

KIRBY'S BOOK CHALLENGE



Kirby loves Saturdays. Every Saturday, Kirby and Mama go to the library. Kirby had just finished eating breakfast and was putting the cereal bowl in the sink, when Mama walked into the kitchen.

"Kirby, have you gotten your room cleaned? As soon as you're finished, we can head over to the library. We need to be back before lunch." Mama explained.

"Not yet, Mama. I need to make my bed and put my clean clothes away. Then I'll be ready. I'll be done in less than 15 minutes" answered Kirby, while walking out of the room.

Kirby rushed to get everything done and was back to the kitchen in no time. "Let's go, Mama!" Kirby announced.

Mama smiled and grabbed her purse as she agreed, "Let's go! I was thinking it's a great day for a walk."

Ten minutes later, they were walking into the library. There are a lot of reasons to love the library. It's full of adventure, mystery, history, laughter, science, space. The library has it all and Kirby loves every bit of it.

As they walked past a table by the front entrance, a young lady with a name badge saying Heather sitting there handed a flyer to Kirby and inquired, "Have you signed up for our book challenge?"

"What does the book challenge entail?" Mama asked looking over another flyer laying on the table.

Heather looked from Kirby to Mama, while explaining, "We are challenging kids to read more. They can read any books they want. After they read each book, a parent keeps track of the books on this form or online. Then as you can see we will give out prizes for each level. The first prize is when a child reaches 4 books, or one a week. The prizes include bookmarks, toys, game tokens for the local arcade, gift certificates for ice cream, all sorts of things. You will be able to pick which prize you want from the list on the back. Would you like to sign up? I can help with the online sign up, if you're interested."

Kirby looked to Mama excitedly, "Can I Mama?"

Mama nodded, with a smile, she answered, "Of course, Kirby. I think this is a great idea."

Kirby sat down at the computer with Mama and registered. "Is that everything?" Mama asked.

Heather nodded, "Yep, that's it."

Standing, Kirby looked to Mama and said matter-of-factly, "We better go get some books Mama. I've got a challenge to complete!"

Chuckling, Mama questioned, "Where should we start, Kirby?"



**WHAT DID THE LEFT EYE SAY TO THE RIGHT EYE?
"BETWEEN US, SOMETHING SMELLS!"**

MONEY FUN FACT...

THERE'S A TERM USED FOR THINGS THAT ARE HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT. THAT TERM IS EASTER EGG. THE \$1 BILL HAS A LOT OF EASTER EGGS. EACH ONE, IS A TRIBUTE TO THE ORIGINAL 13 COLONIES.

THEY INCLUDE:

- START WITH 13 STEPS ON THE PYRAMID
- THEN THERE'S 13 VERTICAL BARS ARE PLACED ON THE SHIELD
- 13 HORIZONTAL STRIPES ON THE TOP OF THE SHIELD AS WELL
- THE SYMBOLISM CONTINUES WITH 13 STARS ON THE EAGLE
- EXTREME DETAIL WAS USED TO PLACE 13 LEAVES AND 13 BERRIES ON THE OLIVE BRANCH ON THE EAGLE'S TALONS. THE OTHER TALON HOLDS 13 ARROWS
- THERE ARE 13 STARS ABOVE THE KEY ON THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY SEAL



ASK A RELATIVE OR FRIEND IF THEY CAN FIND ALL OF THE EASTER EGGS ON A \$1 BILL THAT ARE A TRIBUTE TO THE ORIGINAL 13 COLONIES. YOU CAN SHOW THEM YOUR SMARTS IF THEY GET STUCK.



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KIRBY KANGAROO CLUB STOCKING WINNERS!

OUR DECEMBER KIRBY CHRISTMAS STOCKING WINNERS WERE GABRIELLE HILL AND LIZZIE WELSCH



Gabrielle Hill is 12 years old and in the 7th grade. She is the daughter of Dustin and Krista Hill. She lives in Kennard, NE and has 3 siblings, 3 dogs, 4 cats and 2 guinea pigs. Her favorite color is purple and she loves to draw and do crafts. Gabrielle's favorite food is chicken, and her favorite book is *Dark Diaries*.

Lizzie Welsch is 10 years old and in the 4th grade. She is the daughter of Jeremy and Annie Welsch. She enjoys playing softball, volleyball, and basketball. She likes to read, play video games and play with Legos. She loves her 14 chickens who she cares for and sells farm fresh eggs. Lizzie has an older brother Michael who is 16, and an older sister Emma who is 13.



Animal Fun

Search up, down, forward, backward, and on the diagonal to find the hidden words!



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| AARDVARK | DOLPHIN | KANGAROO | PENGUIN |
| BEAR | ELEPHANT | LION | TIGER |
| COBRA | GIRAFFE | MONKEY | WOLF |
| COYOTE | JAGUAR | PARROT | ZEBRA |

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G	C	I	G	Y	J	H	I	I	L	Y	P	H	Z	D
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K	E	I	L	H	S	Y	G	X	E	H	X	F	B	J
N	B	J	P	J	A	U	X	J	M	O	C	U	K	N
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