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Dear readers,

Have you noticed the days getting longer? Are they getting warmer as well? What signs of spring do you see around you? Fresh green leaves on the trees? Flowers? What are the signs of spring where you live?

This month CONNECT123 introduces you to some adorable baby animals and one very large animal that lives in Florida. Can you find the name of this gentle giant in this issue?

A: ________________

With flowers and blossoms blooming in the spring, pollen also abounds. For some people this causes itching, sneezing and sniffing known as allergies. CONNECT123 gets the scoop on allergies this month as well.

April is also the month we celebrate the beauty of planet Earth and study ways to protect her. There is an article in this issue of CONNECT123 about the person whose birthday was selected as the day to celebrate our planet. Can you find that?

A: ________________

Sincerely,

Woodword

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Buzz and Beeper Bunny are back with all kinds of Easter fun!

If the activities on this page seem hard, find some bunny to help you.
If it looks easy, help some bunny younger than you!

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Mr. E.B. Rabbit has an Easter Basket all ready to deliver. But he can’t remember where he put it. Take your pencil and show him the way through the maze to the basket. Don’t retrace your route or cross any lines.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written instructions.

NATIONAL EGG-QUIRER
NEWS FROM THE HENHOUSE TO YOUR HOUSE!

HEN HATCHES HUGE SURPRISE

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Draw a line to where each of these missing words belongs in the article.

BUNNY
JUMPING
MIDNIGHT
CHIPPING
ATTENTION
HATCHING
EGGS

Bonnet Bizarre

Only two of these bonnets are exactly alike. Can you find them?
What’s hatching?
Hatch up some fun with this egg-citing game!

Scrambled Eggs
Pictures of five animals that hatch from eggs are on this game board. They are hard to see because they are in parts. Try to put the animals back together again as you play the game!

You need:
• The game board on today’s page.
• A pair of dice
• Markers for each player
• Five pieces of paper and a pen for each player
• A friend or two

How to play:
1. Hatch up a fair way to decide who goes first.
2. Each player rolls the dice and moves the number of spaces shown around the game board. The player draws the animal part on the space he or she landed upon.
3. As the game continues, the players add the parts of their pictures. The first player to complete a drawing of one of the animals wins.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step written directions.

1. What do you call a person who studies eggs?
2. What do scientists call egg-laying animals?
3. What is the scientific name for the white of an egg?

Don’t be chicken! Use the secret code to discover the answers to these hard-boiled questions.
**THE BUNNY HOP**

Hop vertically or horizontally (not diagonally!) from even-numbered bunny to even-numbered bunny only (odd-numbered bunnies are a dead end). Can you reach the big, juicy carrot at the end of the bunny trail?

**Answers**

What do you call a person who studies eggs? **OOGALOGIST**

What do scientists call egg-laying animals? **OVIPAROUS**

What is the scientific name for the white of an egg? **ALBUMEN**

Who took Buzz’s carrot? One of the Bad Bunny Brothers gobbled up Buzz’s carrot that he was planning to have for lunch. Use the clues to figure out who did it.

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You may have heard the phrase “April showers bring May flowers.” This very saying is what inspired Read Today to find a book about rain. And what better book to recommend than “Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs!” The book, written by Judi Barrett in 1978, tells the tale of a grandpa telling a bedtime story to his grandchildren about an ordinary town called Chewandswallow. The townsfolk didn’t have to cook or go visit the grocery store because of the strange meteorological pattern that rained down all their meats. If you’ve seen the movie you have an idea of what happened, but did you know movies aren’t always the same as the books they are made after? For example, in the book the townspeople couldn’t choose what food rains down and in the movie, Flint’s invention allows the residents to call the shots. If you haven’t read the book we highly recommend it. You’ll find there’s quite a few differences between what’s in the book and the movie itself.
In shallow salty waters and rivers, a large, slow-moving creature swims and grazes. It is called a manatee. A shy and very gentle herbivore, it is completely harmless.

For almost 50 million years, manatees have grazed the earth’s tropical lagoons, rivers and bays. In Florida alone, there were once thousands of manatees. But now there are less than 3,000. They are in danger of becoming extinct.

**Varoom!** All too often the people who like to go boating in these same waters ignore the Caution signs. Manatees get cut by the sharp propellers and many die from these run-ins.

