



Flag Day is June 14th

What's New with BKW...

The BuzzLetter's spectacular new header, of course! Need we say more?

New Blogs:

Drawing Peter Pan: Another tutorial by ArtistAnika of Crafty Art World

Online Teen Safety: 3 simple rules to keep in mind (using Facebook as an example)

Got Rhythm?: Some cool items to start your own Rhythm band!

Digging into...

The BuzzLetter Archives

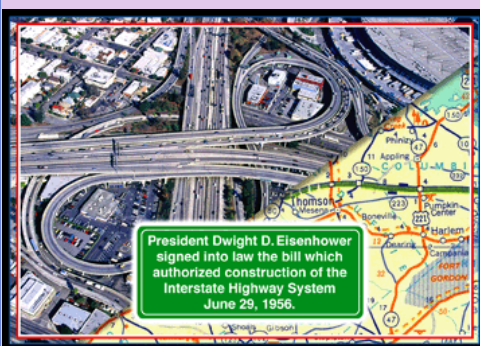
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- Finding Ways to keep your kids reading over the summer
- Collecting Postcards

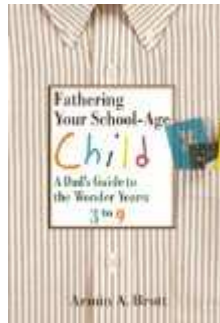
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- Thrifty Vacation Ideas: From steamboat railroads to corn mazes
- Garage Sales: Teaching kids to negotiate
- Summer Activity Suggestions
- Flag Etiquette
- Message to Dad

History Matters!



Making it easier for dads and kids to bond



In recent years, fathers have been spending more time with their children than ever before. It's good news for the kids.

Studies show that kids with involved dads are more likely to form intimate relationships as adults and will be happier or more confident and independent.

In her book, *Fathering Your School-age Child*, author Armin Brott reports other studies that show kids with active dads perform better in school and are more likely to attend college.

The benefits begin with a newborn. A father's bonding with the baby paves the way for bonding later on.

Moms can help by having faith in the dad and his way of play, which is usually different from a mother's. And moms can plan play times and activities that dads and kids can do together.

Uncles, grandfathers and friends can be part of it. They can invite the dad and his child or children on an outing, which also gives the mother a break so she can rest or catch up on her email.



A father carries pictures where his money used to be. ~Author Unknown

CHALK TALK

Patience is a virtue!



It's not unusual to be stuck in a line somewhere - in the cafeteria, at the checkout counter, theater, or waiting in the doctor's office. As one patient said, "There's a lot of waiting going on here."

But your frenzy is useless. It causes stress, anxiety, frustration or anger.

No one is born patient. It has to be developed. Its benefits are many: It can make you healthier, better at decision-making, and not only make you more understanding of others but of the obstacles you have to overcome, too. It's the basis for better relationships with family members, pals and authority figures.

Here's a How To for developing patience:

- Make an effort for one day to take your time and think about everything you do. At the end of the day, think about how you made smarter decisions, got along better with others and got a better picture of what was going on.
- Slow down when the situation calls for it. If you tend to be in a rush and want everything NOW! or done immediately, STOP! Take a few deep breaths; think about it... for even a few seconds. Getting impatient won't make things move any faster and could have the opposite effect - like regretting your rash decision to make that "impulse" purchase.
- Practice thinking before you speak. Pause and go over what you need to say. And always try to avoid hurting or offending others.

Patience is the ability to count down before you blast off. ~Author Unknown

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Those amazing animals

Questions answered by the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh:

- Which animals live the longest? Tortoises live 120 to 150 years; whales live 90 to 115 years; and the Asiatic elephant may live up to 78 years.
- Which animals are the smartest? Chimpanzees and other primates, followed by killer whales, dolphins, elephants, and pigs.
- What animals are the biggest? Blue whales can be up to 110 feet long and may reach a weight of 224 tons. The African bush elephant is 10.5 feet tall at the shoulder and may weigh up to 6.2 tons.
- Who is the fastest? The cheetah can run 70 miles an hour, followed by some antelopes at 60, and lions,

quarter horses, and gazelles at 50.

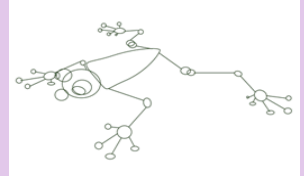
- Do animals snore? Some dogs do.
- Do animals have blood types? Yes, pigs have 16 types, cows have 12, dogs have 7 types, and cats have 2.
- Do they have color vision? Birds do. Most mammals are color blind, but apes and monkeys can tell colors apart. Dogs and cats cannot.



June Project

Draw a Frog

From this ►



◀ to this!

Starting with the skeletal outline shown above, ArtistAnika takes you step by step through the process of drawing a tree frog with her website tutorial. It's fun; it's easy and just one reason why www.craftyartworld.com is our favorite.

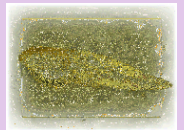
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Speaking of Frogs...

How important is a tadpole? While we don't have large endangered species like Rwanda's mountain gorilla in our country; many creatures are feeling the effect of human beings on their survival.

Consider the bullfrog that lives by our lakes and streams. In some areas, genetic defects in frogs have been blamed on contaminated water.

The tadpole shown here must have clean, untainted water in order to survive and be healthy.



This tiny bullfrog tadpole might not seem important, but what we as humans do, can affect all of our creatures.

To keep chemicals from making their way to a river, stream or lake:

- Be mindful of what goes down your household/storm drains.
- Use eco-friendly cleaners.
- Don't over-fertilize the lawn.
- Maintain septic systems so overflows don't go into the ground water

World Environment Day, June 5, 2010.

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~ Editor

JUST POKING SOME FUN!

The Last Day of School

Summer vacation
is starting today.

The teachers are shouting out,
"Hip, hip, hooray!"

Our grumpy old principal
grins ear to ear,
and runs down the hall shouting,
"Summer is here!"

The buses come early -
they're usually late.
The teachers say, "Hurry up!
Pack up! Don't wait!"

The school bell is ringing.
There's no time to chat.
The whole school is emptied
in one second flat.

Everyone's happy.
Our spirits are flying.
Except for our parents.
They're sulking and crying.

Robert Pottle
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Kids' Quotes

*What people write on desks can teach
you a lot.*

*If you read a book, it can take you to
places you have never been before [and
some places you wish you didn't have
to go - like algebra!]*

*All the bad things I've heard about algebra
are true.*

*When I try to be nice to my teachers,
my friends think I'm kissing up.*

*Ever notice when teachers are mad,
they don't blink?*

*There are three good reasons to be a
teacher - June, July, and August.*

