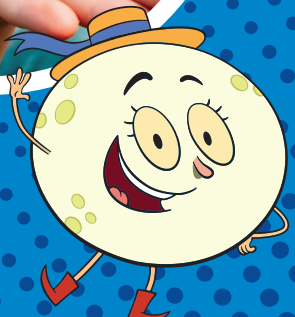




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# SUMMER!

**FUN ACTIVITY BOOK**



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# Dates and Themes

The summer program runs from  
**June 19 to August 13, 2023**

Each week has a set of lessons, additional programs, activities, and field trips based on the weekly theme.

## **Animals (June 19-25)**

Explore the animal kingdom for ferocious fun!

## **Across America (June 26 - July 2)**

From coast to coast, explore what it means to be American

## **Sports and Games (July 3-9)**

Get serious about fun pastimes, from soccer to Sudoku.

## **Engineering (July 10-16)**

Tinker, design, build, rebuild, and find engineering everywhere.

## **Our Stories (July 17-23)**

From legends to our everyday lives, stories shape who we are.

## **Great Lakes (July 24-30)**

Dive in and explore the lakes that make Michigan special.

## **Around the World (July 31 - August 6)**

Experience food, art, music, and cultures from around the globe.

## **Space (August 7-13)**

Meet astronauts and virtually visit the planets and stars.



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## Character Traits

Who is your character?	Choose a character trait to describe them. There are some suggestions below!
SHOW the character trait to the reader! Write about what the character is DOING because of that trait.	

### Other words for "kind"

considerate  
generous  
helpful  
thoughtful

### Other words for "energetic"

exuberant  
lively  
spirited  
vivacious

### Other words for "friendly"

affable  
amiable  
gregarious  
welcoming

### Other words for "funny"

amusing  
comical  
hilarious  
silly

### Other words for "wise"

knowledgable  
perceptive  
prudent  
shrewd

### Other words for "unfriendly"

antisocial  
disagreeable  
hostile  
rude

### Other words for "lazy"

lackadaisical  
lethargic  
passive  
weary

### Other words for "hard-working"

diligent  
industrious  
persevering



## Career Comics 1 Career Video: \_\_\_\_\_

Scan the QR code to visit the Career Girls website and find a career video that interests you. Then ask yourself: *What is this job like?* Create a comic starring you in this career. At the top, fill in the career and sign your name. Use words and pictures to tell what happens on the job!

I Want to Be \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

If you like \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, you might like to be \_\_\_\_\_ (career).

How do you get ready for this career?

You can start by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

You'll need some skills, too.

Like these:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What else can you do to prepare?



# Make a Bird Feeder



## What You Need:

- Pinecone, paper towel holder or piece of bread
- Peanut butter or honey
- Your choice of the following:
  - Raisins
  - Cranberries
  - Plain popped popcorn
  - Sunflower seeds
  - Shelled plain peanuts
  - Mixed birdseed
- Safety scissors
- Wire, dental floss or cotton string

## What to Do:

- 1. Select a bird feeder base:** Pinecones are a popular foundation for a bird feeder, but you may also use an empty paper towel roll or a stale piece of bread.
- 2. String it up:** Run a wire, dental floss or cotton string through your bird feeder. Secure the two ends together to make a loop.
- 3. Make it sticky:** Coat the base with peanut butter. If you know someone who has peanut allergies, use honey instead.
- 4. Add some goodies:** Roll the feeder in raisins, cranberries, unsalted and unbuttered popcorn, sunflower seeds, shelled plain peanuts or mixed birdseed.
- 5. Hang it up:** Place your bird feeder on a hook or on a tree branch outside your window. Discover which birds are popular in your neighborhood, research what they like to eat, and make a bird feeder for them.
- 6. Keep a wildlife journal:** Record what kind of birds and other animals come to visit your feeder!



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# DIY SCIENCE TIME

"Science is wherever YOU are!"



