



KIRBY KANGAROO CLUB

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Newsletter



CATS CAN SENSE EARTHQUAKES!!

Cats can sense earthquakes days before they happen. They can even sense earthquakes before the best seismographic equipment (tools that measure and predict earthquakes).

In fact, most of a cat's senses are better than ours. Cats can see six times better at night than people, and even on the darkest nights, they use their whiskers to sense objects around them. As air brushes their whiskers, it helps them discover new objects in their path. Cats can jump seven times as high as their body's height; that's like seeing your dad jump over 40 feet in the air! Cats also have a very advanced sense of hearing that's even better than a dog's.

Even though cats may seem to have awesome skills, they do have one shortcoming; they can't taste sweets. Scientists believe that since cats only eat meat in the wild, their ability to taste sweet foods never really developed.

Ancient Egyptians were the first to put the cat's heightened senses to use. They brought cats into their homes and used them to catch mice.

On average, cats will catch one out of every three mice they hunt. Mice probably wish the Egyptians hadn't let the cat out of the bag!



Q. HOW DO ALL THE OCEANS SAY HELLO TO EACH OTHER?

A. THEY WAVE!

Hi Bob!
Great idea!
I'll meet you there!

Hi Dave!
I'm heading to the beach. Wanna come?



SPARKLER PRETZEL STICKS!

You will need an adult's help to make these delicious treats!

What you'll need:

- o Long, fat pretzel sticks
- o Microwave safe bowl
- o White chocolate candy melts
- o Wax paper
- o Colored sprinkles

What to do:

First, melt the candy melts in a bowl in the microwave, and stir them every 30 seconds until completely melted. Be careful! The mixture can get very hot! Second, dip each pretzel until half is covered with melted chocolate. Last, lay the pretzels on waxed paper and sprinkle them with sprinkles.

Allow your sparklers to chill several minutes before eating.



KIRBY WANTS A PET

Kirby wanted a dog. He had asked his parents a few years ago but they said he was too young for the responsibility.

Kirby had saved his money and figured he could buy a dog for about \$100. That night at dinner he asked, "Can I please have a dog? I think I'm responsible enough now?"

Kirby's dad said "OK, what did you have in mind?"

"I want a BIG dog," Kirby said. "Maybe a Lab. Or how about a St. Bernard!? And I have \$100. That should be enough to get a good dog."

After dinner, his dad looked online and found all those dogs cost at least \$500. Even the shelter dogs cost \$150, though that included their shots.

"That's good you saved up \$100. But you'll have to save more if you want a dog, especially a big one. And don't forget about food, shots and stuff like that," Dad said.

"Oh. I didn't even think of that," Kirby said sadly.

"Listen, I have an idea for a pet and it won't cost you \$100 or a lot to feed," Dad said.

The next day Kirby went with his dad to the pet store. Dad stopped in front of an aquarium kit and said "How about this? A nice aquarium with all the stuff you need, plus a couple of cool fish, will cost you about \$50. You'll have a pet that is easy and inexpensive to take care of and it will be fun to watch them."

"Wow! Yeah! And I can put the rest of my money back in the credit union and save up more for a dog someday," Kirby said.

That night, Kirby happily watched his five colorful new fish swim around in the glow of the aquarium light. "Fish are cool," he said to himself, and then fell fast asleep.



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Check out Kirby on your Credit Unions website today!

DO YOU HAVE THE PERFECT KIRBY STORY?

Kirby gets into so many adventures with his friends the Crocs and learns a lot of important lessons along the way. If you think you could write a great story and want to see it published in our newsletter or on your credit union's Kirby kangaroo site have your parents send your awesome story to info@kirbykangaroo.com.

Your story just needs to be a minimum of 5 sentences but it can be as long as you want.

We can't wait to see what all you Kirby Cadets out there come up with!



SPRING IS A GREAT TIME

TO GO OUTSIDE!

Make yourself a checklist of things you would like to do and then make it a contest to see how many you can check off your list.

THE ACTIVITIES DON'T
HAVE TO COST MONEY.

You can be creative and ask your friends to help you make the list and share in the fun!



SOME IDEAS FOR YOUR LIST:

- Ride a bike
- Plant a garden
- See a baseball game
- Go roller skating
- Paint a picture outside of something in your yard
- Fly a kite
- Create an outdoor scavenger hunt