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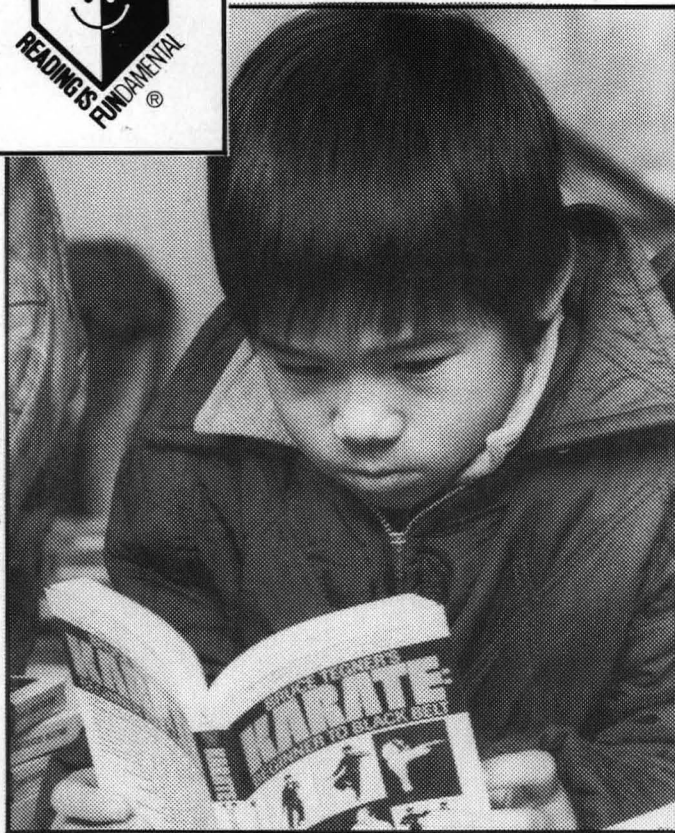
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Reading Is Fun Week



A young reader picks a karate book. RIF thinks that kids enjoy reading more if they choose the book themselves.

Boys and girls get their RIF books at book distributions.

Here's how these work:

A group of volunteers decides to start a RIF project.

The group contacts RIF headquarters for information.

To raise money for its share of the book costs, the group holds fund-raising events such as bake sales.

The volunteers select the books from catalogs.

On book distribution day, RIF volunteers spread the books out on tables.

The kids are invited to come and make their choices.

The week of May 20 through May 26 is Reading Is Fun Week.

This week is sponsored by one of the largest groups that encourage reading in the United States, Reading Is Fundamental, or RIF for short.

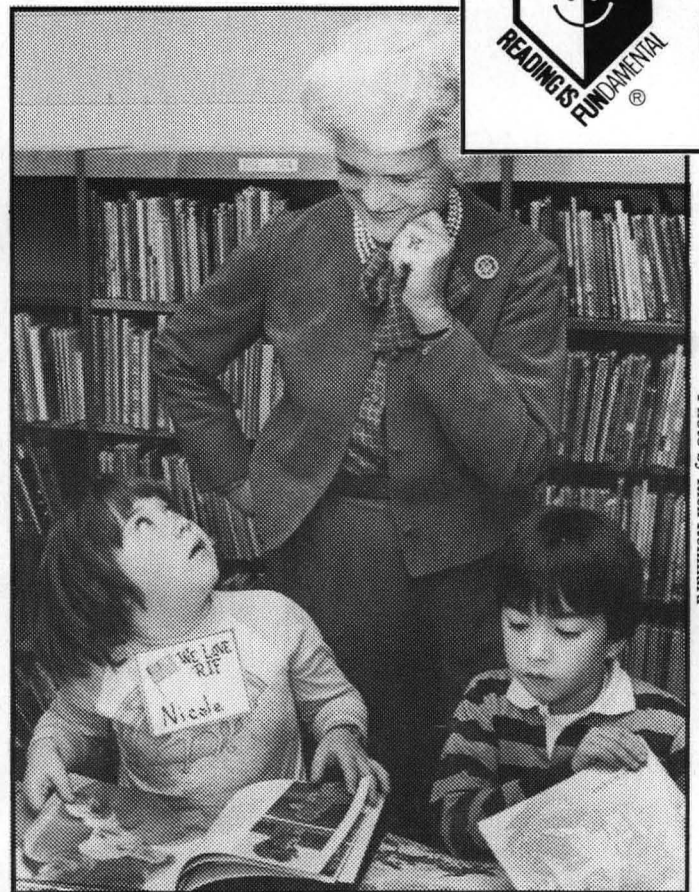
"Fundamental" means very necessary.

