

Money Tree

Imagine you found a money tree. What would it look like? How would you take care of it? How would you do with the money?

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