

New Readers' News

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Autumn leaves are falling

Find and circle all of the words hidden in the puzzle. Words can be found by looking across, down, and diagonally.

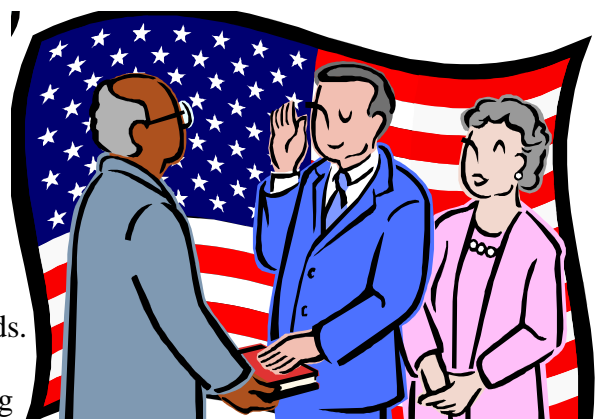
Word List

REDS
ORANGES
YELLOWS
WINDY
COLD
NIGHTS
RAKING
LEAVES
SWEATERS
HOT
DRINKS
GOOD
BOOKS



THE CITIZENS

The room was full of people
From places far away.
Many spoke with words
That were hard for them to say.
They wanted to be citizens.
The judge asked them to stand.
When all was quiet in the room,
She said, "Raise your right hand."
They took the oath with giant words.
A band began to play.
It seemed just right to wave the flag
On such a special day.



By Ruth Yaffe Radin
From *Sky Bridges and Other Poems*

ELECTION DAY

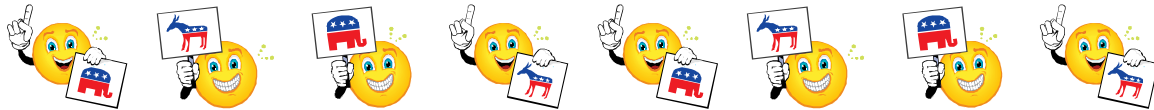
November 4 is an important day. That is the day United States citizens choose who will be the President and Vice-President for the next four years. If you are a US citizen and registered to vote, you have the opportunity to vote for your choice for President and Vice-President. You need to register to vote by October 6 in order to vote in the November election.



We all know it is important to vote, but did you ever think how important your one vote might be? Consider the following:

- In 1645, one vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England.
- In 1649, one vote caused Charles I of England to be executed.
- In 1776, one vote gave America the English language instead of German.
- In 1845, one vote brought Texas into the Union.
- In 1868, one vote saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment.
- In 1875, one vote changed France from a monarchy to a republic.
- In 1876, one vote gave Rutherford B. Hayes the Presidency of the United States.
- In 1923, one vote gave Adolf Hitler leadership of the Nazi party.
- In 1941, one vote saved selective service, just weeks before Pearl Harbor was attacked.

Voting makes a difference. Register to vote today and you can too make a difference. To vote in the November, 2008 election, you must register to vote by October 2, 2008



THE MOST IMPORTANT THING

By Nargiza Ismailova



Two years ago we had been in New York State at a lake for a picnic. That day I thought I was all prepared for the trip to New York State for the picnic. I had brought some food for the picnic, and I had brought the girls' swimsuits and towels. I had brought some drinks.

When we went to the picnic, I realized that I had forgotten to bring Aziza's pacifier. At New York State we stopped at a Family Dollar Store, and I bought a new pacifier.

HELPING ONE ANOTHER

By Betty Lou Jackson

My sister-in-law's mother is an elderly lady who is in need of help. Since there was a rift in the family, I stepped in to help her. Verta Woodward is a friendly person whom I adore. She has more issues to deal with for someone at the age of 92 years old.



First of all, I noticed that she needs a hearing aid. She can't hear the phone when it rings or the door bell when it rings. She has missed Meals on Wheels' call and phone calls from people who care about her. I wrote a letter to the Lions Club, but I was not successful. I am still trying.

Next she needs me to call in for her doctor's appointment and set up transportation. I make sure she keeps her doctor's appointment. I call her often to make sure she is ok.

I would encourage others to work with the elderly to keep them safe and healthy.

MY TRIP TO WALTON'S MOUNTAIN

By James Adams

I used to watch "The Waltons" on TV. I liked the way they lived. They survived in hard times by the family lumber mill. The Waltons helped other people too. They grew their own food. They hunted and butchered their own meat. They had a store, and it was called "Ike Godsey's Store." They sold material to make clothes and canned food.



My cousin told me about the Waltons' Museum and store. It is still open and near the house. I decided to visit it because I wanted to see the place. I drove to Virginia near Charlottesville and spent the day at their home and store. If you liked "The Waltons" on TV, I would say go to see the real house and store. I went to see the school where John Boy went and graduated from.

THE LITERACY PROGRAM HELPS: MY STORY

By Patricia Lewis

I have been out of school for twenty-seven years, dropping out when I had just turned fifteen. I then married and had children, three of which are still at home. I had never thought about finishing my education until my youngest son attended Head Start. I called the Literacy Program and expressed an interest in distance learning. I met up with the Literacy Program, and someone did some testing to determine where I should start out with the school work.



I started online about seven months ago, not sure if I could make it. Although some of my classes have been difficult for me, I have not yet given up. Sometimes, in order to pass the tests, I need to take the test six or seven times, but I push myself each time to concentrate and learn the material. I never realized until now what education meant to me. I am doing things that I never would have thought would matter to me, such as going to the library (which may not seem like very much to people who have the opportunity to go often).

Recently, I had a chance to experience first hand a career in the funeral business in which I have become interested. I sent a letter to Ken Robertson at Morse and Kleese Funeral Home. A couple of days later he called me and said he would be glad to allow me to watch him in his role as a funeral director. In a short time there, I learned so much, and I must say it was a very interesting thing for me to see as well. In fact, I think it was the most interesting thing that I have ever seen. Ken was very friendly, but also very professional. In just a couple of hours with him, I learned a lot. I walked away from this experience with a lot of knowledge, and I feel as though I also walked away with a new friend. I think that this is a career which I could never have thought about until the Literacy Program assisted me in furthering my education.



I am learning to do things that I never thought were possible. Thanks to the Literacy Program, I have an interest, and I have new found experiences which are both an accomplishment to my personal self. I still have a long way to go, but I know now not to ever give up. When you want something bad enough, you have to become a go-getter. With the help of the Literacy Program, I have become just that.