RIF believes reading should be fun, too.

While RIF promotes all kinds of reading, it mainly wants to offer kids:

- a chance to choose a book,
- and to keep it for their very own.

RIF does this with the help of 93,000 local volunteers.



Mrs. George Bush, wife of the vice president, is one of the many volunteers who help RIF.

RIF was started 18 years ago by Mrs. Margaret McNamara, a volunteer reading tutor.

Mrs. McNamara got many important people to help her. RIF also got book companies to sell books at a lower price to local RIF projects.

Today there are over 3,000 local RIF projects scattered over the country. This year, RIF will offer more than 2 million children a chance to choose from 7 million books.

RIF gets some money from businesses, interested people, parents' groups, local clubs and the U.S. government.



To show how much fun reading can be, local RIF volunteers often perform activities such as puppet shows at their book distributions held at schools and libraries.

If your parents or teachers would like to know more about RIF, ask them to write:
Ruth Graves, President
Reading Is Fundamental, Inc.
600 Maryland Ave. S.W., Room 500
Washington, D.C., 20560

Remember, RIF in Washington does not give out books. Only local programs that have signed contracts with the national RIF office can operate RIF book distributions.

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Beverly Cleary Talks About "Dear Mr. Henshaw"

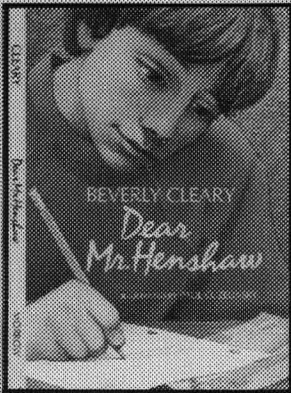


Congratulations, Beverly Cleary, for winning the 1984 Newbery Medal for your book, "Dear Mr. Henshaw." The Newbery Medal is

presented each year to the author of the most outstanding children's book. Beverly Cleary has written more than 25 books during the past 30 years. She is one of the most popular writers of children's books. Mrs. Cleary now lives in Carmel, Calif. The Mini Page talked with her by phone.



Beverly Cleary



"Dear Mr. Henshaw" begins when second-grader Leigh Botts writes to his favorite author, Mr. Henshaw. When Leigh is in the sixth grade, his parents get divorced.

Through letters and his diary, we learn more about his life and how he coped.

Forever," was because I had many interruptions.

(Mrs. Cleary also had a book come out this spring. "Lucky Chuck" is a picture book about a real boy on a real motorcycle.)

M.P. What influenced you to write books?

Mrs. Cleary: Reading meant so much to me when I was growing up. I wanted to write about American children in the sort of neighborhood that I grew up in.

The Mini Page wishes to thank librarian Mrs. Betty Teem and the children at Effie Green School in Raleigh, N.C., for their questions. You will have to read the book to find out why they asked them!

Mrs. Cleary says that if you read the book carefully, you will get her tips on how to be a good writer.

Mini Page: What gets you started on a book?

Mrs. Cleary: Usually something strikes me as funny. However, I started writing "Dear Mr. Henshaw" because so many boys asked me to write a book about divorce.

M.P. Did anything in the book really happen?

Mrs. Cleary: No, I have received many letters similar to Leigh's, but nothing in it really happened.

M.P. Where did you get the idea for the burglar alarm?

