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Springtime at Home

Spring is a great time of year. This is when all the birds start to sing and the bees start to buzz. Have you seen the flowers growing all over town?

If you find a flower you especially love, or a bird that tweets extra loud, take a picture and send it to me. You can email me at buddybear@shcu.org.

Your friend,

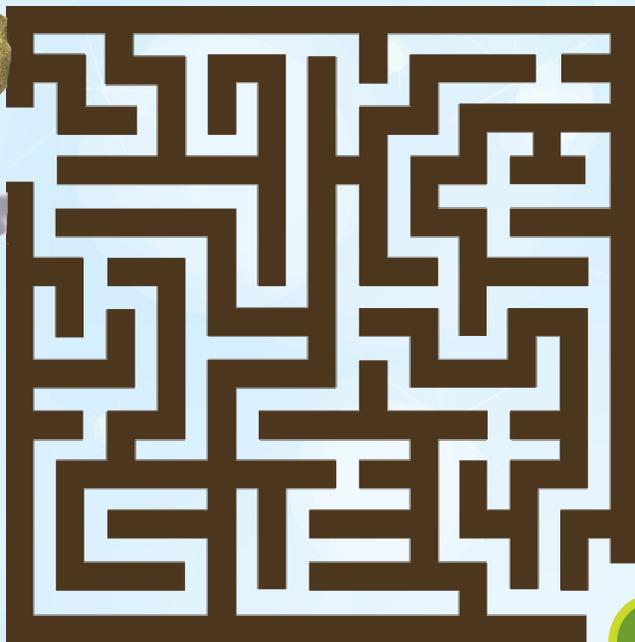
BUDDY BEAR

Buddy Bear
Cub Club President



Buddy Bear's Maze

Help Buddy find his way to the woods



Parents' Corner

Sharing the Love of Saving

Everyone loves to spend money. That's because spending is easy. But, let's be honest, saving is far more important. And with the right incentives and lessons, teaching the importance of saving to your kids can be easy and fun.

Keep it Simple

If you have a clear jar or other see-thru container lying around, you can turn it into a savings tool. Just cut a slit in the top and encourage your kiddos to put their coins and dollars into the jar. Maybe even place a marker on the container to show when they get to open it and count the money. Over time, the money and their excitement will grow.

Set Goals

Whether your kids are into video games or science experiments, set a realistic savings goal you know they can meet in a handful of weeks. Once they reach that goal, let them go out and buy the item they want with the money they've saved. Then, set higher and higher goals, such as a bike or even a car. By the time they've grown up, they could be great savers who always plan ahead.

Match Their Funds

Just like some employers match retirement funds, you can match your kid's savings. This is a great way to teach the importance of maximizing opportunities and the power of combined savings.

Springtime Close Up

Be one of the first 10 to correctly answer all three and you'll win a \$5 Dairy Queen gift certificate. Send your name, address and answers to buddybear@shcu.org.





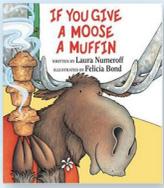
Buddy's World Records World's Loudest Domestic Cat

Ever heard a cat purr? It's quiet and soothing – expect for one cat owner. Their cat named Smokey achieved a record 67.7 decibels, which is louder than most dishwashers or the average television volume.



Buddy's Books

There are even more books at your library.

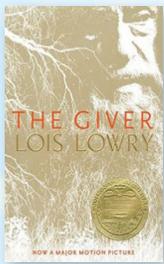


Ages Pre K-6

If You Give a Moose a Muffin

By Laura Numeroff and Felicia Bond

Have you ever given a moose a muffin? No? Now you can see what would happen if you had, in this hilarious adventure filled with muffins, moose, and merriment.



Ages 8-12

The Giver

By Lois Lowry

Travel along with a 12-year old boy who uncovers a dark and sinister world in this award-winning book. Be warned, this is the first in a series of fun and hard-to-put-down novels.

Springtime Jokes

Send your fun jokes to buddybear@shcu.org.

Q: Can February March?

A: No, but April May.

Q: What is the best season for trampolines?

A: Springtime.

Q: When is a flower like the letter A?

A: When a bee comes after it.

Buddy's Bird Feeder

We all love listening and watching birds. Now you can feed them too with this simple and fun craft. Be careful, this one can be messy.

Supplies:

- Cardboard toilet paper tube
- Wax paper (sheet)
- Peanut butter
- Butter knife
- Birdseed
- String (24"-36")
- Scissors



Instructions:

1. Cut a 24- to 36-inch piece of string.
2. Pour a thin layer of birdseed onto a sheet of wax paper.
3. Spread peanut butter on the outside of the cardboard tube.
4. Roll the peanut butter-covered tube over the birdseed until it is completely covered.
5. Thread your string through the tube and tie the ends to create a hanger.
6. Hang your bird feeder from a tree branch and wait for the birds to come.