

Walnut Ridge Elementary

Alternative Method of Instruction Verification Form

Day 6 Day 7 Day 8 Day 9 Day 10

This form certifies that your child completed work for the designated day. This will allow your child to receive attendance credit for this day. In the event it is not completed, your child will receive an unexcused absence.

My child, _____ completed all work assigned for Day _____.

My child also worked on the following website:

_____.

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Name: _____

The Pink Fairy Armadillo

By Lydia Lukidis

Here's a riddle for you: which animal is tiny, with a pink shell and fluffy white fur underneath? You may have a hard time guessing this one! This animal is not so common. It is also a little strange. Actually, you may have never even heard of it. It's a pink fairy armadillo!

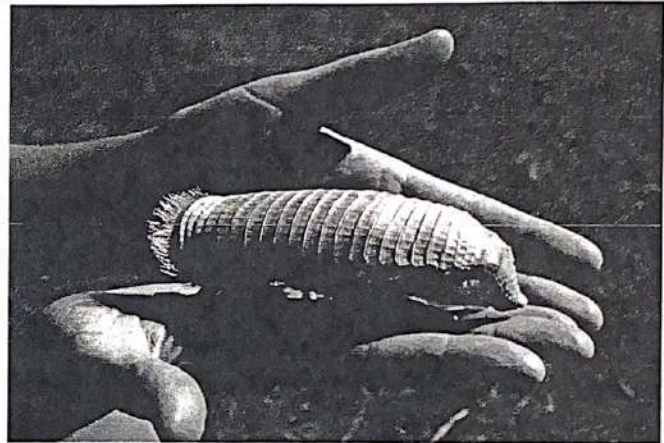


Photo by: Mariella Superina

So what makes this little critter so unique? First of all, it has a funny name and it's the color pink. It also has a really long tail that acts like a fifth leg. A pink fairy armadillo's tail makes the animal more stable while it digs. Its shell is also special because it acts like a heater. The shell pumps blood in and out of it. That way, the animal can raise or lower its body temperature. That's pretty cool! In fact, the reason the armadillo's shell is pink is from all the blood going in and out.

Usually, an armadillo's shell is attached to its body. However, a pink fairy armadillo's shell is not fully attached to its body. Instead, the shell is connected to a membrane that runs along the spine.

The pink fairy armadillo is the smallest kind of armadillo. This armadillo's entire body is only about 5 inches long, and it weighs less than a pound. Even though it is so small, a pink fairy armadillo has gigantic claws. In fact, its claws are so big, it has trouble walking on hard surfaces like rock. These claws help the armadillo dig into the earth for food. This animal can dig very quickly. If it feels threatened, it will bury itself in the earth in just a few seconds.

As for food, the pink fairy armadillo loves to chomp on ants. That is its favorite meal. It also eats worms and other creepy crawlers. Sometimes it will even eat plants and roots.

If you want to see a pink fairy armadillo, it may not be that easy. First of all, they only live in Argentina. They prefer to live on the sandy plains or in the dry grass. Second of all, they rarely come out in public. They mostly stay hidden from view. Some scientists spend years studying them yet may have never actually seen a pink fairy armadillo in the wild! It is difficult to say whether the pink fairy armadillos are endangered because scientists don't have enough data on them. Their populations may be healthy, or they could be disappearing. We just don't know. Sometimes, pink fairy armadillos get eaten by other wild animals, so they keep out of sight much of the time.



Photo by: Guillermo Ferraris

Our world is an amazing place! There are so many special animals on the planet that we don't see every day. I bet today you learned about an animal you never knew about.

About the Author



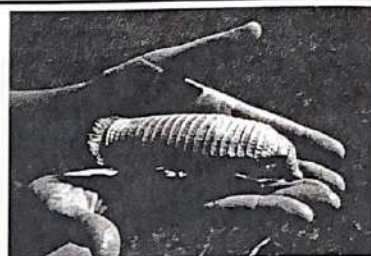
Lydia Lukidis is a published children's author with a multi-disciplinary background that spans the fields of literature, theater, and puppetry. Lydia's picture book, *Gerbs in the House: The Dilly Dally Bedtime Routine*, is now available. Find out if Mocha will ever get his silly son to sleep!

Lukidis, Lydia. *Gerbs in the House: The Dilly Dally Bedtime Routine* ISBN: 978-0-9917402-7-7

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1. How does a pink fairy armadillo get its color?
 - a. The pink color results from the armadillo's diet of pink plants, such as flowers.
 - b. The pink color comes from the blood pumping in and out of the armadillo's shell.
 - c. The pink color arises when the armadillo is threatened, angered, or scared.
 - d. The pink color comes from the armadillo's shiny body and shell reflecting sunlight.

