

# EAGLE EXPRESS

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## March

### **Tuesday, March 8**

PTO Meeting 6:15-8:00pm

### **Tuesday, March 15**

School Council Meeting 3:20pm  
School Committee Meeting 7:00pm

### **Wednesday, March 16**

"Savings Makes Cents"

### **Thursday, March 17**

All School Sing 2:30pm

## **Cafeteria News**

### **Your child signed up for breakfast last month and changed their mind; no worries**

The monthly lunch/breakfast menu's are planned in advanced and are sent home the last Friday of the month. Because of this practice often times the children have to sign up for breakfast prior to the menu reaching home. These choices are a guideline for the cafeteria to prepare for the upcoming week. If your child has signed up on Friday for their monthly meals with their teacher and they change their mind, we are flexible and will accommodate the change. If you have any questions please feel free to call the Food Service Director, Donna LaClaire in the cafeteria at ext 232

### **Join the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students for brunch at the Dr. Seuss Birthday Extravaganza!**

All donations will go to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade for their New York City field trip. Please see attached flyer for more information.

## **News from After School**

After School is buzzing this week with tons of great activities, wonderful weather for outdoor play and lots of new students being welcomed into the program! Sign your child up for After School, and let him/her enjoy ALL that After School has to offer - social time with friends, awesome projects including STEM, Arts & Crafts, and sports, plus countless other benefits!

As a reminder, After School will be holding a fundraiser at the French King Bowling Center on Saturday, March 12th from 4-6 pm. Prizes will be given to the student who collects the highest number of pledges and also to the highest scorer. Pledge Sheets are out, so please help support After School by generously donating to any one of our star bowlers! If your child is not in After School and would like to participate in this fundraiser, please contact Stephanie at [mitchell@erving.com](mailto:mitchell@erving.com).

Here's what's coming up for next week:

**Monday, 3/7:** Water and String Experiment

**Tuesday, 3/8:** Fleece Octopus

**Wednesday, 3/9:** Loose Parts Self Portraits

**Thursday, 3/10:** Show and Tell: Michaela's Findings from Aruba

**Friday, 3/11:** Melted Crayon Art

Donate today - snacks and craft supplies are always appreciated. Specific items include glue, glue sticks, scissors, ribbon, pillow stuffing or anything else you can think of!

Thank you from all of us at After School!

# News from the Principal's Desk

*Dear Families and Friends of Erving Elementary School,*

Time is MARCHing on!!! Spring like weather is upon us, and daily reports from Florida confirm that the Red Sox could be title contenders ☺. Before we can say 'Strike One' it will be opening day against Baltimore, and daytrips to the seaside. Inside school our students are excited about the All-School Play, field trips and the places they will explore during the coming weeks. One such opportunity comes this Sunday by way of the Dr. Seuss Extravaganza, complete with green eggs and ham brunch, birthday cake and puppet show.

"You have brains in your head.  
You have feet in your shoes.  
You can steer yourself  
any direction you choose.  
You're on your own. And you know what you know.  
And YOU are the *person* who'll decide where to go".

There are many connections between this extract from the Dr. Seuss book *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* and the many wonderful learning opportunities our students receive, beyond their core academic classes. Students are able to explore ideas, express themselves, and achieve personal growth through the arts. As we act, dance, sing, paint, throw, or sculpt, we become more deeply aware of our own creativity and capacity for expression. Art helps us to move beyond ourselves and connect with new ideas and ways of viewing the world. Singing in a different language, creating in a different medium, acting a role that is unlike ourselves, all help us to enrich our thinking and stretch our imagination. We are proud that we provide the best possible opportunities for students in the visual and performing arts at Erving Elementary School. If you come along to our school play on April 13<sup>th</sup> you will see a group of students excelling in dance, music, movement, theatre; a different approach to learning.

It was wonderful seeing so many parents and guardians attend this week's conferences. Thank you for valuing this opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss your child's progress to date.