Mrs. Cleary: I heard of a boy who had done that. I asked my son if he thought he could do it. (Mrs. Cleary has two grown children, twins now age 28.) We went to a hardware store where there was an old gentleman like the one in the book. He understood exactly what we were doing. In about 10 minutes, my son had a burglar alarm in a lunch box.

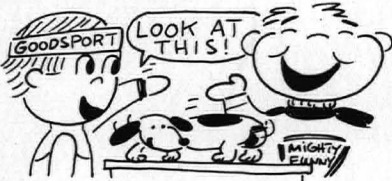
M.P. What was your most difficult book to write?

Mrs. Cleary: I think the one coming out this fall, "Ramona

Mini Jokes

Alpha Betty: Why is riding over barbed wire like music?

Mighty Funny: You will find it has sharps and flats!



Gus: Why does a dog bite his tail?

Mighty Funny: He wants to make both ends meet!

BASSET BROWN



THE NEWS HOUND'S

SPRING

TRY 'N FIND

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Words about spring using each letter of the alphabet, except x and z, are hidden in the block below. See if you can find: ANIMALS, BUD, CHIRP, DEW, EASTER, FLOWERS, GARDENS, HAPPY, INSECTS, JUMP, KITE, LOVE, MARIGOLD, NEW, OUT, PUDDLES, QUAIL, RAIN, SPRING, TADPOLE, UMBRELLA, VIOLETS, WIND, YELLOW.

I LOVE SPRING!



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URA BIRD'S

MAGIC TRICKS

Use your hands to make these shadow animals.



butterfly



dog



goose



wolf

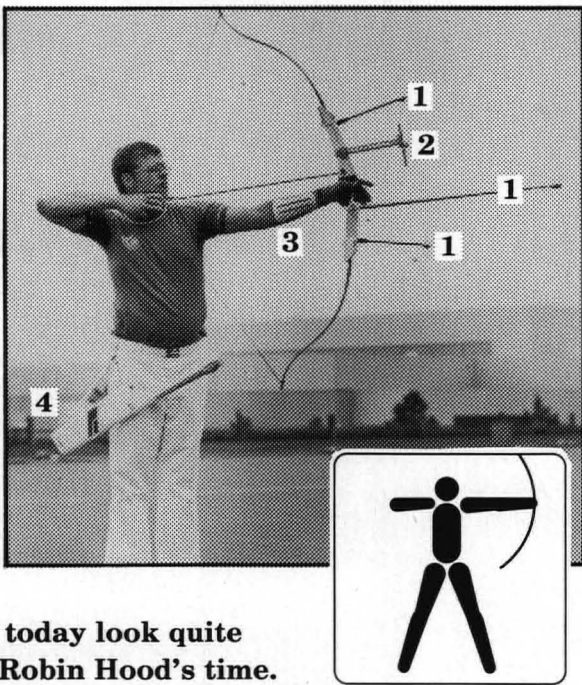
Archery

1. Stabilizers, or rods that help keep the bow from vibrating.
2. Sight
3. Arm guard
4. A quiver that holds six arrows.



The Olympics start July 28.

The bow and arrows of today look quite different from those of Robin Hood's time.



The United States would get an "A" for Archers in the Olympics. The last two times we have entered, we have won a gold medal in both the men's and women's events.

Archery is a grueling sport. Archers take turns shooting a group of three arrows within a 2½-minute period called an "end."

The energy needed to pull the arrow to full draw is called "draw weight." Top male archers can pull up to 55 pounds. A top woman might pull 40 pounds.

Each archer shoots a total of 288 arrows at different distances and targets over a four-day period.

