

The Acorn



Just for Kids...
(of all ages)

Time to Explore!

Are you one of "those" people? You know the ones I mean... after the first few weeks of summer, they start complaining that there's nothing for them to do, that they're BORED?!? I am completely amazed when I hear this, & I usually tell the complainer what my Mom always says: *Only boring people can be bored!* There are hundreds - no, THOUSANDS - of things to do...all it takes is a little bit of imagination! Is there something you've been wanting to try? Do it now! I have a cousin who writes letters...she's written to some really famous people (George Lucas, for one!) & gotten answers, all because she simply took the time to do it!! If you find yourself "bored" - pick up a book & read it to your cat...make a card for your mailman...open a notebook & write down who you are or who you want to be, why you love chocolate or hate the color orange, write a letter to yourself to open ten years from now, or two months from now - you'll be astounded at what you can learn

about yourself when you write it...or draw it, or play it, or dance it, or sculpt it, or sing it, or paint it, or...you decide - **JUST DO IT!**



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*****Kidspirations!*****

*This issue's
poetry & artwork
is by Dragon,
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Self Portrait

My hair is like a feather on a bird's back
My eyes are like bark on a tree
My feet are as strong as steel
My brain works like a wizard's brain
My heart holds love
that is red
as a heart beating
I live in a tree and eat
acorns and bark

Energy Wheel

Happy is white like clouds
and also like marshmallows
It is through my mind
It reminds me of the time I was camping
It makes me feel flying like a bird
It makes me want to shout.
Thank You to the world



Anger can be
red like fire in the sky
hot like burning coals on the fire
cold like the icicles hanging from the gutter
sounds like a thunderstorm in the night
tastes like rotten tomatoes
smells like rotten eggs
looks like a stabbing sword
texture like a slimy monster
moves like a cheetah after its prey

Kids!!

Send us
YOUR writing,
drawings,
thoughts, or
ideas for the
next Acorn...
we would love
to see your
creative work
in here!





Crafts by Starlite ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆

Make a Flower Press!

2 Pieces of Wood - Plywood will work

4 Bolts

4 Wing Nuts

Cardboard - cut to size of Wood

Paper

Make sure the 2 pieces of wood are the same size, as big or small as you like. Mine is a 9"x7" press. Drill holes in the corners on both pieces of wood, close to edge but not too close. Place the bolts (pointing upward) in one piece of wood, and trim the cardboard to fit around the bolts. Place cardboard on top of wood. Some flowers or herbs need a extra layer of paper between the cardboard. Place more cardboard on top of paper or flowers. Place the second piece of wood on top. Close and tighten the press with the wing nuts. Paint, use a wood burner, stain or whatever to personalize.

**Now that you have a flower press and have pressed some pretty flowers or herbs; you can make a bookmark...*

Create a Bookmark!

*Heavy-weight Paper or Cardstock**

*(*or Blank Bookmarks from local Craft Store)*

Pressed Flowers or Herbs

Glue Stick

Clear Contact Paper

Glue the flowers, herbs or whatever you have chosen to the bookmark. After you arrange and glue the items on your bookmark, cover smoothly with contact paper.

Simple yet beautiful!



Flour Dough Art

2 c All-Purpose Flour

1 c Salt

1 c Water

Spoon and Plastic Bag

Cookie Cutters (optional)

Mix flour and salt well, then slowly add the water mixing with a spoon to form a ball - if you add too much water the dough becomes too sticky. Knead 7-10 min until dough is smooth and firm. (Keep dough in a plastic bag to keep moist.) Roll out and shape it as you would cookies, then air dry. For the puffier look, preheat oven at 325-350 (NEVER HIGHER!) and bake on foil-covered cookie sheet for 30 min (for 1/4" of dough thickness), or until light brown. If ornament puffs up too much, lower heat by 50-75 and poke hole in any bubble that forms with toothpick.

Bread Dough Recipe

3 Slices of White Bread (5-7 days old, crust removed)

3 Tablespoons of White Glue

3 Drops of Lemon Juice

Mixing Bowl and Fork

Airtight Plastic Bag (good for 2 weeks, refrigerated)

Place small pieces of bread in palms and, using circular motion, shred bread into bowl. Add glue and lemon juice mix with a fork until absorbed. Knead dough with both hands. It will start out gritty, then become smoother. Knead for about 10 minutes. Shape and let dry. Once they have dried completely, sculptures can be painted using water-based (NOT water-color!) paint.



The Fox's Den



This issue's so full, I only have room to say one thing - go outside! Play, walk, read, swim, sing, skip, ride, write, dance...breathe the summertime air, & taste this wonderful world we're living in!