A special mention to an upcoming community event at Erving Elementary School. CNC has a wonderful workshop series with Sarah Patton "**Positive Solutions for Parents**". This 6 part series is FREE and available to all families with children, no matter what town. Each one is from 6:00-7:30 and FREE dinner and FREE child care. Please take the time to attend. Thank you to Gillian Budine and the CNC team for the wonderful work you do in support of our Erving students.

Thank you for all that you do in support of our school. Have a wonderful weekend. ☺

Sincerely,

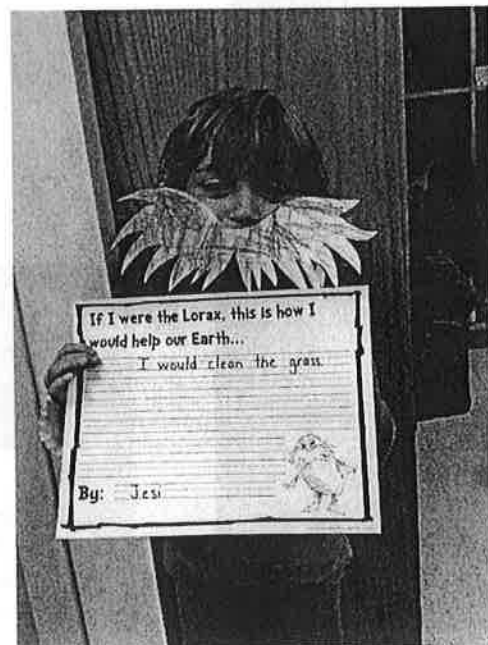
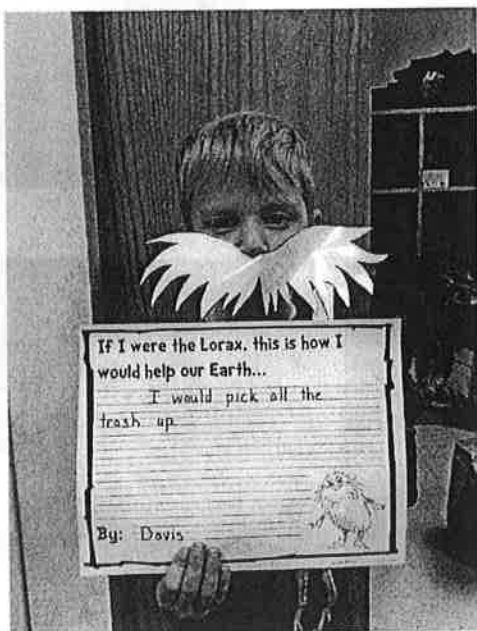
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Principal

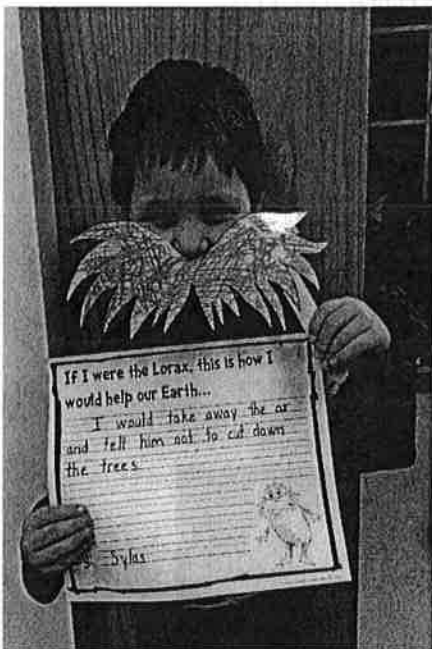
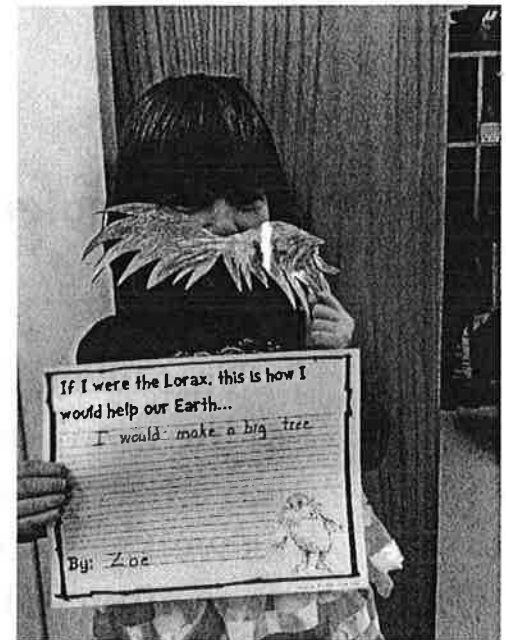
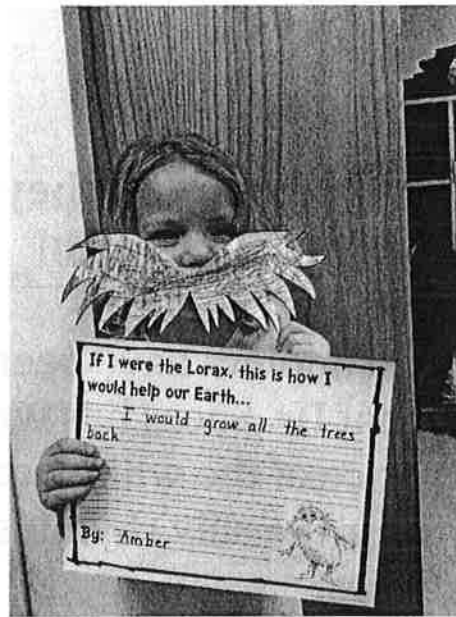


