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The Season of Giving

As we approach the Season of Giving, Kid Scoop celebrates young people who make a difference all year long.



When Mackenzie Bearup was 14 years old, she had a disease that forced her to stay in bed. To keep her mind off her pain, she read a lot. And the books started to pile up.

Mackenzie learned about a home for abused children that wanted to start a library. She gathered up her books and asked her friends for book donations.

She gave the home enough books to fill their library. She reached out to other homeless shelters to see if they could use donated books. Today, she and her organization have collected over 55,000 books!

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Use the code to find out the name of Mackenzie's organization:



Speaking Up About Bullying Leads to Friendship and a Book

Jemalle Williams was 11 years old when he saw a classmate named Carter being made fun of by other students because he was chewing on his pencil a lot. At first, Jemalle thought he would just ignore the kids doing the bullying. But after a while, he thought, "I should do something."

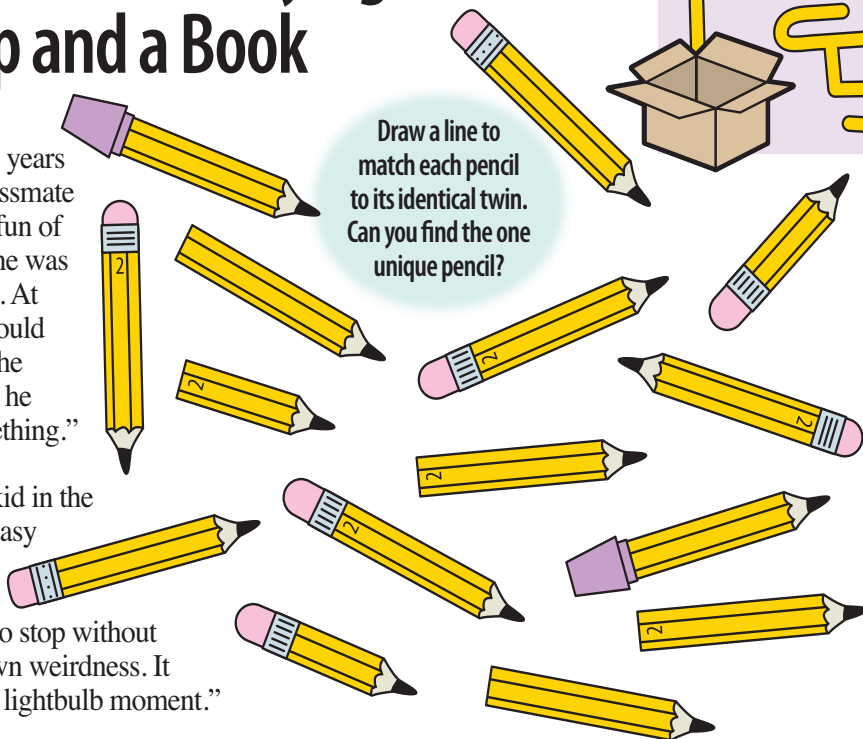
"He was like the smallest kid in the class which made him an easy target," said Jemalle. "I thought long and hard on what to do to get them to stop without drawing attention to my own weirdness. It finally came to me, I had a lightbulb moment."

What did he do? He started chewing on his own pencil.

Then the kids started making fun of him instead of Carter. Jemalle said, "It didn't really phase me because I knew I had done a good thing."

Carter appreciated Jemalle's help and the two of them became friends.

Draw a line to match each pencil to its identical twin. Can you find the one unique pencil?



Jemalle went on to write a book called *Different yet Alike* based on his experience. He illustrated the book himself and made copies to sell. He raised \$160 which he donated to his school to help with bullying education.

You can read Jemalle's book at the website differentyetalike.com

Donating Books and Helping the Planet at read.repeat.

When Chase Hartman was 10 and Vance Tomasi was 11, they started the organization called **read.repeat.** to get books in the hands of those who needed them.

"We learned that kids who own books do better in school," remembered Vance.

Since starting their organization, the boys have collected 110,000 books and distributed them to 200 locations in all 50 states.

Find the path from the book to the shipping box.



