

sprout's STEM ACTIVITY

CREATE A MARBLE MAZE

YOU'LL NEED:

Paper plates
Various household supplies
(cardboard, straws, cotton
balls, string, etc)
Glue (tacky glue and hot
glue works best)
Scissors
Marbles



The cool mission for this project is to create a super-awesome marble maze that fits inside a paper plate and doesn't break while playing with it. It's like a mini adventure where you get to use lots of skills to make it work! You can use all sorts of fun materials, and each friend can try using something different to make it even more exciting.

After everyone's designs are all dried up, it's time for the big test!

Let's see which designs rocked and which ones need a little more magic. What parts of each design were the coolest, and what parts could use a little improvement? Chat with your pals about how you can make your marble maze even more fantastic next time!



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Jumpstart Your New Year!

For many of us, this is a new opportunity to kick-off a new semester with our kiddos! Check out the top tips to consider starting your new year:

- **Identify new appointments to schedule**
 - Overall health and wellness
 - Open new savings account for each child or goal you have!
- **Start a family journal**
 - Highlight monumental moments
 - Document milestones
 - Provide suggestions to opportunities to share with your kids when they become parents.
- **Spring Cleaning (while kid reads, you clean; trade off / trade up!)**
 - Tackle AR points and gain 1-1 time with a clean room as the pay off, too!
 - Consider selling items you no longer use or have outgrown.
 - Use funds earned from spring cleaning to fund your upcoming Spring Break!

Celebrate the new year with sharing these tips and goals with your family! Accountability is the first step in ensuring success!



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HAVE YOU STARTED FILLING UP YOUR SPROUT SUPER SAVER CARD?

If you don't have one yet, grab yours today and start filling it up for your chance to win awesome prizes each month!



SPROUT'S READING LIST

REACH FOR THE STARS By Michelle Cho-Dorado

Follow Mimi on her journey as she tries to find a way to purchase something she desperately wants. How can a kid with no money afford such a commodity? She hatches a plan and turns a simple idea into a successful business!

Will Mimi's plan be successful? Who will she recruit to help her reach her goal? What setbacks will she encounter?



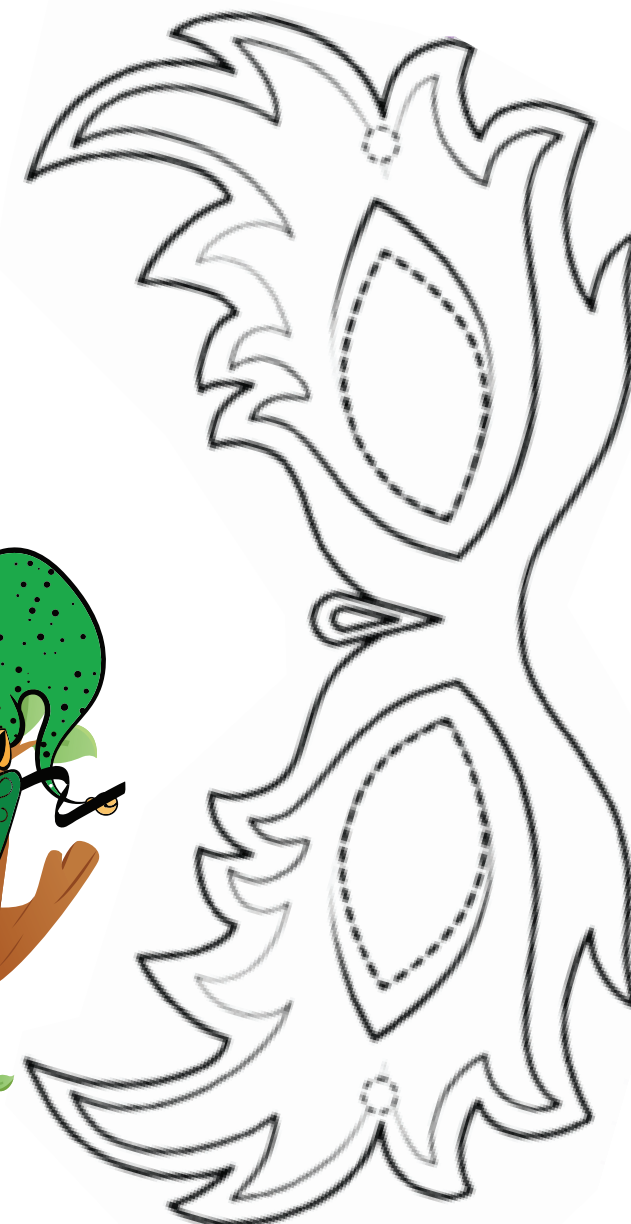
WONDER By R.J. Palacio AR BL: 4.8 - AR Pts: 11.0

August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face. Beginning from Auggie's point of view and expanding to include his classmates, his sister, her boyfriend, and others, the perspectives converge to form a portrait of one community's struggle with empathy, compassion, and acceptance. In a world where bullying among young people is an epidemic, this is a refreshing new narrative full of heart and hope.



ACTIVITY

COLOR YOUR OWN MASK



community EVENTS

Krewe de Rivière Mardi Gras: Neon Revolution Saturday, January 27th

Mardi Gras season is here! Join the Krewe de Riviere for their annual events. Don't miss the Mardi Gras festivities happening all day long! Visit krewederiviere.com for more information.

Children & Pet Parade | 2pm, Downtown River Market
Mardi Gras Madness | 11am-5pm, Downtown River Market
Krewe de Riviere Parade | 5pm

Krewe of Janus Mardi Gras: Jammin' with Janus Saturday, February 3rd

The Twin Cities' Krewe of Janus Mardi Gras parade celebrated 40 years of Mardi Gras tradition and flavor in the Twin Cities in 2023, and they look forward to another great parade in 2024. The parade includes nearly 50 units featuring several High School bands, as well as ULM's Sound of Today Marching Band! For more information, visit kreweofjanus.com.

Krewe of Paws Pet Parade | Antique Alley
Children's Parade | 10am, Pecanland Mall
Krewe of Janus Parade | 6pm

St. Patrick's Day Bicycle Parade & Festival Saturday, March 9th | 10 am-1pm Kiroli Park in West Monroe

Come join Centric for some St. Patrick's day fun! Bring the whole family for St. Paddy's Day arts and crafts, games, and so much more! Free green lemonade and additional food items will be for sale. The Bicycle Parade is open to adults, children and pets and is a non-motorized parade that can include bicycles, scooters, wagons, strollers, etc. Prizes will be awarded to the best-decorated adult, children and pets.



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