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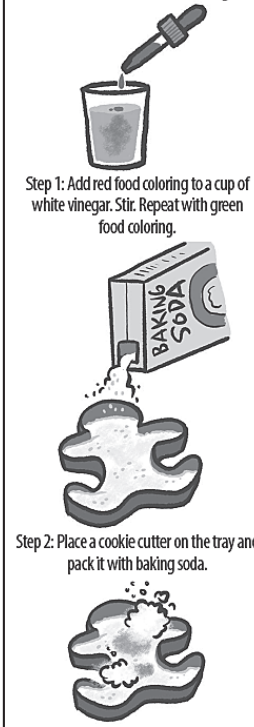
Kid Scoop Together

Fizzy Cookie Shapes

Baking soda and vinegar create a fizzy, bubbly reaction when mixed. Try this experiment with a family member.

Stuff you'll need:

- Baking sheet (makes cleanup easier)
- Holiday cookie cutters
- Baking soda
- White vinegar
- Green and red food coloring



Step 1: Add red food coloring to a cup of white vinegar. Stir. Repeat with green food coloring.


Step 2: Place a cookie cutter on the tray and pack it with baking soda.

Step 3: Add drops of green and red vinegar to the baking soda.

Observation: _____

Holiday Science

I'm Dr. I. Cide, the coolest scientist around these parts!



Try my fun and amazing holiday science experiments at home with a member of your family!

The Holidays Make Scents

Maybe it's because I have a carrot for a nose, but I don't get to smell much of the wonderful scents the holidays bring each year. See if your friends and family members can identify the secret scents hidden in five bags without looking in the bag.

Stuff you'll need:

- 5 paper bags
- Pine needles
- Gingerbread
- Cinnamon sticks
- Popcorn
- Roasted chestnuts
- Hot cocoa powder
- Pumpkin spice
- Candy Canes
- Marshmallows
- Drops of vanilla extract
- Cup of eggnog
- Holiday scented candle

Choose any 5 of these items.


SCIENTIST'S NOTEBOOK

Question: Will people be able to identify every scent? Which one will every person correctly identify?

Hypothesis: Your guess at what will happen. _____

Method:

- Number the bags 1 through 5.
- Place the bags on a level surface. Place an item in each bag.
- Have each person sniff each bag and tell you what they think they smell.



Observation: Which scent was guessed correctly most often?

Which scent was guessed correctly least often?

Conclusion: Explain what this experiment taught you. _____

Standards Link: Follow the scientific process to conduct simple experiments.

Incredible Vanishing Candy Canes

This experiment will reveal how candy canes react to different liquids. What do you think will happen?

Record your observations to see if you predicted the correct results.

Stuff you'll need:

- 4 small candy canes
- Cold water
- 4 clear jars or glasses
- White vinegar
- Hot water
- Cooking oil


SCIENTIST'S NOTEBOOK

Question: How does a candy cane react when left in different liquids?


Hypothesis: Your guess at what will happen. _____

Method:


- Fill each jar or glass with one liquid. Use the same amount each time.
- Place a candy cane in each container.
- Watch what happens to the candy canes over the next couple of hours.




COOKING OIL
after 15 minutes:



VINEGAR
after 15 minutes:



COLD WATER
after 15 minutes:



HOT WATER
after 15 minutes:

after two hours: after two hours: after two hours: after two hours:

Conclusion: Explain what this experiment taught you. _____

Standards Link: Follow the scientific process to conduct simple experiments.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

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

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

FROM THE KID SCOOP LESSON LIBRARY

Weather or Not?

Meteorology is the science of weather. Look at the weather forecast in the newspaper. Observe the weather each day for a week to see if the predictions were correct.

Standards Link: Observe different kinds of weather patterns.

Write On!

Holiday Jokes

Write down 10 of your favorite holiday jokes and riddles. Send them to a friend and ask them to send back 10 of their favorites!

Extra! Extra! Holiday Sights

Look through the newspaper for each of these words related to holiday celebrations:

- Lights
- Friends
- Music
- Joy
- Gifts
- Peace
- Family
- Fun

Standards Link: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Flash Fiction contest winners inspired by frogs

ELENA CLIMENT WINS PAST PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR 'THE FROG'

By STAFF

The fall Flash Fiction contest, with the theme "Frogs" was held on Sept. 28. Over the next few weeks, this paper will run the winning

entries. Below is the Past President's award winner. To read all the winners, go to: fremontculturalartscouncil.org.