2. In the box below, circle the object that most closely matches the pink fairy armadillo in length.

baseball bat	fork	scarf	canoe
broomstick	paperclip	ruler	chalkboard

3. According to the information you read in the article, describe **one advantage** and **one disadvantage** of a pink fairy armadillo's giant claws.

4. Put a check mark () next to each reason why it is difficult to see a pink fairy armadillo in the wild.

- Pink fairy armadillos only come out at night.
- Pink fairy armadillos hide from other animals that may eat them.
- Pink fairy armadillos are endangered.
- Pink fairy armadillos mostly stay hidden from view.

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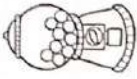
Match each vocabulary word from the article with the correct definition.

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|---------------------|---|
| _____ 1. endangered | a. a thin structure in a living organism that acts as a boundary or barrier |
| _____ 2. plains | b. very large; enormous |
| _____ 3. stable | c. set apart; different; special |
| _____ 4. membrane | d. at risk of becoming extinct |
| _____ 5. chomp | e. intimidated; scared |
| _____ 6. gigantic | f. steady, balanced |
| _____ 7. critter | g. puzzle; question to solve |
| _____ 8. threatened | h. munch or chew food |
| _____ 9. unique | i. wide expanses of flat land |
| _____ 10. riddle | j. creature; small animal |

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Day 1 Third Grade

Making Math Marvelous



1. What does the 4 in the number 204,678 represent?

- A. 400
- B. 4,000
- C. 40,000
- D. 400,000

2. How is $50,000 + 6,000 + 700 + 70 + 3$ written in standard form?

- A. 56,77
- B. 5,773
- C. 506,733
- D. 56,773



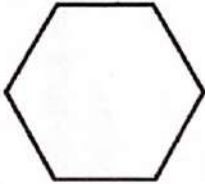
- A. 1:20
- B. 4:05
- C. 1:25
- D. 4:10

3. What time is shown on the clock?

4. What comes 100 before and 100 after this number?

	4	5	8
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5. What is the name of the shape below?



- A. rectangle
- B. pentagon
- C. hexagon
- D. pyramid

6. Find the sum.

$$\begin{array}{r} 56 \\ + 24 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

7. The football game had 569,342 fans in the stands. How is this number written in words?

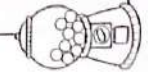
- A. Five sixty-nine three four two
- B. Five hundred sixty-nine thousand, three hundred forty-two
- C. Five hundred sixty-nine thousand, three forty-two
- D. Five hundred sixty-nine thousand three four two

8. Find the difference.

$$\begin{array}{r} 82 \\ - 54 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

9. Which group of numbers is in order from greatest to least?

- A. 5,483 5,579 5,721 5,437
- B. 5,579 5,483 5,437 5,721
- C. 5,437 5,721 5,483 5,579
- D. 5,721 5,579 5,483 5,437


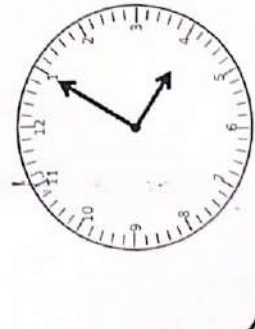
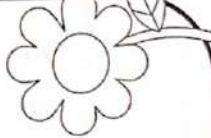


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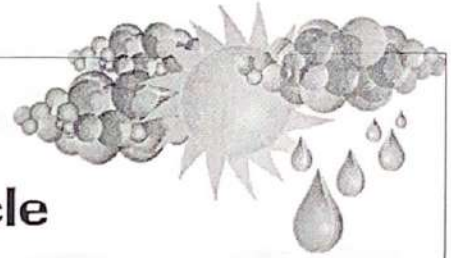
ANSWERS

<p>1. Estimate the sum: $4,393 + 929 =$</p>	<p>2. $42 \times 4 =$</p>	<p>3. Compare the equations using $<$, $>$, or $=$ $(4 \times 3) + 6$ <input type="checkbox"/> $8 + (4 \times 4)$ $(12 \times 2) + 2$ <input type="checkbox"/> $8 + (11 \times 2)$</p>
<p>4. Juan had 42 dog treats. He wanted to give his 7 dogs an equal number of treats. How many would each dog receive?</p>	<p>5. What fractions are represented at points L and M?</p>  <p>What is the distance between these two points?</p>	<p>6. Sandy has 24 board games. $\frac{1}{3}$ of the games are missing pieces. How many of the games are missing pieces?</p>
<p>7. What time will it be in 65 minutes?</p> 	<p>8. Han has 45 goats on his farm. He wants to place them inside of 5 different barns. Which equation can help you in determining the number of goats in each barn?</p> <p>A. $45 - 5 = ?$ B. $45 + 5 = ?$ C. $5 \times ? = 45$ D. $5 + ? = 45$</p> 	

