

April



April Fool's

April 1 is April Fool's Day. It's a day when people play funny tricks on one another. Here's one you can try on your teacher: Make up the craziest excuse you can think of for why you can't ever do homework again. Of course, you have to let your teacher know it's only a joke. At the end of your crazy excuse, write "April Fool's!"



My Favorite Book

International Children's Book Day falls on April 2. What is your favorite book of all time? Pretend you're writing a letter to a friend recommending that book. Describe what happens in the book, and why you like the book so much. The goal is to make your friend want to read it, too.



Happy Hundredth!

The 100th day of the year falls in April. One hundred is a big number. Would you like to have \$100? Would you like to have 100 pounds of liver? Make a list of five things you would like to have 100 of, and five things you wouldn't.



Weather Report

There's an old saying: "April showers bring May flowers." Has there been a lot of rain this April? Or, has it been dry? Do a weather report discussing the amount of April rainfall. Will there be flowers this May? A lot or a few? Why?



You've Got Game

Baseball season starts in April. Baseball is a very popular game. Like all games, it has its own set of rules. Think up your own imaginary game. It could be something like "broomball" or "skateboard hockey." Write down the rules of your own game.



Funny Phone

Think about a telephone call between any two people, real or imaginary. It could be a telephone call between the President and Spiderman. Or, Big Bird could call up your little sister. You can choose absolutely anyone. What would they say? Write down what each person would say, back and forth, back and forth, in this unusual telephone conversation.



Food Festival

Every year on April 18, the town of Alma, Arkansas, holds a Spinach Festival. Does that sound like fun? Do you like spinach? Or, would you rather have a Pretzel Festival or a Banana Split Festival? Write about a food festival you would like to have in your city or town.



What's Your Sign?

There are signs everywhere: stop signs, signs in the windows of stores, big signs out on the highway. What if you had your own personal sign, posted at your desk? What information would you put on your sign? You could include your name, your age, some things you like to do, your favorite books, and all kinds of other information. Create your own personal sign.



Code Wu

Here's a secret code that you can write in. Before the first word in a sentence, always write "Wu." Also, every time you are supposed to use the letter "a" use "oo" instead. Here's a sample. The sentence "How are you?" would be changed to "Wuhow oore you?" Now, write a message in this secret code. You can even exchange it with a classmate and decode each other's messages.



Happy Earth Day!

April 22 is Earth Day. This is a day when we celebrate all the good stuff the earth provides: forests and mountains, air and water. It's also a day when we worry about things that can harm the earth, such as garbage and pollution. Write down five ways to make the earth a cleaner, better place to live.

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Extra Quarter Back

Linda is at the store. She buys a pack of gum that costs 50 cents. She hands a \$1 bill to the store clerk. The clerk gives her back 75 cents. That means she was given an extra quarter in change. Write down what you think Linda should do.

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Headline News for April 26

Have you noticed that every day there is a new newspaper? That's because every day there is news. There is even news on days that have no special holidays, like April 26. Maybe something interesting happened at your home today. For example, maybe your little brother got in trouble for spilling a glass of milk at breakfast. Or, the news can be something that happened in your town, the U.S., or somewhere else in the world. Think about something interesting that happened today, April 26, and write a news story about it.

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My Room

Every kid's room is different. Some kids have lots of cool posters on the walls. Some kids have fish tanks in their rooms. Some kids share a room with a brother or sister. Think about your own particular room. Describe it in as much detail as possible.



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Generous Genie

In fairy tales, genies usually grant three wishes. But you have just met a generous genie, one who will grant you 10 wishes. Maybe you would like a gazillion candy bars delivered to your home tomorrow. Maybe you have some wishes for the world, too, such as no kids anywhere ever being hungry. Now, Acka Shazam! Write down your 10 wishes.

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April Apricot

April is the name of a month. But it's also a girl's name. Finish the following story about April Apricot. April Apricot was on her way home from school when she ran into June Juniper. June Juniper was pointing at something up in a tree. "Look up there," said June Juniper. April Apricot looked up and saw _____.