Extra! Extra! Words That Give

There are several words that mean something like the word to give.

Find the letters that spell each of these words on a page of the newspaper. Connect the letters to spell each word.

**GIVE
CHARITY
PHILANTHROPY
GRANT
CONTRIBUTE
DONATE
AWARD
GIFT**

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

Kid Scoop Together: I See What You Mean

Each word-picture puzzle has a meaning. Work with a parent to figure them out.



1. Jack in the box
2. Ants in the pants
3. Brain drain
4. Burning the midnight oil
5. A rose between two thorns
6. Up hill and down hill

ANSWERS:

Standards Link: Problem-Solving: Use a variety of strategies to solve problems.

Two new Kid Scoop books are here!

They make a great holiday gift. Order from your local bookstore, Target.com, BarnesandNoble.com and Amazon.com today!



Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **DISTRIBUTED**

The verb **distributed** means to divide among several or many.

The books were **distributed** to kids in shelters.

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

Write On!

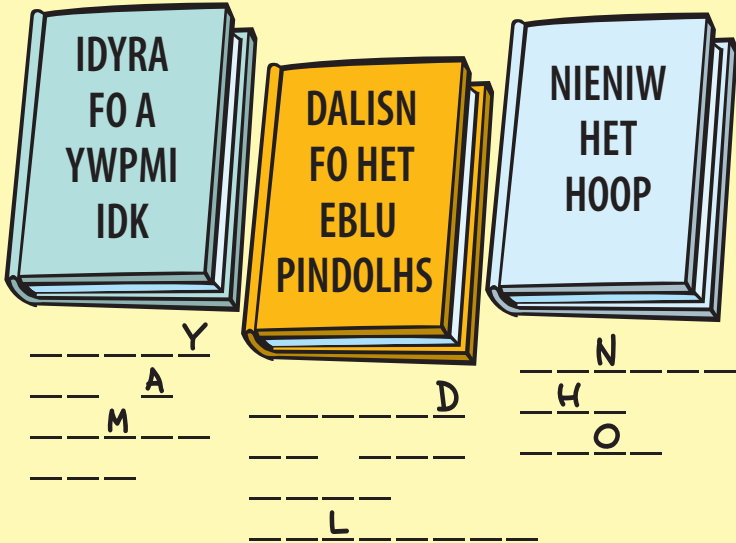
Receive or Give?

Some say it is better to give than to receive. Do you agree? Why or why not?

Kid Scoop Puzzler

BOOK LOVERS' PUZZLE:

Can you unscramble these book titles?



Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

Double Word Search

DIFFERENCE DONATIONS

SHELTERS
FRIENDS
LIBRARY
PENCIL
SEASON
GIVING
BOOKS
ALIKE
CLASS
READ
KIDS
HELP
CHEW

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



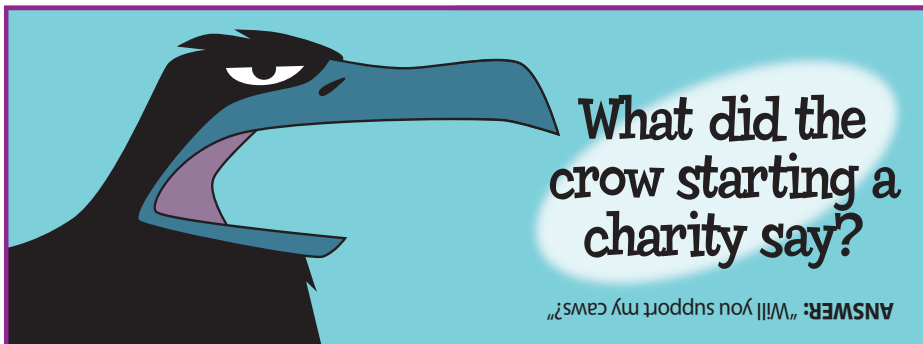
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Letters to the Editor

Look through your newspaper for problems in your community. Can you and your friends come up with ideas to solve one of these problems? Work together to write a letter to the editor with your ideas.

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



What did the crow starting a charity say?

ANSWER: "Will you support my caws?"

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