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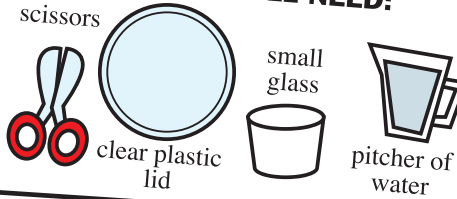
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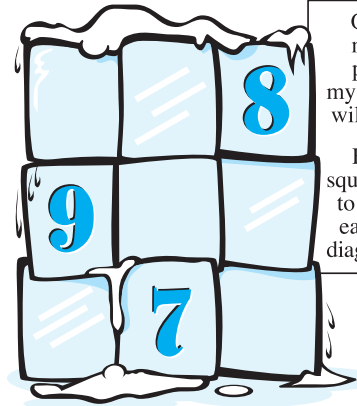
This trick takes a little practice. Do it a few times until you can do it well. Then, perform it for your friends and family!

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:



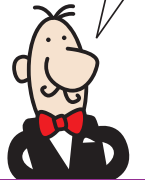
THE MAGIC RAIN TRICK

Kid Scoop Puzzler



Quick! Before it melts! Solve the puzzle frozen in my ice cubes and you will have good luck!

Fill in the blank squares with numbers to make the sum of each side and each diagonal add up to 15.



Standards Link: Mathematics: Number Sense: Adding sums to 15.

1. Prepare your props
Place the glass upside down on the plastic lid. Trace around the glass to make a circle, drawing a little tab as shown. Cut just outside the circle to make it a little bit larger than the mouth of the glass. Be sure to cut out the tab.

2. Perform the trick
Place your pitcher and glass on a table. Hide the plastic circle in the hand you won't use to pour.

3. Pour water
Pour water from the pitcher into the glass, until it begins to overflow. Say "I can tip this glass of water over my head and keep it from pouring out."

4. Put down the pitcher
Put down the pitcher and cover the mouth of the glass with the hand hiding the plastic circle. Secretly place the circle over the mouth of the glass, covering the entire top.

5. Pick up the glass
Pick up the glass with your other hand and turn it over quickly, but gently. Slowly remove the hand holding the top of the glass. If done right, the circle will stick to the glass and the water won't spill out.

6. Lift the glass
Lift the glass over your head and say "Magic tricks are hot work. I think I'll cool off." Then gently push on the tab. The plastic circle will come off and the water will fall on you!

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step directions with accuracy.

Double Double Word Search

- QUESTION
- PRESSURE
- PRACTICE
- SCIENCE
- SURFACE
- MAGIC
- FLOAT
- WATER
- TRICK
- TRACE
- SALT
- BOWL
- HIDE
- HEAD
- EGG

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

The Science Behind the Trick:

Air pressure is all around us. The plastic lid sticks to the surface of the water and is pressed by air pressure. Even when the glass is turned over, air pressure will hold the plastic lid in place.

Float an Egg

Question: How can you make an egg float in a bowl of water?

Hypothesis*: _____

*Note: a hypothesis means a thoughtful guess.



- GET:** a large bowl, warm water, an egg, salt, spoon
- DO:**
1. Fill your bowl with warm water.
 2. Gently place the egg in the water. What happens?

1. Remove the egg and stir at least one cup of salt into the water. Stir until you can't see any grains of salt.
2. The water will look cloudy. Place the egg in the salty water. What happens?

An Egg-splanation

Did the egg float? Adding salt to water makes it heavier. In salty water the amount of water the egg displaces weighs more than the egg and the egg floats.

Standards Link: Science/Investigation: Conduct simple experiments.

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Find the Question

Read an article in today's newspaper and find a quote from a person being interviewed. What question do you think the interviewer asked?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Understand and interpret quotations in expository text.

Write On!

Gorilla Home

Imagine you are selling the perfect home for gorillas. Write a classified ad to sell your gorilla house. Look at the newspaper ads for examples to guide you.

Send your story to:

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Please include your school and grade.

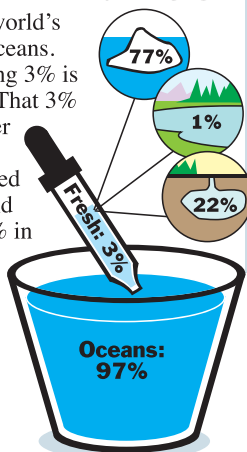
Extra! Extra! Water Planet

North Pole Expedition

You have \$1,000 to spend on things for a trip to the North Pole. Look through today's newspaper and "buy" what you'll need. Can you spend exactly \$1,000 without going over?

Standards Link: Mathematics: Number Sense: Students estimate and solve problems using money amounts.

97% of the world's water is in oceans. The remaining 3% is fresh water. That 3% of fresh water divides into 77% contained in icecaps and glaciers, 22% in groundwater aquifers (drinking water) and 1% in lakes and streams.



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