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Reading Day

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Comprehension Questions: Read the passage and answer the questions.

1. How often does Reading Day happen at school?

2. How do the children read on Reading Day?

3. Why did the teacher let the children bring in books?

4. Why do you think children like Reading Day? Tell why.

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Comprehension Questions: Reading Day

1. How often does Reading Day happen at school?

2. What books do the children read on Reading Day?

3. What things does the teacher let the children bring to Reading Day?

4. Does the child like Reading Day? Tell why or why not.

St. Patrick's Day Surprise

I woke up early on St. Patrick's Day. I put on a green shirt to wear to school. I went into the kitchen and my mom was making breakfast.

"Would you like pancakes?" she asked me.

"Yum! My favorite!" I said. She got out the pancake mix and the milk. "Oh no!" she cried.

"The milk is green!" "We must have had a leprechaun visit us last night," she told me. "I remember last year," I said. "The leprechaun made a mess in the kitchen." "Leprechauns like to play tricks," she told me. "I wonder what they will do next year," I said.

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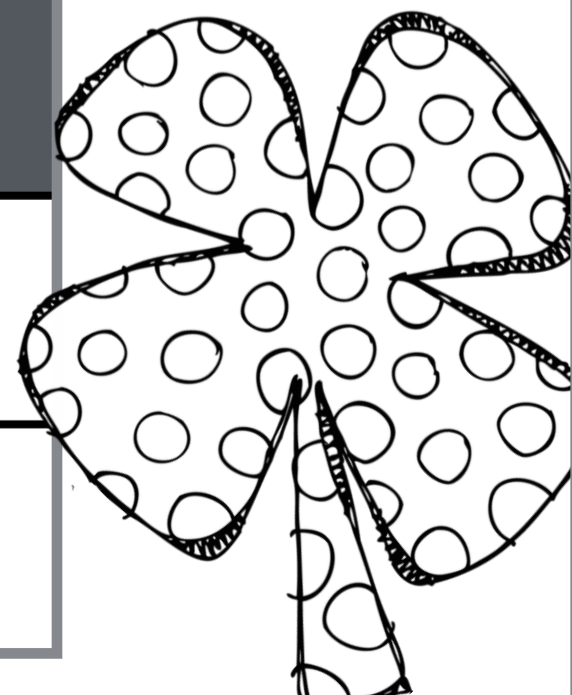
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Comprehension Questions: St. Patrick's Day Surprise

1. What did the child wear to school on St. Patrick's Day?

2. What was Mom making for breakfast?

3. What happened to the milk?

4. What trick do you think the leprechaun might play next year?

Spring Is Here

“I just saw a robin!” I told my friend Max. 10

“I saw it too!” he said. “Spring is here.” 19

“Let’s look for other signs of spring,” I said. 28

We walked around the park. We saw buds 36

on some of the trees. “That is another sign 45

of spring,” I said. We saw some flowers 53

that were ready to bloom. “Yes, spring is 61

here,” Max said to me. I took a deep breath. 71

“It is starting to smell like spring too,” I said. 81

“I think winter is over.” “Look, there is a 90

butterfly!” Max shouted. “I am so happy 97

that spring is here!” 101

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Comprehension Questions: Spring is Here

1. What was the first sign of spring the friends saw?

2. What did the friends see on the trees?

3. What was the last sign of spring the friends saw?

4. Why do you think Max was happy that spring was here?

Helen Keller

Helen Keller was born in 1880. When she was 19 10
 months, she got very ill. Her illness caused her to 20
 lose her sight and hearing. Helen became blind and 29
 deaf. Her family began to look for help for her. 39
 When Helen was seven years old, a teacher 47
 named Annie Sullivan came to live with Helen's 55
 family. Annie began to teach Helen how to do 64
 sign language. Helen became excited to learn, and 72
 even went to college! Annie went with her. Helen 81
 worked to make the world better for other 89
 people who needed help. She wrote books and 97
 gave speeches. Helen Keller was an amazing 104
 woman! 105

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Comprehension Questions: Helen Keller