## Preschoolers think about what they can do to help protect our Earth!

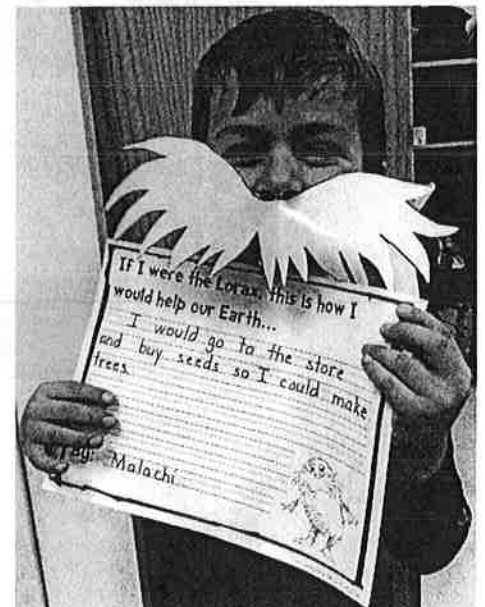
This week the preschoolers have been exploring some of the many books that Dr. Suess has written. They have been taking notice of the whimsical illustrations, as well as, listening for the silly rhyming words that he uses often in his stories.

One of the stories that the children explored was The Lorax. They thought about what was happening to the environment when all of the trees were being cut down. They talked about what it would be like if they didn't have clean air to breathe, trees to climb, or clean water for swimming and drinking. Then they talked about how they would help the Earth if they were the Lorax. The preschoolers had some amazing ideas...





## How Preschool Mrs. Parse's class would help our Earth





## ***It's the Dr. Seuss Birthday Extravaganza!***

**Sunday, March 6 at the Erving Senior & Community Center**

**1 Care Dr., Erving--Rt. 63, just north of school**

**10:30-11:30 am: Green Eggs & Ham Brunch**

**(and other good stuff too!)**

**11:30 am-1:00 pm: Birthday Party**

**10:30 - 11:30 am: BRUNCH**

brought to you by the EES  
6<sup>th</sup> grade, who ***request a donation***  
because this event is a fund-raiser  
for their trip to New York City!