The Frog

It was about midmorning when the group of friends met at the golf course over Pine Mountain Lake. It was a dream made real for the retired men living up there. The seniors took their sense of humor along with the heavy golf clubs hanging

on their backs. They had a great time joking and teasing each other: They knew the curative power of "laughter," they used it as a therapy. Greg was one of the golfers, but because of his resemblance to a frog, his dear friends called him Kermit for the Sesame Street puppet frog. "Kermit" and my in-law John had been very close friends for years. On one of those mornings when the group of happy friends was about

to strike the first ball, something dramatic changed their mood forever; the witty and funny Kermit collapsed on the green, just in front of his friends. A massive heart attack: He died on the way to the hospital. John was destroyed; he was not able to come back to the golf course for a long time, with depression. A few weeks after the incident was John Baker's birthday. He was resting on his back porch in front of the golf course, playing with his memories, when a tiny green frog jumped over the porch's hand rail in front of him. They never had a visit of this kind of amphibian on the porch before! How could

this frog jump up there? John and wife Jaquie tried to push it down several times, but the stubborn jumper was coming back to the spot. John was perplexed; he became quiet and serious, and in a soft voice he started talking to the frog. What was he doing? Could John accept and recognize his dear friend Kermit's "spirit" inside of that shiny little frog? The words of affection from the friend seemed to work in controlling the jumper. He carefully put it down that time. The strange frog went away and disappeared under the bushes. When Jaquie came out to offer him a drink, she looked for the frog, wondering.

John did not answer, but sipped his drink, smiling. No "magic" was involved in the story, but whatever kind of communication happened between the man and the frog nobody knows. After the frog episode, John was a new man: He was relaxed, and free of anxiety. I wonder: Do we have our own frog hiding somewhere? Could it be around us, but we don't recognize it? Let us think about that...

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One man's backyard turned into a decades-long community tradition

The upcoming holiday festivities for Crippsmas Place will span from Dec. 7 to 25 with events and special performances. "It's something to draw people from all over to the Tri-City area for them to enjoy the festivities," Sharp said. There will be special appearances from Santa Claus from 6pm to 8pm, nightly from Dec. 8 to 10 and December 15 to 17, accompanied by Mrs. Claus from 6:30pm to 8:30pm on Dec. 23. Visitors can also enjoy carolers from choirs, Girl Scout troops and other vocal assemblies from 6:00pm to 9:30pm from Dec. 7 to 25 at the end of Wellington Place's cul-de-sac. The Tapestry band will perform live music at 6pm on Dec. 22. People from across the Bay Area visit Crippsmas Place to see their festive decorations and wooden displays that feature popular characters such as Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, Ninja Turtles, Superman, Batman and

Spider-Man. With the help of their sponsors Fremont Bank and other local businesses that fund the materials for decorations, they create new displays to keep up with the latest pop culture trends—such as Barbie, a major hit in 2023. "We're always trying to stay relevant with the latest of what young people would enjoy," Sharp said. In anticipation of this year's Crippsmas Place event, Sharp said, "We hope to continue with the tradition of being relevant to the community, seeing people coming out, enjoying what we do and helping our charities with them." **Crippsmas Place Nightly, Saturday, Dec. 7 - Saturday, Dec. 28 Nicolet Ave. from Asquith Place to Perkins St. www.crippsmasplace.org/ media**

SANTA & MUSIC SCHEDULE
Girl scouts handing out ornament kits by Santa
Sun, Dec. 8: 6pm - 8pm
Santa Claus
Mon, Dec. 9: 6pm - 8pm
Tue, Dec. 10: 6pm - 8pm
Fri, Dec. 13: 6:30pm
Oliveira Glee Club and Families (30 to 40 performers)
Sun, Dec. 15: 6pm - 8pm
Santa Claus
Mon, Dec. 16: 6pm - 8pm
Tue, Dec. 17: 6pm - 8pm
Tue, Dec. 17: 6:30pm
Oliveira Glee Club and Families (30 to 40 performers)
Fri, Dec. 20: 7pm
Alta Performing Arts (~15 to 20 performers)
Sun, Dec. 22: 6pm
Tapestry (4 performers)
Sun, Dec. 22: Santa Claus 6pm - 8pm
Mon, Dec. 23: Santa & Mrs Claus 6:30pm - 8:30pm



Some familiar characters take on a Christmas twist. Photo courtesy of Thomas Sharp