1. When was Helen Keller born?

2. What caused Helen to become blind and deaf?

3. How did Annie Sullivan help Helen?

4. Why do you think the author called Helen Keller an amazing woman?

The Life Cycle of a Chicken

A chicken is a type of bird. Like all birds, 10

that means that it grows from an egg. 18

A hen is a female chicken, and hens lay 27

eggs. Hens sit on their eggs to keep them 36

warm. After about three weeks, the egg 43

hatches. Out comes a fuzzy baby chick! 50

The chick grows for about three months, 57

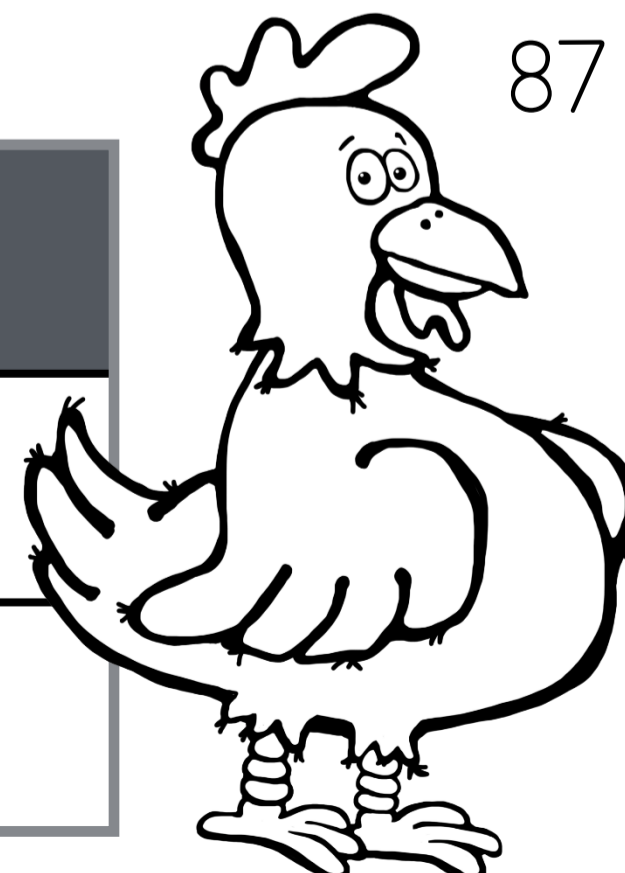
getting bigger and bigger. Finally, the chick 64

is a full-grown chicken! If the chicken is a 74

female, it can lay an egg and the whole 83

cycle can begin again! 87

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Comprehension Questions: The Life Cycle of a Chicken

1. What do chickens grow from?

2. Why do hens sit on their eggs?

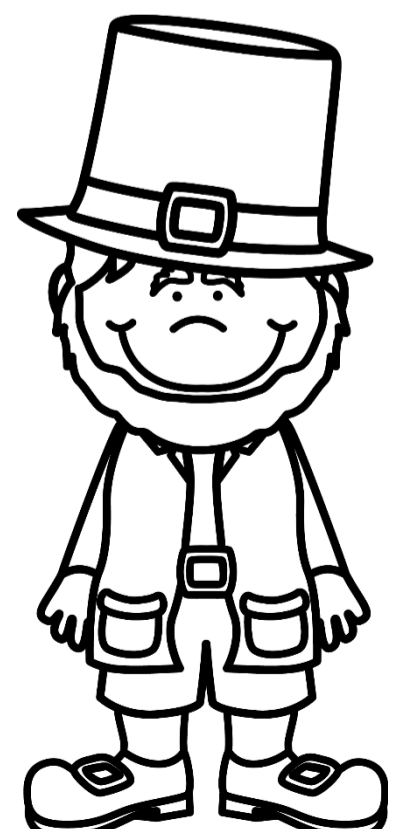
3. How long does it take for a chick to become a grown chicken?