**11:30 am - 1:00 pm: MORE FUN**

**All -Ages Birthday Party with a *free* puppet show  
by Sparky's Puppets: *Tricksters and Noodleheads*  
followed by birthday cake created by  
Erving resident Mackensey Bailey**

Sparky's Puppets performance is supported in part by the  
Erving Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the  
Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency



Have questions? Contact Erving Elem. School Library: 423-3326 ext. 103 or [urban@erving.com](mailto:urban@erving.com)

*this is a PTO & school-sponsored event*



***Find out how to become a  
HISTORY DETECTIVE***

**Wednesday, March 9  
and/or**

**Tuesday, March 29**

**(come to one or both)**

**6:30-7:30 pm in the  
school computer lab**

**Learn how to make a  
family tree.  
Learn about  
Erving's history.**



[massculturalcouncil.org](http://massculturalcouncil.org)

**this program is sponsored by  
Erving Elem. and funded by the  
Mass. Cultural Council through  
the Erving Cultural Council**

**Join Sara Campbell & Shari Strahan for a fun evening of exploration into the history of our families and of Erving. Child-Adult teams will learn together how to uncover clues about our ancestors and/or other past Erving residents. Please register with Ms. Urban in the library: 423-3326 or [urban@erving.com](mailto:urban@erving.com)**

Original Art Work  
by our 6<sup>th</sup> graders:  
Block Printed Cards  
are now on sale  
in the school lobby

card + envelope  
\$2.00

*This week, cards were printed in an after-school session with students & parents/guardians. All sales of these beautiful & unique cards go towards the 6<sup>th</sup> grade's spring trip to New York.*

Get them while they last!

**Scholarship Opportunities**  
**Erving Teachers' Association**  
**Erving PTO**

The Erving Teachers' Association and the Erving PTO are pleased to announce two scholarship opportunities. Students need only submit one application to be considered for both awards.

Winners of an ETA scholarship of \$300 and a PTO scholarship of \$200 will be chosen after the receipt of a complete application. The scholarship is available to any June 2015 or 2016 high school graduate who has attended Erving Elementary School.

Each application will be judged on academic performance, citizenship, and school and community involvement. Applications are available at the Erving Elementary School office, at your high school guidance office or can be downloaded from the [erving.com](http://erving.com) website.

Completed applications must be mailed to Erving Elementary School by Friday, April 22, 2016.



# TALK, READ, & PLAY

Help build the foundation for your child's learning with this ***FREE*** home visiting program.

**Families with young children newborn - 2 years of age are invited to take part in this program.**



*Participants will receive-*

***FREE*** books, toys and learning materials

- Help your child be ready for school
- Share this information with a friend in Erving, Leverett, New Salem, Wendell, or Shutesbury who has a child under 2 years-of-age.

**FREE!**

**When Children Talk, Read, & Play they build skills that prepare them for a lifetime of success.**

**Questions??**

**Call 978-544-5157 and ask about the Talk, Read, & Play Program.**

*This program is made possible with the support and special thanks to the Friends and Family of Frank "Michael" Sokolosky and with collaboration from the CFCE grant through the Department of Early Education and Care, the Union #28 Community Network for Children Program and community donations.*



M. N. Spear

**Memorial Library** &



**Community  
Network for Children**

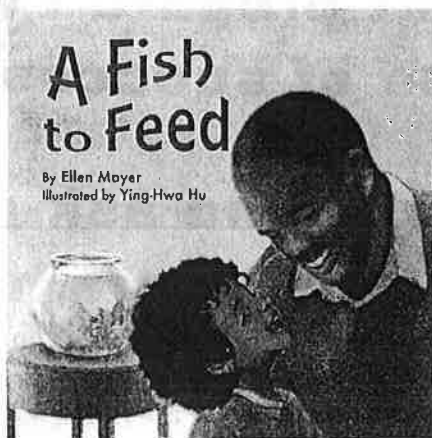
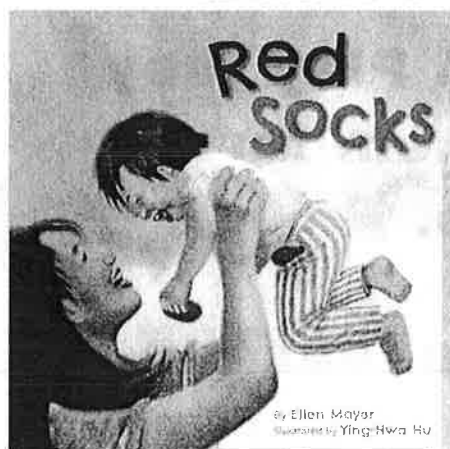
**Presenting Ellen Mayer**