## DIY Elephant Toothpaste

### EXPERIMENT

**Step 1:** Gather materials.

**Step 2:** Place 2 tablespoons of yeast into 3 oz of warm water.

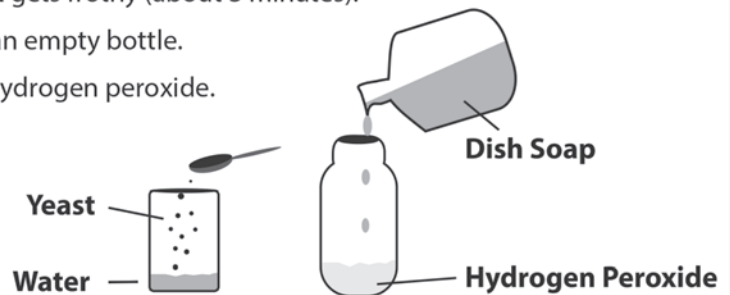
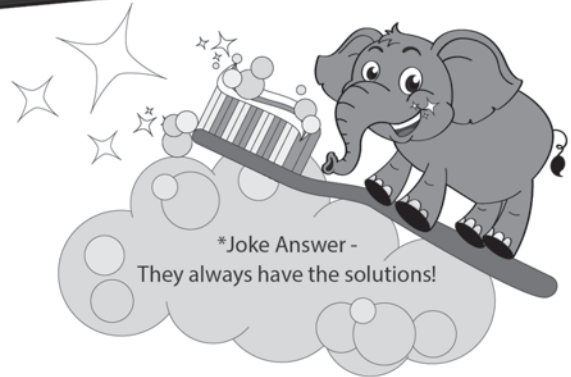
**Step 3:** Mix yeast and warm water, let stand until it gets frothy (about 3 minutes).

**Step 4:** Pour 4 ounces of hydrogen peroxide into an empty bottle.

**Step 5:** Squirt 1 tablespoon of dish soap into the hydrogen peroxide.

**Step 6:** Pour your yeast mixture into the bottle.

**Step 7:** Observe what happens!



### WHY IT WORKS

"Elephant toothpaste" is created when a chemical reaction takes place and releases one oxygen atom from the hydrogen peroxide ( $H_2O_2$ ). Hydrogen peroxide decomposes, or breaks down, into water ( $H_2O$ ) and oxygen ( $O_2$ ) naturally over time, but the yeast causes this to occur faster. The yeast has an enzyme in it called catalase. Catalase is a catalyst, something that increases the speed of the reaction. The catalyst is what causes the oxygen to be released quickly to create our "elephant toothpaste." So why did we add soap? We wanted to capture all of the released oxygen (gas) from the chemical reaction!

### EXTEND YOUR LEARNING

- Would the experiment still work if you added more yeast?
- What happens if you don't add the soap?
- Does the shape or the size of the bottle change how the elephant toothpaste flows?

### WORKFORCE CONNECTION

Cosmetologists, people who study the application of beauty treatments, work carefully with chemical reactions on a daily basis to help color people's hair. When someone's hair is bleached, a chemical reaction takes place to change the melanin from brown to a colorless (pale yellow) color. This irreversible process (chemical change) then allows the cosmetologist to apply a new color to the hair.

# it's Storytime CHALLENGE

Build a boat that can float for 3 minutes.



- Cardboard
- Paint Stirrers
- Paper/Newspapers
- Drinking Straws
- Tree Bark
- Tennis Balls
- Styrofoam
- Balloons
- Plastic Shopping Bags
- Popsicle Sticks
- Rubber Bands
- Tape/String/Glue
- Ruler
- Wax Paper/Aluminum Foil

What other materials could you find and use?



**ASK** >>> What is the problem?



**IMAGINE** >>> Brainstorm possible solutions.



**PLAN** >>> Pick an idea and plan out how you are going to do it.



**CREATE** >>> Build it!



**IMPROVE** >>> What worked? What didn't? How can you make it better?



**SHARE** >>> Share your idea!

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  - Weekly theme programs hosted by teens
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