4. What does the author mean by "the whole cycle can begin again?"

Lucky Goes to School

Lucky the Leprechaun woke up early one 7
 morning. "I wonder what the boys and girls do 16
 at school," he said. "I think I will go and see." 27
 Lucky walked to the school and snuck into a 36
 classroom. The children were working hard. 42
 "I want to have some fun," Lucky said. He 51
 knocked over some paint on the children's 58
 desks when they weren't looking. Next, he 65
 tipped over the trash can and paper went all 74
 over the ground. The children kept working. 81
 "The children are working, and I want to play," 90
 Lucky said. "I think I will go back home." 99

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Comprehension Questions: Lucky Goes to School

1. Why did Lucky go to school?

2. What did Lucky do to have fun?

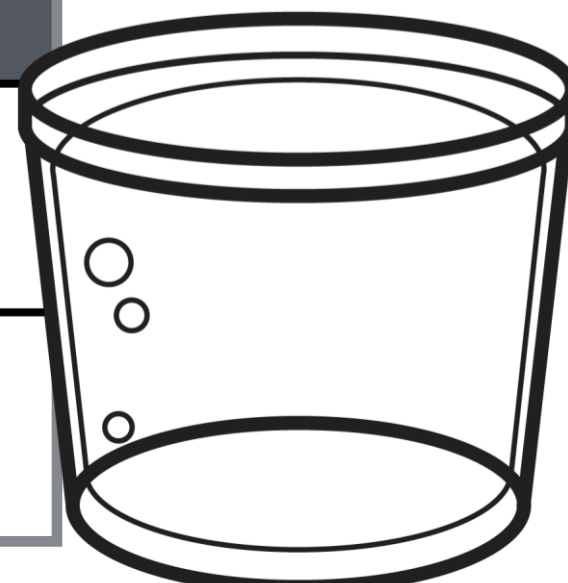
3. What were the children doing at school?

4. Why do you think Lucky decided to go home?

We Need Water

We use water every day. We use it to drink, 10
 to cook, and to clean our bodies and our 19
 homes. Did you know that there are some 27
 places in the world where people do not have 36
 clean water that is safe for them to use? 45
 They may not have enough water, or their 53
 water is full of germs. If people have water, 62
 they can wash their hands and keep their 70
 bodies clean. This helps to keep them healthy. 78
 People can get very sick if they drink water 87
 that is not clean. We are so lucky to have 97
 plenty of clean water in our lives! 104

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Comprehension Questions: We Need Water

1. What are some ways we use water?

2. What does the story say about some people's water in other places in the world?

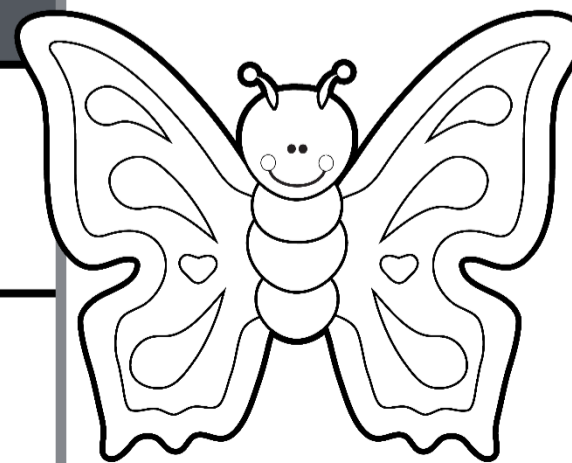
3. How could people get sick from their water?

4. How do you think we could help people who do not have enough water?

The Life Cycle of a Butterfly

A butterfly is a beautiful creature, but it 8
 does not start out with its pretty wings. 16
 A butterfly starts out its life as an egg. 25
 A mother butterfly lays eggs on the leaves 33
 of a plant. When the egg hatches, a 41
 caterpillar will crawl out. The caterpillar 47
 eats lots of leaves until it is ready to become 57
 a chrysalis. Inside the chrysalis, a lot of 65
 changes are happening! Finally, a butterfly 71
 comes out of the chrysalis! If the butterfly 79
 is a female, it will lay an egg and the whole 90
 cycle will start again! 94

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Comprehension Questions: The Life Cycle of a Butterfly