**Friday, March 11th  
6 pm  
Shutesbury  
Town Hall**

**Free Books**

**for**

**Each Family**



The Community Network for Children a program funded by the CFCE grant from the MA Department of Early Education and Care.



photo by Mindaugas Serova

**Author and Educator  
Ellen Mayer**

Ellen Mayer writes picture books for babies, young children and the grown-ups who read to them. She works with families through an early literacy program. Ellen has also worked in educational research, studying how families support their children's learning.

**This program is best for families with children four and under.**

**The program is free and pizza and childcare will be provided.**



**Please REGISTER by contacting  
Gillian Budine, [budine@erving.com](mailto:budine@erving.com)**

The Union #28 Community Network for Children Program is hosting:

# POSITIVE SOLUTIONS FOR FAMILIES!

Presented by Sarah Patton, LICSW, HHC



6 Sessions:

**TUESDAYS**

5:30 Dinner

6:00-7:30 Workshop

March 15th, 22nd, 29th

April 5, 12, 26th (please  
note no session on April  
19th)

**ALL WELCOME!**

**Positive Solutions for families:  
Parents/Grandparents/Families/Caregivers:**

- Would you like your child/ren to feel competent and confident in themselves and with others?
- Are you looking for strategies to help your child/ren learn how to manage their emotions & to follow directions and communicate more effectively?
- ***Do you want some new ideas to deal with challenging behavior?***

**6 Part Workshop series with  
incentives if you attend at least 5  
evenings!**

**FREE Dinner and Child Care** if needed  
for participants who **pre-register**.

**Where:** Erving Elementary School,  
28 Northfield Road, Erving

**REGISTER** with Community Network for  
Children at **978-544-5157** or  
**budine@erving.com**

Funded by the Departments of Early Education and Care, and Elementary and Secondary Education and Donations to the Community Network for Children Program a CFCE Grant funded Program.



**Building BLOCKs**  
Building Better Longitudinal  
Outcomes for Children in pre-K  
Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)





Union #28 Schools  
Community Network for Children  
PROGRAM SCHEDULE  
September 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016



Call 978-544-5157 for more info or find us on  
All programs suitable for newborns through preschool age.

Combination of free play, music, movement, books, and nursery rhymes at all programs!

Come join us!

	<b>MONDAY</b> <b>Shutesbury</b> <b>TALES &amp;</b> <b>TUNES</b> 9:30 to 11:00am Katie T.	<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>New Salem</b> <b>PLAYGROUP</b> 8:45 to 10:15am Emily J.	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>Erving</b> <b>PLAYGROUP</b> 10:00 to 11:30am Emily J.	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>Wendell</b> <b>PLAYGROUP</b> 10:00 to 11:30am Sylvia W.	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>Leverett</b> <b>TALES &amp;</b> <b>TUNES</b> 10:30 to 12:00am Heleen C.	<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>Shutesbury</b> <b>PLAYGROUP</b> 9:00-10:30am Gillian & Joie	<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>Erving</b> <b>Family</b> <b>Playtime</b> 10:00-11:30 Gillian & Joie
<b>SEPT</b>	14, 21, 28	15, 22, 29	16, 23, 30	9, 16, 23, 30	9, 16, 23, 30	18, 25	20
<b>OCT</b>	5, 19, 26	6, 13, 20, 27	7, 14, 21, 28	7, 14, 21, 28	7, 14, 21, 28	2, 9, 16, 30	18
<b>NOV</b>	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	3, 10, 17, 24	4, 18	4, 18	4, 18	6, 13, 20	22Cancelled
<b>DEC</b>	7, 14, 21	1, 8, 15, 22	2, 9, 16	2, 9, 16	2, 9, 16	NONE	13
<b>JAN</b>	4, 11, 25	5, 12, 19, 26	6, 13, 20, 27	6, 13, 20, 27	6, 13, 20, 27	8, 15, 22, 29	24
<b>FEB</b>	1, 8, 22, 29	2, 9, 23	3, 10, 24	3, 10, 17, 24	3, 10, 27	5, 12, 26	28
<b>MARCH</b>	7, 14, 21, 28	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	4, 11, 18, 25	20
<b>APRIL</b>	4, 11, 25	5, 12, 26	27	6, 13, 20, 27	6, 13, 20, 27	1, 8, 15, 29	10
<b>MAY</b>	2, 9, 16, 23	3, 10, 17, 24, 31	4, 11, 18, 25	4, 11, 18, 25	4, 11, 18, 25	(43Cancelled), 20, 27	22
<b>JUNE</b>	6, 13, 20, 27	7	1, 8	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	NONE	5
	<b>M.N. Spear Memorial Library</b> 10 Cooleyville Rd Shutesbury, MA 413-259-1213	<b>Swift River School</b> 201 Wendell Road New Salem, MA 978-544-5157 (CNC Office #)	<b>Erving Elementary School</b> 28 Northfield Road Erving, MA 413-423-3326	<b>Wendell Library</b> 7 Wendell Depot Rd Wendell, MA 978-544-3559	<b>Leverett Library</b> 75 Montague Road Leverett, MA 413-548-9220	<b>Shutesbury Elementary School</b> 23 West Pelham Road Shutesbury, MA 413-259-1212	<b>Erving Elementary School Gym</b>

