



# EUCLID PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

To ensure the success of your scholars, Euclid Preparatory is sending home the attached Spring Break Packet.

Over the course of the five days away from school, we would like to ensure scholars are still working on skills and concepts.

- Grades K-2 have two reading and two math assignments
- Grades 3-5 will have three reading and two math assignments
- Grades 6-8 will have three reading, two math, one social studies and one science assignment
- Grades 5 and 8 will also have two science assignments

These assignments will be collected and graded on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. Please have your scholar return the packet to school on this date. Please note that as of spring break, scholars in tested subjects have 15 days until testing begins.

Thank you for your continued support in your scholars' education. Please enjoy the break and we will see you on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>!

Best,

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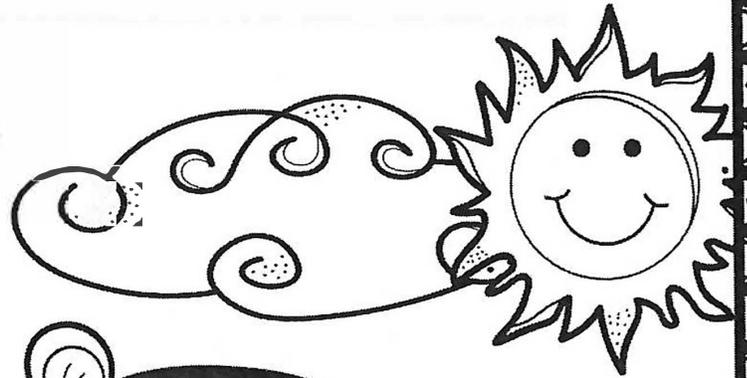
*3rd grade reading  
packet attached.  
Please turn in to  
Mrs. Compton on 3/23.  
Math packets will  
be sent separately  
and turned in to  
Miss Slaughter.*

**Be You, Be Different, Stand out from the Crowd.**

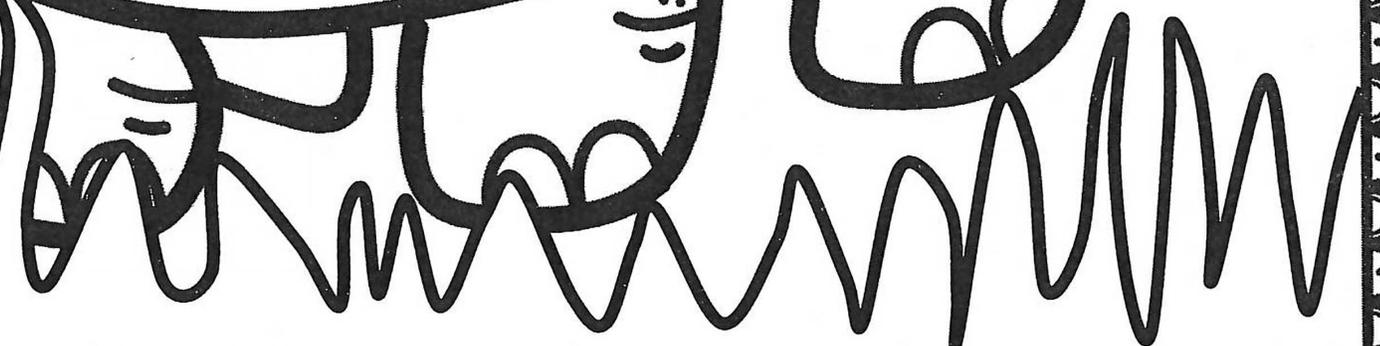
# Happy Spring

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Due: Monday,  
3/23/20



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# Symbols of St. Patrick's Day

by Mikki Sadil

What do Shamrocks, Leprechauns, and the Blarney Stone have in common? They are all symbols of St. Patrick's Day, which is celebrated on March 17th. The shamrock is the common name for several different kinds of three-leaved clovers native to Ireland. Legend tells us that when St. Patrick was converting pagans into Christians during the 5th Century



A.D., he used the shamrock as a symbol to illustrate the doctrine of the Trinity, the idea that God is one entity with three persons: The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit. The Irish have considered shamrocks as good-luck symbols for centuries, and many other non-Irish people also believe they bring good luck.

The word "blarney" can mean either nonsense or flattering talk. Tradition says that if you kiss the Blarney Stone in Blarney Castle in Ireland, you'll receive the "gift of gab", or eloquence and powers of persuasion in your speech. No one knows exactly how this stone came to have such magical affects, because different legends about it say different things. The stone sits in one of the 18 foot thick walls surrounding the castle, between the parapet and the main castle wall, and ten stories up. To kiss it, you lie down on your back, have someone hold on to your legs, and bend backwards as far down as you can to reach the stone. That's quite a feat!

