

# Kid Scoop

THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE



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**Kid Scoop Together:**

## Lucky 13

Replace these missing words. Can you replace all 13? That might be good luck!

- UNDERSTOOD**
- |         |        |
|---------|--------|
| FARM    | STRONG |
| GROUND  | MAN    |
| THRUST  | DIG    |
| THING   | URNS   |
| JEWELS  | FOOT   |
| FORTUNE | CROPS  |

Once there was a farmer who had three \_\_\_\_\_ children. When the old \_\_\_\_\_ lay dying, he called the children to him and said, "My whole \_\_\_\_\_ lies in one square foot of \_\_\_\_\_ on this farm."

So, the three children began to \_\_\_\_\_. They dug together. They took \_\_\_\_\_. They dug and dug. Each one turning over one square \_\_\_\_\_ of soil with every \_\_\_\_\_ of the shovel. Finally, every square foot of the farm had been dug up and turned over.

They did not find a \_\_\_\_\_. There was no box of money or \_\_\_\_\_. Nothing buried anywhere on the farm.

But that year, because the ground had been turned up, it yielded more \_\_\_\_\_ than ever before.

Then they \_\_\_\_\_ what their father meant, that their fortune was in the \_\_\_\_\_.

### KID SCOOP'S MISSION

#### Children are born curious.

From their earliest days, sensory exploration brings delight and wonder. New discoveries expand their minds. When they unlock the joy of reading, their world widens further. **Magic happens.**

**Kid Scoop** opens the doors of discovery for elementary school children by providing interactive, engaging and relevant age-appropriate materials designed to awaken the magic of reading at school, at home, and throughout their lives.

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### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **SUPERSTITION**

The noun **superstition** means a belief based on magic or chance.

Tossing coins into a fountain is a common **superstition**.

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

## LUCK O' THE IRISH

**What is luck?** On St. Patrick's Day people like to talk about LUCK! Does wearing green bring you luck that day? Or are four-leaf clovers really lucky charms?

The idea of luck has been around for centuries. It is a marvel and mystery. And people all over the world have come up with ideas of what brings good luck and bad.

How many four-leaf clovers can you find?



## Don't Walk Under a Ladder

Walking under a ladder is supposed to be bad luck. But this old superstition may just be a good safety tip!

Start

Can you get through this maze without walking under any ladders?



Finish



## Mirrors and Luck

Many believe that breaking a mirror dooms you to seven years of bad luck. The superstition may come from the belief that mirrors don't just reflect your image, they hold bits of your soul. That belief led people in the old days of the American South to cover mirrors in a house when someone died, for fear that their soul was trapped inside. Yikes!

## Luck in School

Below are some of the ideas kids around the world have come up with to be lucky in school.

Wear your sweater backward, or wrong side out, for luck during exams.

Some children believe if they use the same pencil they used when they did well on a previous test, it will help them pass a new test.

Children almost everywhere say if you sleep with your book under your pillow, you will remember what is in it in the morning.

In England, some children say if you see a spotted dog on the way to school, cross your fingers and you will pass your exams.

### Extra! Extra!

#### Good Luck Scavenger Hunt

Look through the newspaper for images of things you think are lucky or unlucky. Here are some ideas:

- Shamrock
- A black cat
- The number 13
- A penny
- A wishbone
- The number 7

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

## Best Lucky Charm for Tests

Circle every third letter to discover the best way to have good luck for any test at school.

D F S C B T L K U Z R D V W Y

S



## Black Cats

Some people think it bad luck for a black cat to cross your path. But it is lucky to own a black cat and very lucky to sleep with one.

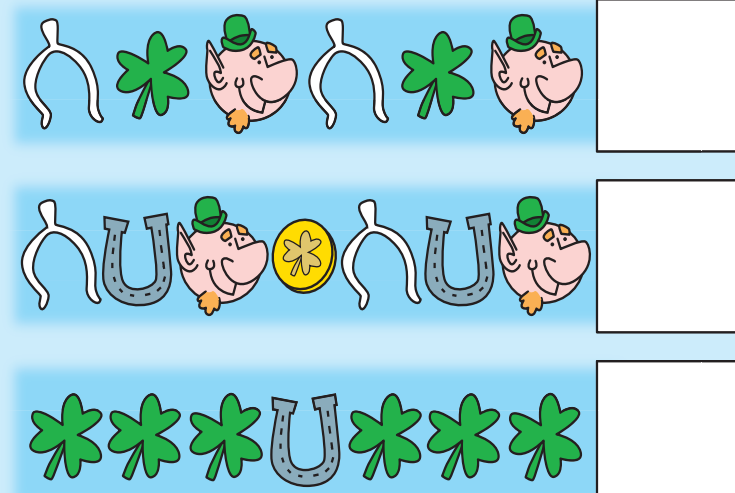
Can you find the two black cats that are exactly alike?

If you want to live and thrive, let the spider run alive!

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

### Lucky Leprechaun Patterns

Draw the coin, horseshoe, wishbone, clover or leprechaun that continues the pattern in each row.



Standards Link: Writing Applications: Students provide a context for action.

## Double Double Word Search

- BACKWARD
- SWEATER
- PATRICK
- CLOVER
- MIRROR
- CHARMS
- LADDER
- RABBIT
- GREEN
- CROSS
- BLACK
- PATH
- COIN
- LUCK
- WIN

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



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

## FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

### Is luck a point of view?

Find examples of luck in the newspaper. Write two sentences. This is lucky for \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_. This is unlucky for \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Students provide a context for action.



What do you get if you cross a four-leaf clover with poison ivy?

ANSWER: A rash of good luck!

## Write On! Leprechaun Gold

How did the leprechauns get their gold? What do they do with it?

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