The warm, shallow waters where manatees live are disappearing or becoming polluted. This loss of habitat is another reason manatees are endangered.

*Standards Link: Life Science: Living things depend on one another and the environment for survival; the physical conditions of the environment can change and these changes can be detrimental.*
Spring is the time many animal babies come into the world. Some babies look like their parents, only smaller. Others look very different.

Meet some of the world’s newest creatures and use the secret code to discover what they are called when they are young.

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**ANIMALS**

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- **Oyster**
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- **Swan**
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She wrote a book that changed the world

In 1962, Rachel Carson’s book *Silent Spring* was published. Her book described how DDT entered the food chain and gathered in the fatty tissues of animals, including human beings, causing cancer and other damage.

**Hidden danger**

Insects that bite, eat crops and garden flowers are considered pests. Years ago, scientists discovered chemicals that killed insect pests. They called these chemicals “pesticides.” For a while this seemed to be a great discovery.

But further study showed that these same chemicals, particularly one called DDT, killed more than just bothersome insects. What may be a pest to people may be food to a fish. That fish is food for a bigger fish, which is food for an even bigger fish. Eventually one of the animals in this food chain might end up on somebody’s dinner plate.

**Find where each missing word belongs in the article below.**

COURAGE

The backlash

Rachel’s book _________ people.
It also made many powerful people _______. She was criticized and called terrible names. But for Rachel the message was more important than her feelings. She carefully kept track of her _______ and found other scientists who agreed with her.

Eventually the United States government _______ DDT. And millions of people began to look more carefully at how human beings are ________ to the entire natural world.

**Responsibility**

**Government work**

Not long after Rachel completed her master’s degree in zoology, her father died and she became the sole supporter of the household she shared with her mother. In 1937, her sister died leaving two teenage daughters who joined Rachel’s household.

Rachel found a job writing radio scripts for the United States Bureau of Fisheries (now called the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service). Eventually she became the editor-in-chief for all publications of this government service.

**CURIOSITY**

**Night life**

Rachel spent much of her childhood learning about nature. One night she decided to see what kinds of life could be found in the quiet of the night.

“If I had been asked a month ago, I would have said my backyard was a peaceful enough place at night. That was before I had gone exploring in it with a flashlight, and had seen how the bushes, the jungles of moss and grass, and even the woodpile were filled with hunters. After an hour of exploring by flashlight, you realize as never before how alive the night is. It is alive with a thousand watchful eyes.”

– Rachel Carson, *The Sense of Wonder*
What’s that?
Manatees are mammals. To what animal is the manatee related? Complete the maze to discover the answer.

Standards link: Life Science; Diversity and genetic variation exist among organisms that share similar features.

**Answers**

Manatee facts
Manatees come up for air every 1 to 2 minutes. Adult manatees eat over 400 pounds of water plants each day. Manatee calves are 4 feet (1 meter) long when they are born and weigh about 45 pounds. They grow to be about 15-feet long and weigh 1,000 pounds.

**Double double word search**
Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally. Then find them again on the pages of Connect123.

| MANATEE | CALVES | TEAM |
| GENTLE | TRASH  | CLEAN |
| GIANTS  | WATERS | TALES |
| DANGER  | SWIMS  | MAIDS |
| SALTY   |        |       |


**CHECK IT OUT**

CHECK OUT THESE BOOKS ABOUT NATURE IN HONOR OF EARTH DAY THAT HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE SALT LAKE CITY LIBRARY

“Nature’s Day: Discover the World of Wonder on Your Doorstep,” by Kay Maguire. This first book of nature helps young readers to discover the world of wildlife on their doorstep.

“Apples and Robins,” by Lucie Felix. In this extraordinary book, one thing transforms into another as each page turns.

“North, South, East, West,” by Margaret Wise Brown. A story about a little bird’s first journey, brought to life by illustrator Greg Pizzoli.

“What Will Grow,” by Jennifer Ward. All seeds have one thing in common – inside each is a new plant life waiting to emerge.

**Learning buddy sign here**
I have completed _______ activities with my Learning Buddy.

Learning buddy’s signature Date
My name: ______________________

Baseball season is here and team pennants are sprouting like wildflowers. Unscramble the names of the teams and write them below each pennant.

- SANTIG
- SRYKENG
- HICSETLAT
- DRE OXS
- ULEB YASJ
- WITSN
- SEGDROD
- SARMNIL

Standards link: Spell grade-level appropriate words.

