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With the busy holidays and winter break upon us, class time becomes all the more limited and precious. While we hope you will be able to incorporate this issue into your curriculum, remember that *Kind News* can simply be sent home for students and their families to enjoy together. This issue—which includes tips on keeping pets safe during cold winter weather and throughout the holidays, as well as information on helping the canine members of our families overcome fear of being left alone—is perfect for families to read and share together.



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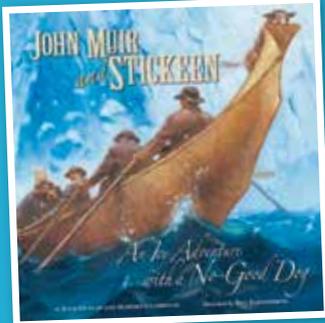
Turn the page for
Common Core
activities to use in
your classroom.

COMMON CORE-ALIGNED ACTIVITIES

W.5.7 Conduct short research projects to build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic. Are you planning a celebration for the 100th day of the school year? To mark that milestone, divide the class into teams and challenge students to think of 100 ways to be kind to animals. Their lists might include items such as license your dog, fill a bird bath with fresh water, take your pet to the vet, buy eggs from cage-free hens, groom your pet, volunteer at an animal shelter, clip your dog's toenails, pick up trash, hang a bat house, never keep wild animals as pets, protect habitats, etc. The list is endless. For inspiration, students can look at past issues of Kind News at humanesociety.org/kindnews (click on Archives). Turn their list into a poster to share with the rest of the student body.

SL.5.1c Pose and respond to specific questions by making comments that contribute to the discussion and elaborate on the remarks of others. Download the online activity page and distribute to students. After they have read "The Decision," discuss the story as a class. Ask: What was the dilemma that was keeping Logan awake in this story? Why do you think that Logan made the choice he made? Do you agree or disagree with his decision? Why? What might you have done differently? What do you think happened next?

BOOK NOOK



John Muir and Stickeen: An Icy Adventure with a No-Good Dog, by Julie Dunlap and Marybeth Lorbiecki, is the story of acclaimed author, explorer and naturalist John Muir. His very name is synonymous with wilderness but he was not known for his fondness for pets. To him, domestic

animals lacked the wit and spirit of the wild. So it is with contempt that he greets his friend's canine companion, Stickeen, who joins the crew on an Alaskan expedition. Young readers will see how the determined dog changes Muir's mind about man's best friend in this dramatic, true account of their struggle on the icy cliffs of Glacier Bay.



Critter Clues FROM PAGE 7

Our mystery critter is an octopus. Octopuses have three hearts: one that pumps blood to their entire body along with two that supply blood to their gills. They also have eight arms that they use to catch prey and deliver it to their beaklike mouth. Octopuses are found in oceans where they often set up a den in the cracks in rocks or holes they dig on the ocean floor. Octopuses have a number of ways to escape predators, including swimming backward and blowing a smoky cloud of ink at the predator. The ink blocks the predator's view, giving the octopus time to escape. Octopuses have a complex brain and are considered the most intelligent animals without a backbone.

Play Keep Away FROM PAGE 7

A word search grid with words circled: PARWTFIG, LIGHTSAP, SWOBA, YRS, TLECBCLIH, LESRNNONBKD, TNDEEDHON, OISSYPNOA, ETALOCOC.

Keep holidays safe and happy for all!

Kind Quiz / RI.5.1 FROM PAGE 8

- 1 She was likely trying to reach food that washed into the storm drain. Accidents like this can be avoided by disposing of uneaten food and trash responsibly.
2 Cats often climb into the engine compartment for warmth. Banging on the hood helps to avoid harming the cat when the engine is started.
3 False. It's best to ignore the dog for a few minutes and then calmly pet him. He will learn that it's no big deal when you come and go.
4 Students' answers will vary.
5 Students' announcements will vary.

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