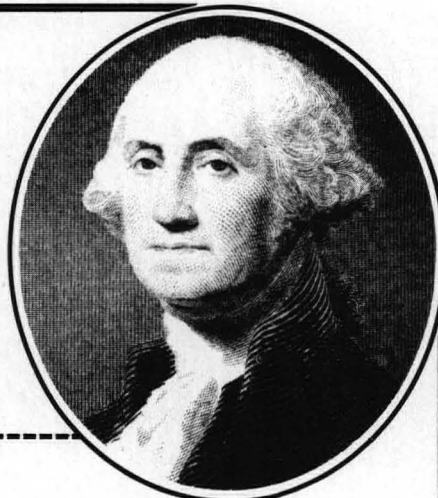


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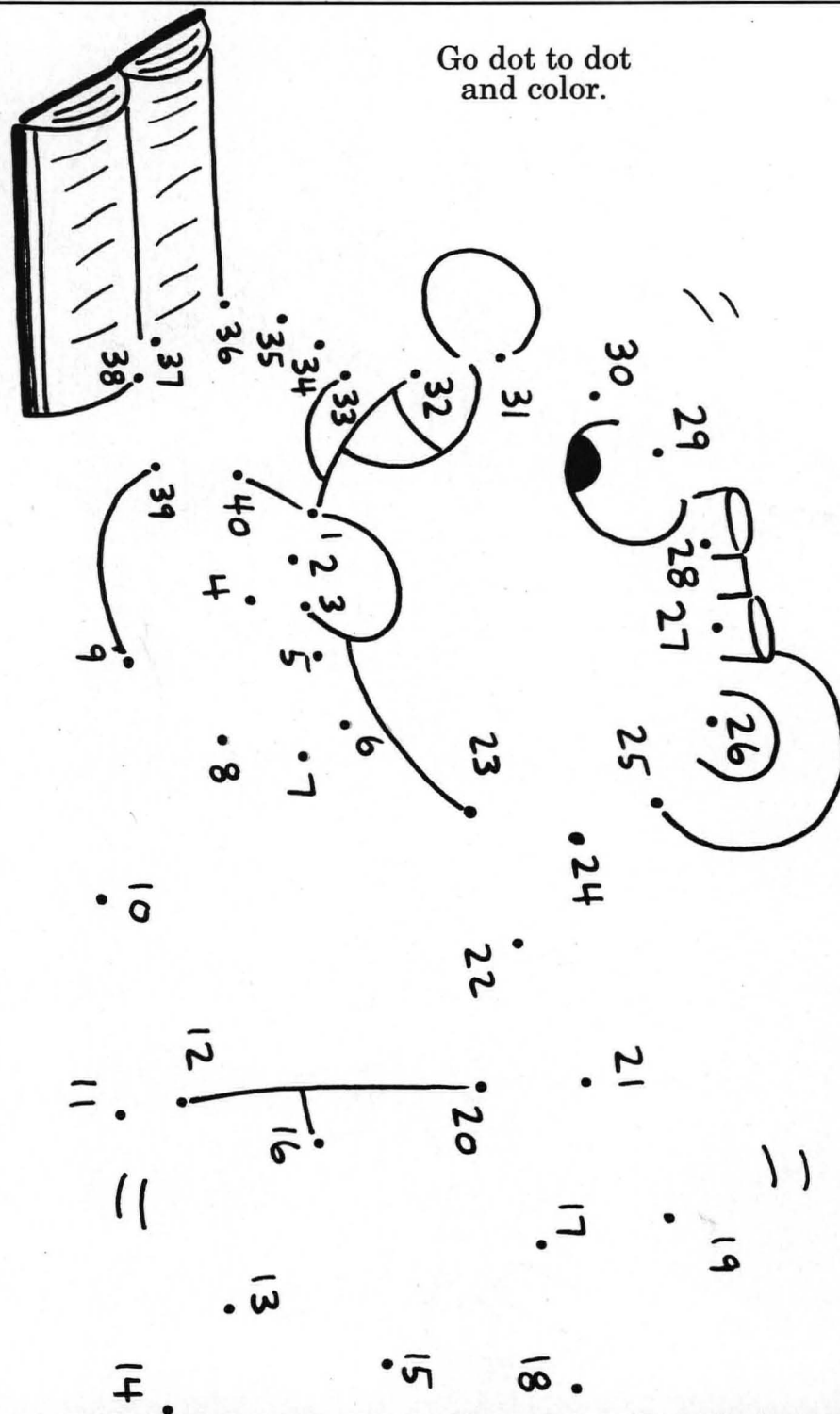
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Go dot to dot and color.