Please note: Ongoing programs may not occur during school vacations or holidays. Please check the schedule!

If inclement weather is a concern, call the CNC office for message/update, check Facebook or the CNC Website for info.

These programs are supported in part by grant funds from The Massachusetts Department of Early Education.

Shutesbury Elementary School, Erving Elementary School, Swift River School, and donations from friends in the community.

2/1/2016



# The Erving Recreation Commission

— *presents* —



# MOVIE NIGHT

THIS FRIDAY: THE GOOD DINOSAUR

First Friday's of the month

Feb 5, March 4, April 1 @ 6:30 pm

Erving Recreation Center, 18 Pleasant Street

FREE ADMISSION!!

Parents & Children (no drop offs)

Snacks Provided

\*contact [rec@erving-ma.org](mailto:rec@erving-ma.org) for movie selection up to one week prior

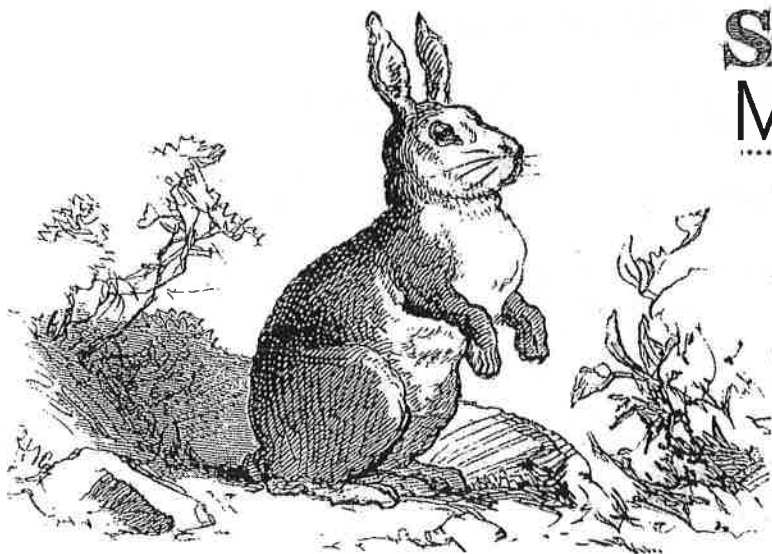




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Please join the Erving Recreation Commission for an  
**EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA**  
with the Easter Bunny

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**SATURDAY**  
**MARCH 19TH**