The name leprechaun comes from an old Irish word "luchorpan" which means "little body." A leprechaun is an Irish fairy who looks like an old man. He is no taller than 2 feet, usually dressed like a shoemaker wearing a cocked hat and a leather apron. Legend says leprechauns are unfriendly, aloof, live alone, and spend their days making shoes. Each one also has a pot of gold. You can track down a leprechaun by the sound of his hammer, and if you catch him and threaten to not let him go, he might tell you where the gold is. But you must keep your eyes on him every second, because leprechauns are very tricky and can easily distract you. When that happens, he vanishes and you'll never find the pot of gold!



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# Pot of Gold

by Kelly Hashway

"Not it!" everyone called before Jason.

"Oh, not again." Jason wasn't good at being the leprechaun when they played Leprechaun's Pot of Gold, a game they made up last St. Patrick's Day.

"Sorry, Jay. You're the leprechaun first. Hide the gold." Andrew handed Jason a bag of chocolate coins wrapped in gold foil.

"Fine. Go count to fifty," Jason said.

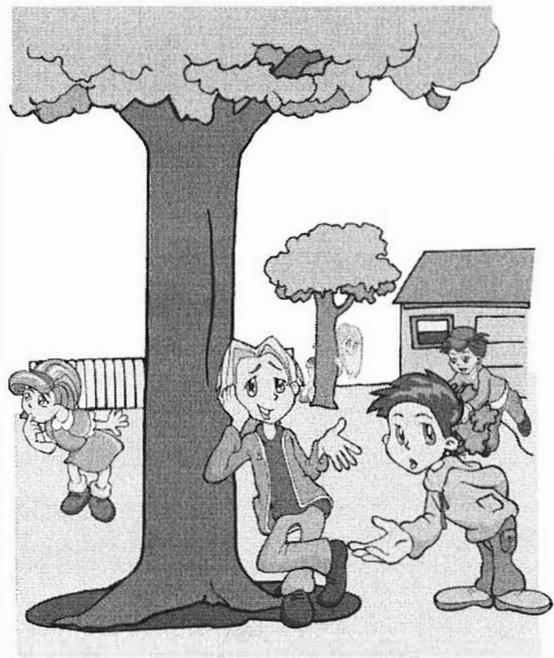
"Fifty? We always count to twenty," Julie said.

"Yeah, well, I'm not good at being the leprechaun."

Everyone nodded, which didn't make Jason feel any better. He watched them head for the back deck and face the house so they couldn't see where he hid the chocolates. Jason knew if he didn't trick them, he'd be stuck being the leprechaun all afternoon. He needed a really good hiding place.

Jason looked all around the yard. There was the tool shed, under the deck, in the bushes. No, those all seemed like places his friends would search. A real leprechaun would do a good job keeping the gold hidden. Jason thought about leprechauns some more. They hid their gold on the other side of a rainbow. Too bad it hadn't rained in a while. There were no rainbows in sight.

Jason looked back at the deck. He could hear Andrew counting and he was already up to forty. Jason was running out of time. Then he saw the sun catcher in the window. A rainbow glistened onto the side of the house, ending on the rain gutter. That's perfect! Jason ran for the gutter and slipped the gold inside. He dashed back to the center of the yard and stood there, focusing his eyes on his friends and not on the hiding place.



"Ready or not!" Julie said.

Jason couldn't help smiling. He felt like a real leprechaun. He watched his friends search the yard. They checked the deck, the shed, the bushes, and the garden. Andrew even asked Jason to empty his pockets, thinking Jason was hiding the gold in his clothing. They were stumped.

"What did you do with it?" Julie asked.

"I'll give you a hint," Jason said with a smile. "It's at the end of a rainbow, just where any leprechaun would hide a pot of gold."

"There aren't any rainbows," Andrew said, throwing his hands up in defeat.

"Okay, we give up," Julie said. "Show us."

Jason shook his head. "A leprechaun never reveals his pot of gold to humans."

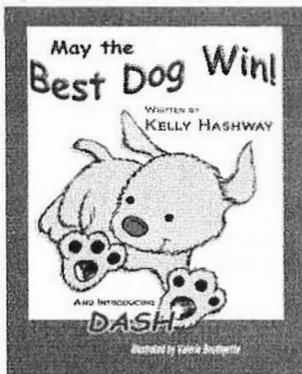
"Seriously, game's over," Andrew said. "You win."

"Okay." Jason walked over to the sun catcher and pointed to the rainbow on the side of the house. He ran his finger along it, ending at the rain gutter. He pulled out the gold.