Play newspaper baseball!
Can you hit a home run? It’s easy! Just find the item in each base and on home plate in your newspaper. Complete all four and it’s a home run!

- A story or photo involving animals.
- A story or photo involving weather.
- The name of a city with a baseball team.
- Have a friend give it a try. Who scored the most runs?

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

Good sport turns losing into winning
Baseball fans are glad Alexander Cartwright wasn’t a sore ___________.

While he wasn’t the first person to think of hitting a ball with a stick, Alexander was the first person to write down a set of ______ for a game he called “base ball” and it included hitting a ball with a stick. After he wrote down the rules, he put together a __________. He called them the Knickerbockers.

He challenged another team to a game. Alexander’s Knickerbockers lost, 23 to 1. Some people might have given up and never played baseball again – not Alexander. He __________ his team to more towns and kept playing. Soon town teams were playing all over the United States.

The ______ of baseball had begun. All because Alexander Cartwright was a good sport!

Where does each word belong?

Find a ruler, a duck, a toothbrush, a house and an airplane.
Refreshing change

Fritter has been saving towards a summer visit to Six Wags Amusement Park. His goal is to save and earn a total of $100. Fritter is now up to $97.50!

With the weather getting warmer, my pal Fritter decided to open a refreshment stand to make some money.

MENU
Lemonade $1
Cookie 25¢
Kid Scoop News $1.50
Peanuts 75¢
Banana 30¢

Make change!
Can you help Fritter count out the correct change for his customers?

Tonya bought a glass of lemonade plus two cookies. She paid with two dollars. Circle the coins Fritter should give her in change.

Lien-hua bought a bag of peanuts, a glass of lemonade and a copy of Kid Scoop News. She paid with a $5 bill. Circle the bills and coins Fritter should give her in change.

What could you buy from Fritter’s Refreshment Stand with this exact amount?

$2.05

Try setting up your own refreshment stand this weekend! How much money will you earn?
Inside your body are warrior cells that find and attack harmful germs. Some people have warrior cells that get confused. They attack things that are not normally harmful to people, such as pollen, cat dander or mold.

When this happens, the place where the warrior cells are fighting swells up, turns red and gets itchy. This is called an allergic reaction.

These confused warrior cells are looking for things to attack. Can you find:
- strawberry
- peanut
- egg
- cat
- dog
- pollen
- milk
- grass
- wheat

Jacob, Amanda and Sasha have allergies. Yet their allergies are all different.

- If Jacob pets his friend’s cat, he starts to sneeze.
- If Sasha eats strawberries, she breaks out in an itchy rash.
- Amanda’s first taste of a peanut butter sandwich made her vomit, wheeze and struggle to breathe. Amanda cannot eat things with nuts.

Do YOU have any allergies? Does a member of your family suffer from allergies?

Standards Link: Health: Students understand the causes and symptoms of diseases in the human body.
**Sort the fruit**

Draw a line from each piece of fruit to the box where it belongs.

- Pineapple
- Orange
- Apple
- Banana
- Strawberry
- Grape
- Peach
- Fig
- Apple
- Banana
- Strawberry
- Grape
- Peach
- Fig

**My Letters**

**F is for Fruit**

Learning Buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter F. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that start with the F sound like the word fruit?

**My Numbers**

- How many fish?
- How many hats?
- How many fish?

Learning Buddies: Read the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

**My rhyme time**

Fred ate fresh fruit on Fridays for fun. Ate seven bananas but still wasn’t done! Ate six apples, and grapes by the bunch. That’s what Fred the Gorilla had for lunch!

**Grand slam snacks**

Look for a pattern. What comes next in each row of baseball stadium snacks?

- Nachos
- Ice cream
- Hot dog
- Ice cream
- Nachos

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use context clues to understand the meaning of sentences.

**Allergy sufferer wins!**

In 1996, swimmer Amy Van Dyken became the first woman to ever win four gold medals in a single Olympics.

Amy has severe allergies. When she was a little girl, her allergies caused asthma attacks that often sent her to the emergency room at the hospital. She was so weak from her asthma that she could not swim the length of a pool until she was 12 years old.

Since that time, new treatments have made it possible for people with allergies and asthma to live more normal lives. In Amy’s case, it helped her go for the gold!

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