Rookie Cookie's Recipe

Yogurt Cheese Pie

You'll need:

- 16 ounces cream cheese
- 2 teaspoons lemon extract
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 2 cups plain yogurt
- graham cracker pie crust

What to do:

1. Beat cream cheese, lemon extract, honey and yogurt until very smooth.
2. Pour into pie shell.
3. Refrigerate several hours before serving. Try topping pie with strawberries, pineapple or blueberries.



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Teacher's Guide

For use by teachers and parents at home and at school.

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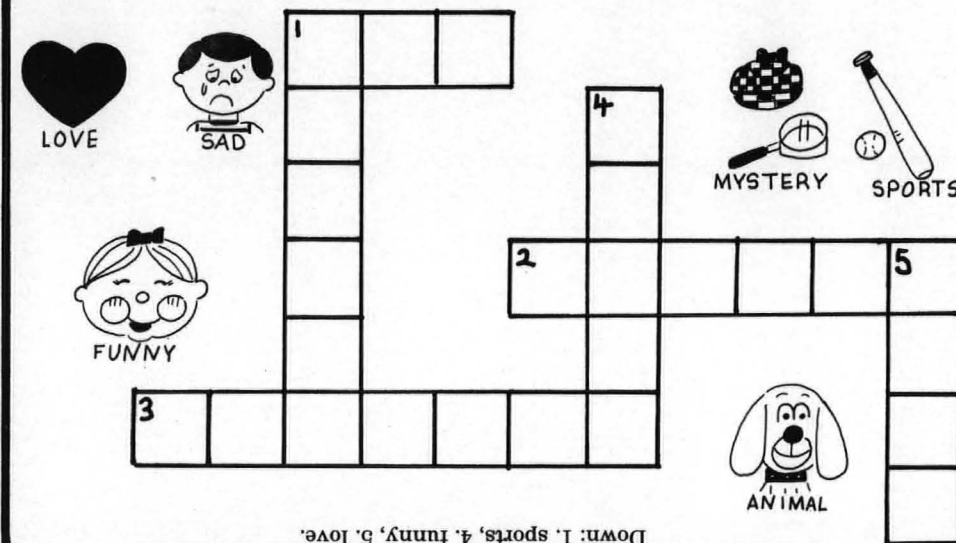
Main idea: to tell children about the RIF program and how it works. The following is a list of activities to be used with this issue. The activities are listed in order of difficulty, with the easier pre-reader assignments listed first. Ask the children to do the following:

1. Draw circles around the books in the pictures.
2. RIF is an acronym. Circle it each time you see it. Find out what an acronym is.
3. Draw an X through each of the blocks on the reading ABCs in which the word starts with a vowel.
4. Cut the blocks on the back page apart. Mix them up and try putting them back in alphabetical order. Make a game with your friends to see who can do it the fastest.
5. Try and come up with something different to read for each letter of the alphabet.
6. Make a list of five books you would like to own.
7. The little word "fun" can be found in the big word "fundamental." Make a list of other little words you can find inside big words on Page 1.
8. Write a paragraph about why you think being able to keep a book as your very own is important.
9. Make up a puppet show about the characters in your favorite book.
10. Look "volunteer" up in the dictionary. Write down the definition. Make a list of some volunteers you know.

(Note to Editor: Above is the Teacher's Guide for Issue 21.)

PETER PENGUIN'S PUZZLE LE-DO

These words about kinds of books you can read will fit in the blocks only one way. Can you figure it out?



Answers: Across: 1. sad, 2. animal, 3. mystery.
Down: 1. love, 4. sports, 5. funny.

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