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Parents Guide

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Teaching kindness to animals and respect for natural habitats while helping to instill good reading habits in children

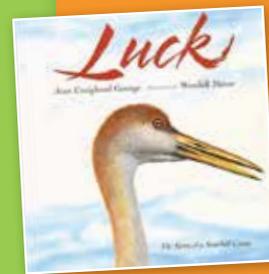
KIND TIME

WHO'S FLAPPING BY? As a fun family activity, watch for migrating birds visiting your neighborhood or park and report your observations on ebird.org, a real-time, online database of information on the number and location of birds in North America. The program is sponsored by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society.

HAVE A FALL SCAVENGER HUNT. How many seasonal changes can you find in the ways the wildlife and plants in your yard, neighborhood or park look or act? Write changes in a calendar on the days you notice them. Compare your lists with friends and family. Consider keeping the calendar for a year to see how closely the changes match what happens next year.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ASHLEY AULT AND LORI RAXENBERG, The HSUS Humane Teacher of the Year winners! Ault is a middle school social studies and English teacher in Hong Kong who guides her students in researching global issues such as shark finning, the ivory trade, animal testing and puppy mills. A pre-K teacher, Raxenberg leads a Baltimore group called Teachers for Tails that brings dogs into classrooms for humane lessons and raises funds for shelter pets.

BOOK NOOK



With its detailed paintings and prose, *Luck* by Jean Craighead George

makes a wonderful addition to discussions of migration and wildlife appreciation. While observing sandhill cranes as they are about to depart on their yearly migration, a young birdwatcher in Texas spots one crane with a plastic six-pack holder around his neck. After freeing him, she waves goodbye to the bird she names Luck. The story unfolds as Luck makes an amazing northward journey all the way to his birthplace in Siberia, where he finds his mate. Together, they return to Texas.



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- ▶ Learn more ways to keep your windows bird-safe
- ▶ Decide if a guinea pig is the right pet for your family
- ▶ Find tips to lower your risk of having a collision with an animal while driving and how to help an injured animal, should a collision occur
- ▶ Download an activity page for your children

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CRITTER CLUES

Can your child guess the mystery critter?

- 1 Cavy is my other name.
- 2 My wild relatives live in South America.
- 3 My legs are short and my body is plump.
- 4 I'm a rodent—not a pig.
- 5 I'm often kept as a pet.

Our mystery critter is the guinea pig. Guinea pigs are not related to pigs, but are members of a family of rodents called cavy. Wild cavy live in family groups in the grasslands and mountains of South America where they feed on grass, fruits and vegetables. 🐹 Guinea pigs' teeth continue to grow throughout their lives, creating a constant need to gnaw on hard surfaces to keep teeth from growing too long. They use their protruding eyebrows and whiskers, as well as their keen sense of smell, to find their way around. 🐹 Guinea pigs mark their territory and objects with scent glands and use a variety of sounds, including whistles and squeals, to communicate. Given a proper diet, regular grooming and plenty of attention, guinea pigs make wonderful pets who can live for up to five years.

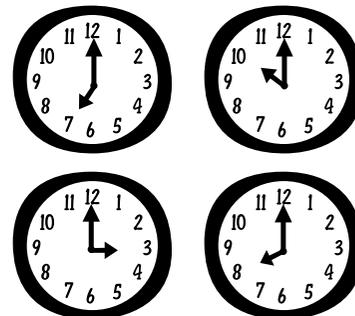
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The award recognizes a pre-K-12 teacher who effectively incorporates humane education into his or her curriculum. Visit humanesociety.org/humaneteacher to nominate someone.

We would love to hear what you think about *Kind News* and how we can make it even better. We welcome comments and suggestions from our readers and their families. Email your thoughts to us at kindnews@humanesociety.org.

ANSWERS

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WORKSHEET

What's the Story?

Story 1: happy, proud

Answers will vary, but may include refilling the feeder.

Story 2: Politely tell Kenny not to give Fritz the candy. Explain that it could make the dog very sick.

Get a dog treat for Kenny to give to Fritz instead of the candy.

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