

## KIRBY JOKE!

**WHY DID THE PONY GET SENT TO HIS ROOM?  
HE WOULDN'T STOP HORSING AROUND!**



## SOMETHING YOU DIDN'T KNOW...

### **WANT TO WOW YOUR TEACHER AGAIN?**

For each topic someone studies, there is a word for it. Paleontology is the study of dinosaurs. The study of human history is called Archaeology. Economics is the study of money and finance. You may have heard of all of those, but there's one you likely never even knew existed. It's called Numismatics. It is the study of coins, paper money and metals.

## KIRBY HAS A SWIM MEET

Kirby walked into the kitchen as Mama finished packing lunch.

She smiled at Kirby and asked, "Are you ready for your swim meet? Did you want breakfast?"

"I am ready Mama. I shouldn't eat. I'm in the first heat, which is in 30 minutes. I can eat something after that before the next race. That will be an hour or so." Kirby answered.

"Ok, then let's go." Mama said as she picked up the cooler with lunch, snacks and bottles of water.

"Where's Papa? Is he coming today?" Kirby asked. It was a big swim meet and Kirby needed all of the cheering he could get.

Mama smiled as she answered, "Of course, he is. He wouldn't miss it. He went to get gas and just pulled into the driveway."

Kirby grinned, "Let's go, Mama!"

They climbed into the car and headed to the swimming pool. They parked the car and Kirby jumped out and slammed the door.

"Kirby," Papa said. "I want you to know that we are very proud of how you've done in swim club this year. You have got two races today, right?"

"I do, Papa. I start with an individual medley in 20 minutes. Then this afternoon I'm in the 1000-meter medley relay. I'm swimming the backstroke" Kirby said nervously.

"Good luck, Kirby. You better get going. Mama and I will be in the stands cheering you on, ok?" Papa said as he nudged Kirby toward the pool.

Kirby gave Mama and Papa a big grin and took off running.

Mama and Papa settled into the stands and waited, while they watched Kirby step onto the deck to wait before the starter tells the swimmers to get on their mark. Kirby looked for Mama and Papa. They waved and yelled, "Go Kirby! You can do it!"

Kirby smiled and got into position. The starter gave the countdown and shot the starting gun. Then the swimmers were off. Kirby did the backstroke and the breaststroke. His strokes were flawless. Then the turn into the butterfly seemed a little slow, but Kirby was still in the lead. It was the final lap that required the freestyle stroke. The freestyle. Kirby normally excelled at the freestyle, but another swimmer just barely won.

Kirby climbed out of the pool. Head down. Kirby heard Mama and Papa's cheers.

With a small smile, Kirby waved and congratulated the winner. The first two in each heat make the semi-finals, but Kirby liked being first.

Papa walked up behind Kirby. "Kirby, it's not over yet. You did a great job and you're in the semi-finals, just focus on your next race. You can't do your best, if you are worried about what you can't change."

"You're right Papa. I'm just frustrated with my turn. I missed it." Kirby said looking dejected.

Papa gave Kirby a hug and said, "We will always be proud of you. You can't miss with us."

Kirby gave Papa a big smile and another hug. "I love you, Papa."

"I love you too," Papa said. "Let's get you something to eat."







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