1. How does a butterfly start its life?

2. Where does a mother butterfly lay its eggs?

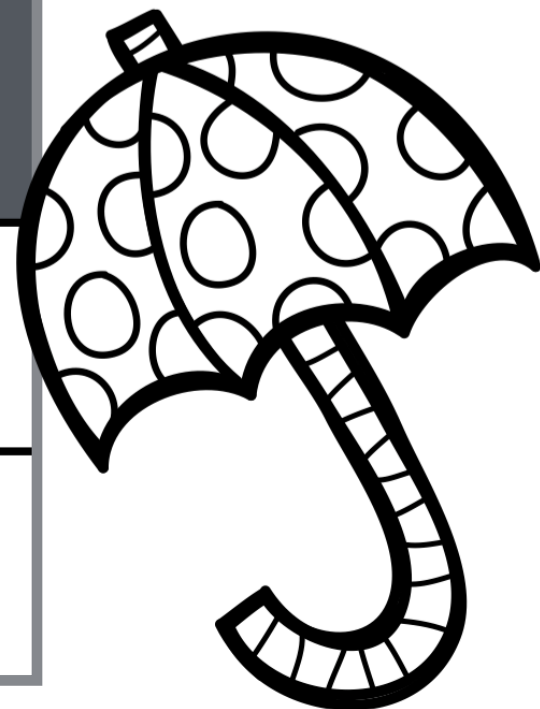
3. What happens after a caterpillar becomes a chrysalis?

4. How does the life cycle start again?

Spring Weather

Have you heard the poem “April showers 7
bring May flowers?” Spring begins on 13
March 21 or 22. Winter is over, and the 22
weather finally begins to get warmer. It 29
also starts to rain a lot more in March and 39
April. The rain is good because plants and 47
trees are starting to grow, and they need 55
a lot of water to keep growing. The rain 64
goes into the ground to give water to the 73
roots of all the plants. Grab your umbrella 81
because spring can get pretty wet! 87

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Comprehension Questions: Spring Weather

1. When does Spring begin?

2. What happens to the weather in spring?

3. Why is the rain helpful?

4. Why did the author write "grab your umbrella?"

Sandra Day O'Connor

Sandra Day O'Connor was born in Texas in 1930. 9

She and her family lived on a ranch. Sandra and 19

her brother worked hard on the ranch. Sandra 27

went to college. She got a law degree and she 37

became a judge. She was a very important judge 46

in Arizona. When Ronald Reagan became 52

president, he made her a judge on the U.S. 61

Supreme Court. Sandra Day O'Connor was the 68

first woman to ever have this job. She began in 78

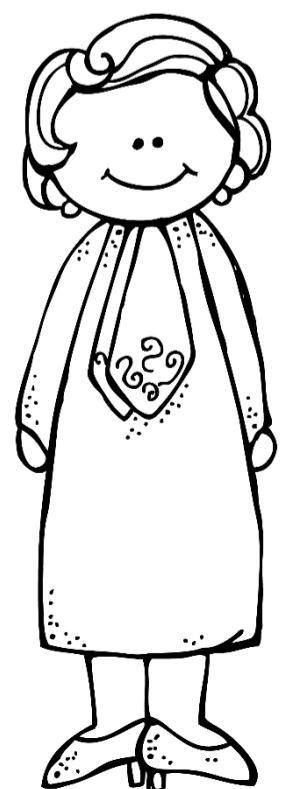
1981 and she stayed on the court for 24 years. 88

Three other women have become Supreme 94

Court Justices, but Sandra Day O'Connor was 101

the first. 103

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Comprehension Questions: Sandra Day O'Connor

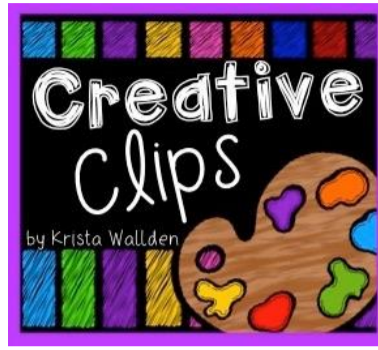
1. Where did Sandra Day O'Connor live as a child?

2. Where did Sandra work as a judge after college?

3. What is important about Sandra Day O'Connor becoming a judge on the U.S. Supreme Court?

4. How many other women have been Supreme Court Justices since Sandra Day O'Connor?

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