Winter Edition
Best of 2020
Activities to GO
Autumn Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
2. Holiday for giving thanks
4. In astronomy, the first day of autumn is called the autumnal __________
6. Month preceding November
8. Holiday on October 31
9. Traditional Thanksgiving bird
10. To gather; to reap
11. Grows on tall stalks
14. Latin American holiday on November 1st

DOWN
1. Carved pumpkin
3. Leaves on trees
5. Used to gather leaves
7. Horn of plenty
12. Month preceding December
13. They change color in fall
15. Fruit of the oak tree
WORD SEARCH
Can you find the words from the list below? They might horizontal, vertical or backward.

Unscramble the letters to make the capital of Missouri:
N OFRJESEF T YCI
_________ ________

ANSWER: JEFFERSON CITY

Hawthorn
St. Louis
Soy Beans
Ozarks
Lake Wappapello
Algonquian
Missouri Waltz
Mule

Color the Missouri State Flag:

Color key:

QUIZ
What is Missouri's nickname?
ANSWER: THE SHOW ME STATE

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Rainbow Tissue Paper Craft

1. You will need some kind of glue (School glue or a glue stick will work).
2. Apply the glue to a small section of the image (Work in small areas so the glue doesn’t dry).
3. Apply the tissue paper to the glue to begin filling in the image with color.
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 until you are done and your picture is filled.
5. Allow to dry completely, and you are done!

You can crumple the tissue paper before gluing it down for a fluffy 3D effect!
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Hand Tree

Handprint turkeys -- you've been there, done that, right? Let your first grader get inspired by the fiery fall colors outside his window by creating a beautiful handprint tree! Just grab a few art supplies, your child and his hand to make a fun seasonal creation.

What You Need:

- White paper
- Pencil
- Crayons
- Brown construction paper
- Green construction paper
- Red construction paper
- Yellow construction paper
- Orange Construction Paper
- Scissors
- Glue Stick

What You Do:

1. To start the project, place your child's hand flat on the piece of paper.
2. Help him use his free hand to trace the hand on the paper with a pencil.
3. Show your child how the outline of his hand is the base of the tree and how the outline of his fingers are the branches.
4. Let him use crayons to color the sky around his tree blue and the grassy hills beneath it green.
5. Have your child use a pencil draw almond shapes on the brown, green, red and yellow construction paper.
6. Help him cut out the almond shapes.
7. Let him use a glue stick to place the multi-colored leaves all over his tree. Don't forget to have him place some of the leaves on the ground -- this is fall, after all!
Make a Travel Picture Suitcase!

Kids love to brag about the places they've been; whether it be to Grandma's house or to Disneyland. Keeping track of all the places they've journeyed to can be equally as fun! With this craft, kids can pretend they're off on an exotic journey with their very own passport suitcase. With a small box and twine, let them create a mini-suitcase, complete with pictures of all their fabulous destinations. Here's how:

**What You Need:**
- Small cardboard box, such as a cereal box
- Twine
- Scissors
- Travel magazines
- Glue stick
- Markers

**What You Do:**

1. Find a small box that is thin and long; a cereal box is perfect.
2. If the box has writing on it, cut out construction paper or a paper bag and glue it over the box so it looks clean and mark-free. Inside-out wrapping paper or butcher paper would work well for this, too.
3. After the box is covered, poke two holes on the long end of the box about 5 inches apart. Mom or Dad may need to help with this! Take a piece of twine and thread it through the hole and push it through until you can pull it out the other hole. Then tie the two ends together. Turn the loop so the knot is no longer visible, but hidden inside the box. Now you have your handle.
4. Go through the magazines in your house and look for pictures of places you've been. If you haven't been to many places yet, simply cut out pictures of places you'd like to go! Even better, if you have pictures from some of your travels, bring them out, too.
5. Then, glue the cut outs and pictures all over your suitcase. If they can't find some places in a magazine, encourage the kids to use markers to draw them. Use this opportunity to talk about the various places in the world and even find them on a map! Your little ones may not believe how far they've traveled or how many places they would like to go!

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Gail’s Garden

Complete the story by writing in the empty boxes below.

Gail knelt in her garden, pulling weeds in her tomato patch. Sunlight streamed through the leaves of the apple tree, casting pretty shadows across the yard. A bluebird perched on top of the fence, singing a little song.

Suddenly, a rustling came from behind the sage bushes. Gail turned just in time to see her cat Geranium dash across the yard!

“Geranium!” Gail called. “Come back here! What are you chasing—or, what’s chasing you?”

Gail picked up Geranium and cradled her in her arms.

“I sure am glad you’re okay,” she told the purring cat. “I guess the weeds aren’t the only wild thing in the garden!”
Fairy House Template

1. Cut on the solid lines
2. Fold on the dashed lines
3. Apply glue to the tabs
4. Assemble and decorate with sticks, stones, shells, and any other decorations you find
Once upon a time there was a fairy named Greg. Greg lived in hot and sunny Tampa, Florida inside of an old shoe. The shoe was very stinky, and it made Greg sad. One day, Greg decided that he was tired of living in a stinky old shoe. He wanted to build a new house for himself. But he didn’t know how! Luckily, Greg knew of a place he could go when he wanted to learn how to do something—The library!

Greg flew to his local library and came in through the drive thru window. Once inside, Greg marveled at all the books on the shelves. There were even some books that could read to you when you pressed a button!

Greg flew up and down the aisles until he found just what he was looking for—books on building fairy houses. As Greg flipped through the pages, he found lots of inspiration for his dream home. Now he knew what to do!

Greg flew back outside and started gathering up the materials he needed. Then he began to put them together using a bit of fairy glue. Pretty soon, Greg’s house was complete. Greg was exhausted and worn out from all his hard work, so he went inside his new home—which did not smell like an old shoe—and took a nice, long nap.

The End!