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Just for RCU kids

3 WAYS TO BECOME A MONEY GENIUS



April is Financial Literacy Month, so it's a great time to learn about how money works. Here are five fun ways to help you make money and grow your savings.

1. SET A GOAL AND SAVE

Has there ever been something you wanted that was too expensive? Maybe it was a game, a new outfit, or a ticket to an amusement park. First, find out how much it costs and then ask an adult in your life about ways to earn extra cash, like doing extra chores or helping neighbors with yard work. Next, have that same adult help you do the math to figure out how long it will take to save enough for the item you want to purchase. Then start saving as much as possible, as fast as possible!



2. GET SOME GREAT ADVICE

Sometimes the best money lessons don't come from school or the internet. In some cases, valuable guidance comes from your adult family members. Ask parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, or any other adults in your family what advice they wish they had been given about money when they were kids. Compile the tips into a fun poster to put in your room or a short phone video you can share with other kids in your family or your friends.

3. BUDGET FOR A TRIP

While you're using your creativity to find ways to earn extra money, think of other things you might want to use your hard-earned cash for. Maybe you'd like your whole family to have a nice day out somewhere, like hiking in the woods or visiting a museum. Where could you go if you had \$50 saved up? Research the costs of your adventure and put together a plan for using your money thoughtfully to get there.



ANNUAL MEETING

RCU's virtual annual membership meeting will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Registration details and login information will be provided closer to the event at redwoodcu.org/annualmeeting.



BUILD A BUG HOTEL FOR EARTH DAY!

Are you looking for a unique way to celebrate Earth Day on April 22? Try a bug hotel! What's a bug hotel, you ask? It's a small structure crafted so that insects have a place to make their nests and be safe. Why is it important? Many insects are vital to healthy plant life on our planet. Here's how to help our bug friends have a happy home!

MATERIALS:

- A large plastic soda bottle
- Duct tape
- Twigs and sticks
- Pine cones
- String
- Bark
- Rocks
- Moss



STEP 1: Have an adult help you cut the ends off the large plastic bottle and put the leftover pieces into a recycling bin.



STEP 2: Jam all the forest items in the materials listed above into the plastic bottle to create a fantastic little town for the bugs to find their own little place.

STEP 3: Tie the string around the outside middle of the plastic bottle and use the tape to hold the string in place.

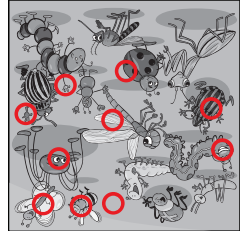
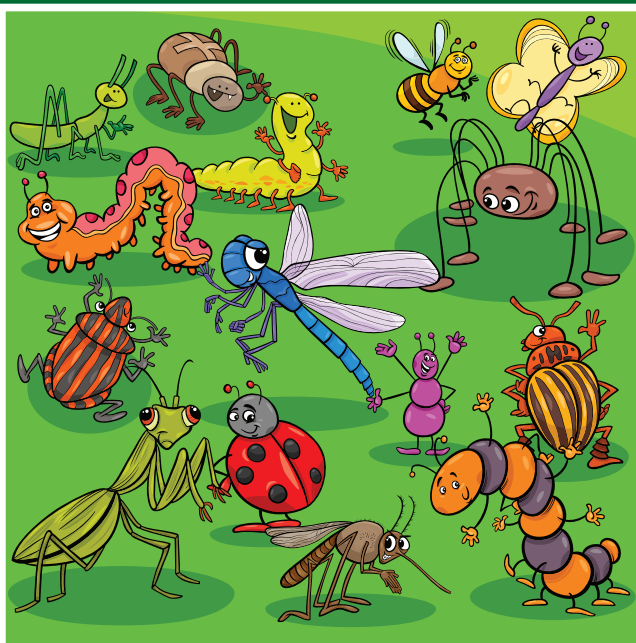
STEP 4: Hang the bug hotel in a tree near your home or outside your window.



Congratulations! You just made a wonderful place to stay for a bunch of bugs and helped make nature healthier in your area.

REDDY'S SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

To celebrate Earth Day, Reddy visited the local park to take photos of his favorite bug friends. Here are a couple of the images. They may look the same, but ten things don't match. See if you can spot the differences.



Answers:

Reddy the Redwood

"I wasn't expecting that!"



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Mark your Calendar

Redwood Credit Union will be closed on the following holidays:

- Memorial Day - Monday, May 27
- Juneteenth - Wednesday, June 19
- Independence Day - Thursday, July 4

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