

SCHOLAR

ACTIVITIES

- Learn about the history of education, how schools developed in America.
- Raise the flag the "correct way" at school for one month.
- Tour the education service center.
- Visit a college campus.
- Visit a junior high or high school.
- Invite someone to talk about careers in education.
- Locate some old school books and compare to current books being used.
- Tour the city library.
- Invite someone who attended school when it was a "one room building and all ages were together" to talk to the boys about their experiences.
- Invite someone who attended school overseas to talk to the boys.
- Encourage the boys to be a part of their school's safety patrol.
- Help the school library put books away and clean the library.

Seven Ways To Improve Grades

1. Learn to listen. Look at the speaker and concentrate on his words. Teachers often review important facts many times. Some even give the exact information that will be required on a test. take notes. Participate in discussions.
2. Develop good study habits. Have a study place at home away from distractions. Have supplies handy. Do your homework at the same time everyday so it becomes a habit. Make a list. Do the things you hate first. Cross off each item as you finish. Schedule a short break if the list is long.

3. Use the right reading technique. Learn how to skim by glancing through whole paragraphs at a time. You can find specific information this way. Slower, more careful reading is necessary when you must understand and remember. This is good when learning something new, studying or reading directions for a test.
4. Improve your vocabulary. Look up words you don't know. Write it down. Note the spelling, pronunciation and meaning.
5. Sharpen your writing skills. Organize your thoughts. Keep your sentences short. Don't start every sentence with "the" or "I". Make sure your handwriting is neat. Double check spelling and pronunciation. Go over your work.
6. Learn how to take tests. Study for a test well ahead of time, carefully and calmly; do not "cram". Then relax, and face it. First, slowly read all the directions. Make sure you understand exactly what is required. Next answer the questions you know for sure. Pace yourself. If there is an answer you don't know, skip it and go on. You can always go back and fill it in. Work steadily. Double-check your work for careless errors before you submit it.
7. Develop a positive attitude. This is most important. You are what you think you are. Think you are going to pass and you probably will.

The Twenty First Century

Materials:

lots of old magazines
glue pencils
construction paper
scissors, markers

Have the boys discuss what they think school will be like 25 years from now. Will the students all be at computers? Will they interact with their teachers from a TV hook up at home? Will they travel to Mars for mathematics and Saturn for science? Will someone have invented a "smart pill" for each subject? In the future, will we do away with some of the subjects that are taught now? Which ones? Can they imagine any new subjects that might be taught instead? Which ones? After the discussion, divide the boys into two or three project groups to make posters of their view of education in the future.

Brain Teasers

Pennies: Take the number of pennies in a dollar. Multiply by the number of thirds in a circle. Divide by the number of inches in a foot of string. Subtract the number of nickels in a quarter. Answer: 20.

Name The States: Give each boy a piece of paper and pencil and have them write down all 50 states. The first one that has all 50 yells STOP and other boys count up how many they have. You can make up your own game using I colors or animals in the zoo. Put a time limit on it and award a small prize to the boys with the most "correct" answers.

Two Cars: If two cars start from Denver to drive to Colorado Springs, a distance of approximately 80 miles, if they are both the same make of car, and if both are being driven at the same rate of speed, and yet, while one of the cars makes the distance in 80 minutes, it takes the other one one hour and 20 minutes. Can you explain the reason? Answer: 80 minutes and one hour and 20 minutes are the same.

Windows: I walked up the street to the top of the hill and counted 50 windows on my right, I turned around and walked back and counted 50 windows on my left. How many windows did I count? Answer: Fifty. The windows on my right going up were the same 50 that were on my left going back.

Counting: Baby Duck: Papa Duck, Mama Duck and Baby Duck went for a swim. Baby Duck said, "Aren't we all four having a lot of fun? Why did Baby Duck say four instead of three? Answer: Baby duck young to count.

Woods: How far can a dog walk into the woods? Only halfway, once he is halfway in, he starts coming out again

Apples: If you take two apples from three apples, how many do you have? 2

Sheep: A farmer had 17 sheep. All but nine died. How many did he have left? 9

Cab Driver: Suppose you are a cab driver. A lady with two suitcases hails you and asks to be driven to the railway station in a hurry. On the way there is an accident which results in a traffic jam. The lady gets impatient, jumps out of the cab, and runs to the depot. She had forgotten the suitcases. She missed the train and now she starts looking for the cab driver. She does not know his name. What was the cab driver's name? Answer: His name is the same as yours, for "You are the cab driver."

Cat Teaser: If 6 cats can catch 6 rats in 6 minutes, how many cats are needed to catch 10 rats in 10 minutes? (6 cats)

Pets Teaser: All except two of my pets are dogs. All except two of my pets are rabbits. All except two of my pets are fish. How many pets must I have? (Three. One of each)

T-shirt Teaser: Scruffy Sam has put on his T –shirt. Unfortunately it is inside and back to front. Normally the washing label is on the inside of the left sleeve. Where is it now? (The label is now on the outside of his left sleeve.)

Strange Animal: What animal is it that walks ""]first on four legs, later on two and in old age on three? (Man. An infant crawls, a young person walks on two legs, an old person uses a cane.)

How Many Cows: A boy, driving some cows, was asked how many cows he had. He said, "When they are in line there are two cows ahead of a cow, two cows behind a cow and one cow in the middle." How many cows were there? (Three)

How Old Was Bill: A man was asked, "How old are your boys, John and Bill?" He replied, "John is 24 years old and Bill doesn't like to tell. his age, but John is twice as old as Bill was when John was as old as Bill is now." What is Bill's age? (Bill is eighteen.)

Higg's Pig Farm: Farmer Higg's owns 3 pink pigs, 4 brown pigs and 2 black pigs. How many of Higgs' pigs can say that they are the same color as another pig on Higg's pig farm? (None. Pigs can't talk.)