"It really was at the end of a rainbow," Julie said.

"I guess I'm a good leprechaun after all," Jason said with a smile.

## About the Author



Kelly Hashway's picture book, *May the Best Dog Win*, is now available!

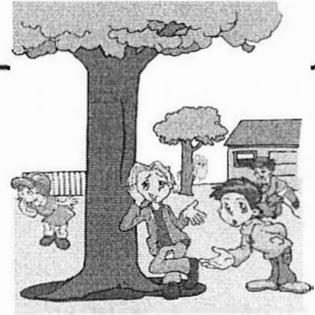
Dash has the perfect life until the Super Sweeper 5000 shows up. Sweeper runs all over the house sucking up the leftover food scraps, and he even gets his own room! But Dash won't give up his place as the favorite dog without a fight.

Hashway, Kelly. *May the Best Dog Win*. ISBN: 9780984589081

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# Pot of Gold

by Kelly Hashway



1. This story is mostly about....
- a. a group kids who search for a pot of gold that was hidden by a leprechaun
  - b. a group of kids who find coins buried in the yard
  - c. a group of kids who play a St. Patrick's Day game in the backyard
  - d. a boy who wants to be a leprechaun

2. When does this story probably take place?
- a. in April
  - b. in mid-March
  - c. at the end of March
  - d. in June

3. Why did Jason decide to hide the coins by the rain gutter?

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4. When they are done playing the game, what will the children in the story probably do with the coins?
- a. save them for next year
  - b. divide them up evenly and spend them
  - c. bury them in the yard
  - d. eat them

5. When he could not find the coins, Andrew asked Jason to empty his pockets. Why?

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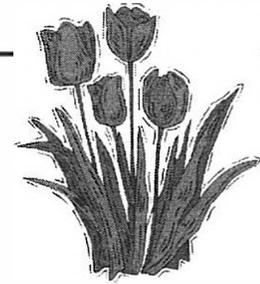
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# Tulips

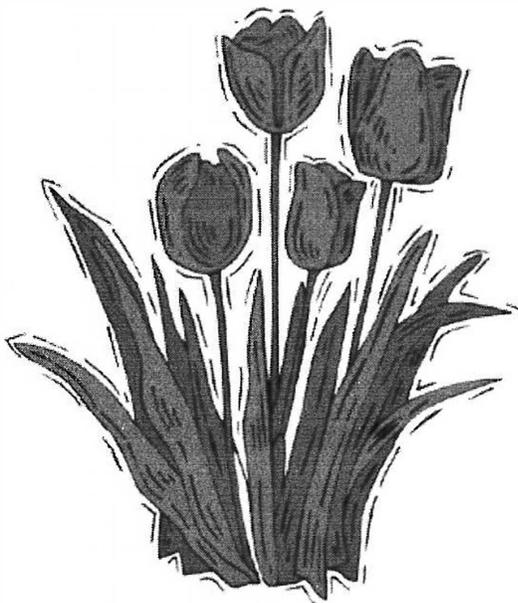
by Faith Cormier



What is your favorite type of flower? Some people like roses. Other people like daffodils or daisies. I think the most beautiful kind of flower is the tulip.

Tulips don't grow from seeds. They grow from bulbs buried under the soil. I plant them in the fall. In the spring, the flowers bloom.

Tulips come in many colors, like red, white, yellow, purple and pink. Some are all one color. Others are striped and have more than one color. Still others look like they were dipped in paint.



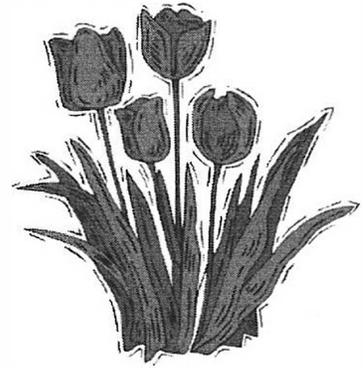
Some tulips have petals with smooth edges. "Parrot tulips" are fun flowers because they have edges that look like feathers.

Tulips grow in many places. Some cities have a tulip festival every year. The tulips' bright colors are a sure sign of spring.

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# Tulips

by Faith Cormier



1. When do tulips bloom?

- a. summer
- b. fall
- c. winter
- d. spring

2. When do you plant tulips?

- a. summer
- b. fall
- c. winter
- d. spring

3. What do the edges of "parrot tulips" look like? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Write fact or opinion by each sentence.

\_\_\_\_\_ Tulips grow from bulbs buried in the soil.

\_\_\_\_\_ The most beautiful kind of flower is the tulip.

\_\_\_\_\_ Tulips can be red, yellow, purple or pink.