**9-12**  
**A.M.**

**ERVING**  
*Recreation*  
**CENTER**



**18 Pleasant Steet**

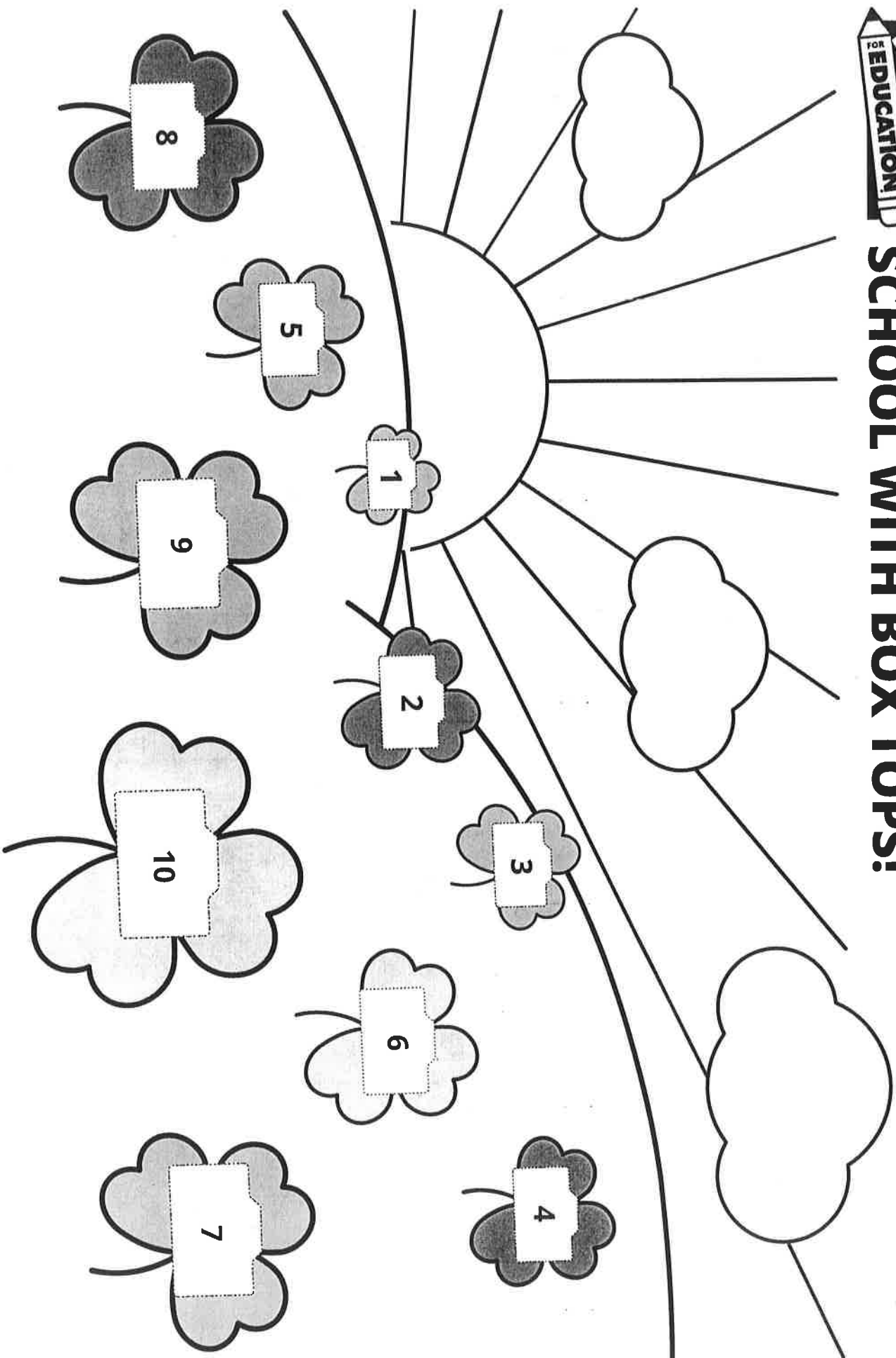
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**crafts   movie   games   snacks**

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# SEND GOOD LUCK TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL WITH BOX TOPS!



Thank you for helping! Clipped Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for your child's school. Bonus certificates should not be attached to this sheet – please submit them separately. To see more ways to earn cash for your child's school, go to [BTFF.com](http://BTFF.com).