Quiz

1. When a horse lies down, which end of him gets up first? (Front)
2. Does a hen have teeth? (No)
3. Does a cow trot? (No)
4. With which hand does the Statue of Liberty hold her torch? (Right)
5. What does she hold in her other hand? (Book)
6. Did Abe Lincoln part his hair in the middle? (No)
7. Which is larger, a dime or a penny? (Penny)
8. How many keys are there on an ordinary piano? (88)
9. On which side does a policeman wear his badge? (Left)
10. Whose picture is printed on a \$1 bill? (George Washington)
11. When we chew, does the upper jaw move? (No)
12. How many stars in the Big Dipper? (7)
13. How many legs has a spider? (8)
14. Which end of a dog gets up first? (either)

Scout Badge Quiz

1. From what is the design of the Scout Badge is taken? The three point design of the top half of the badge is like the north point of the old sailor's compass.
2. What does the trefoil mean? The main part of the badge shows that a Scout is able to point the right way in life as truly as a compass points north.
3. What do the three points mean? Like the fingers of the Scout Salute, the points stand for the three parts of the Scout Oath.
4. What do the two stars symbolize? The stars symbolize the ideals of truth and knowledge of the Scouting movement. They guide you by night and suggest a Scout's outdoor life.
5. What does the eagle stand for? The eagle with the shield is the national emblem of the USA. It stands for freedom and readiness to defend that freedom.
6. Why is the scroll turned up at the ends? The up-turned corners of the scroll suggest the Scout's smile as he does his duty.
7. What the knot at the bottom of the badge reminds a Scout of what? The knot reminds a Scout he has promised to do a good turn daily.
8. What does the badge look like for Boy Scout rank? Boy Scout Rank is a trefoil without the eagle and stars.
9. What additional part does the Tenderfoot wear? The Tenderfoot wears the trefoil WITH eagle and stars
10. What part does the Second Class Scout wear? Second Class Scout additionally wears the scroll
11. What is written on the scroll? The Scout motto, "Be Prepared" is written on the scroll

Do You Recognize These Well Known Adages?

1. All articles that coruscate with resplendence are not truly auriferous. ANS: All that Glitters is not Gold.
2. Sorting on the part of mendicants must be interdicted. ANS: Beggars cannot be choosers.
3. Male cadavers are incapable of rendering any testimony. ANS: Dead men tell no tales.
4. Neophite's serendipity. ANS: Beginner's luck

5. A revolving lithic conglomerate accumulates no congeries of small, green, biophytic plant. ANS: A Rolling Stone gathers no Moss.
6. Members of an avian species of identical plumage tend to congregate. ANS: Birds of a feather flock together.
7. Pulchritude possesses solely cutaneous profundity. ANS: Beauty is only skin-deep.
8. Freedom from incrustations of crime is contiguous to rectitude. ANS: Cleanliness is next to Godliness.
9. It is fruitless to become lachrymose of precipitately departed lacteal fluid. ANS: Don't cry over Spilt Milk.
10. Eschew the implement of correction and vitiate the scion. ANS: Spare the Rod and Spoil the Child.
11. The stylus is more potent than the rapier. ANS: The Pen is Mightier than the Sword.
12. It is fruitless to attempt to indoctrinate a superannuated canine with innovative maneuvers. ANS: You cant teach an Old Dog new Tricks.
13. Surveillance should precede salutation. ANS: Look before you leap.
14. Scintillate, scintillate, asteroid minim. (not a proverb) ANS: Twinkle twinkle little star
15. The person presenting the ultimate cachinnation possesses thereby the optimal cachinnation. ANS: One who laughs the last, laughs the best.

Scholarly Quiz

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	

1. If Jupiter is closer to the Sun than Mercury, write "V" in spaces 4,20,24, and 25. If not, write "S" in 4, 20, 24 and 25.
2. If it's OK to divide a number by zero, write "J" in spaces 13 and 22. If not, write "N" in spaces 13 and 22.
3. If you are the oldest person in this room, write the letter "X" in spaces 2, 7 and 23.
4. If you like Christmas time better than being punished, indicate this with an "0" in 11 and 16. If not leave the spaces blank.
5. Put your hands behind your back and by counting on your fingers, find the seventh letter of the alphabet. Write it in space 6.
6. If water freezes at 64 degrees F write a "P" in space 12. If not, write a "W" in that space.
7. If George Washington became president after Abe Lincoln write nothing in space
8. If not, write a "T" in spaces 3, 8, and 15.
8. If 5 feet equals one mile, draw a house in space 1. Otherwise, write an "L" in space 1.
9. If you're a Webelos Scout, put the letter "0" in space 20, the letter "U" in space 19 and the letter "1" in space 21.
10. If you like this kind of 'paper' game, write the second letter of the alphabet in space 18. If you don't, write a "B" in space 18.

Ideas

1. Make a Trivial Pursuit game. Ask questions relating to the early 1800's school life.
2. Bring in small chalkboards and chalk, notebooks and pencils for the boys to write on. Give one half of the group the chalkboards, and the other half notebooks. Ask them to write a story of up to 100 words (or more) on what they have. What are the advantages! disadvantages of having to use the chalkboard and chalk to do homework on as they did in the early days, vs. using paper and pencils today? "
3. Cranberry Ink: Utensils: Medium saucepan; measuring cup; metal spoon; metal strainer (plastic will stain); container with lid,1-cup cranberries 2 tbsp. water Feather. Put cranberries and water in saucepan. Boil mixture and then use spoon to crush cranberries. Strain the ink and pour into containers. Use another feather for this color ink. (These recipes will need to be increased for large groups)