#	ANSWER
1	
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3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	

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Word Search



The Water Cycle

V C M I S T G L C L O U D S E
A B L A E V A P O R A T I O N
P S I C E S N S N A S B A L E
O G B A G A H L D L F O G L R
R A T M O S P H E R E O R H G
L I Q U I D E R N L E O O L Y
L L L U D A G O S S S A U H F
P R E C I P I T A T I O N N M
A A A T L F A A T A A L D V C
A I A I F E E T I N E B W D L
N N A O N H A R O A S B A A I
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E S C C T E M P E R A T U R E

AQUIFER
ATMOSPHERE
CLIMATE
CLOUDS
CONDENSATION
ENERGY
EVAPORATION
FOG
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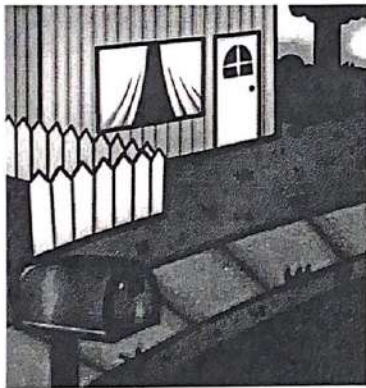
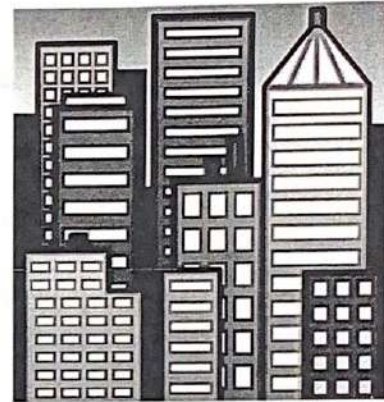
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Where Do You Live?

By Lill Pluta

Urban City

Glass and steel apartment buildings.
Taxis honking, traffic yielding.
Ride the subway. Catch a train.
Construction workers steer a crane.
Streets are noisy, bustling, gritty,
Here inside my awesome city.

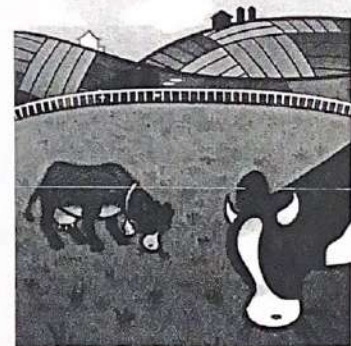


Suburban Neighborhood

Mailboxes, sidewalks, houses in rows
Green, grassy lawns where rosebushes grow.
Kids riding past on scooters and bikes.
People in the park taking nature hikes.
Libraries, stores, and schools nearby.
I love the suburbs. It's clear why!

Rural Countryside

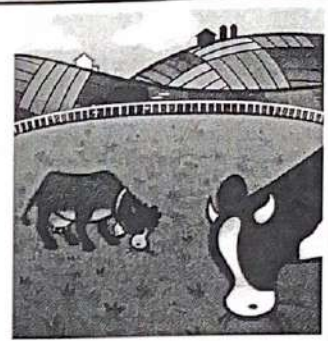
Houses spread out far apart with miles and miles between.
Grazing cows and wide blue skies create a peaceful scene.
Tractors, silos, big red barns, a hay field freshly mowed.
Lumber trucks go rumbling past the fruit stands by the road.
To shop, we have to drive to town, but I don't really mind.
At night, I watch the twinkling stars and let my brain unwind.



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1. Cassandra's neighbors are farmers. Where does Cassandra most likely live?

2. Mr. Santiago takes a taxi to and from work every day. Where does he most likely live?

3. Mr. and Mrs. Pearson take their dog for a walk after dinner around their tree-lined neighborhood. Where do the Pearson's most likely live?

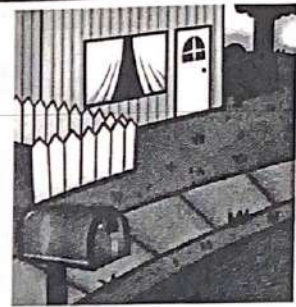
4. Describe the kind of housing you might find in a city.

5. Describe the scenery you might observe in the countryside.

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Fill in the missing letters to create a word from the poem.
Then write the full word on the line.
Be sure each word is spelled correctly.

1. ___ _ it t ___

clue: dusty, sandy, gravelly

1. _____

2. ___ u ___ _ e r

clue: forest timber that is sawn
into planks

2. _____

3. ___ o n ___ _ r u ___ t i o n

clue: the building of a large structure

3. _____

4. ___ u ___ _ r b s

clue: residential area outside of
a city

4. _____

5. ___ i ___ o

clue: towers on a farm used to
store grain

5. _____

