

Cares-a-Lot Kindergarten



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To Joanne, who is a whiz with words

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Welcome to Honeysuckle Hollow®

where all the woodland creatures work together to take care of each other and their environment.

Every animal family has a special job and every day is an adventure. With their creativity, generosity and sweet spirit, these friends make chores chockfull of fun.



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Every morning, oodles of kids race down the path that winds around Honeysuckle Hollow Pond. It leads them to the Cares-a-Lot Kindergarten.



"Last one there is a rhinoceros egg!" they tease each other.

The kids can't wait to go to art class, where they put on their smocks and create colorful paintings.



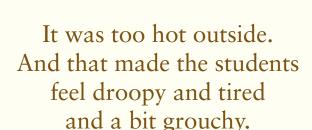
They can't wait to talk about their magnificent treasures at show-and-tell and to swing as high as they can at the playground.





And they can't wait to practice their ABCs. Each week they learn a different letter of the alphabet.

But on one particular day, they didn't want to do any of the things they usually love to do.



It was so hot that their teachers, Suzy and Tommy Tippytail, noticed that even the daisies on their desk were wilting.

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To make matters worse, the window was stuck shut.

Howie and Cookie are the Tippytail's children. They're also students at the school. They're very good helpers, too.





Howie sharpens pencils.
Cookie puts gold stars on their classmates' homework.
That morning they'd collected leaves for the kids to use as fans.

But everyone was still too hot.



Suzy and Tommy came up with a plan. "We're moving the class outside, under the shady willow tree by the pond," they told the kids. "And we'll do fun things that have the letter W in them."



"Like playing on the seesaw?" suggested Nibbles Handydandy.

"Writing our names in the sand?" asked Buster Tidyshine.

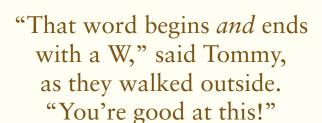
"Cloud watching?" said Debbie Diggadilly.





"Wonderful ideas!"
said Tommy. He was proud
of his students. They were so
smart. They knew that
seesaw, writing and watching
all have the letter W in them.

"Wow!" cheered the class.



By now the kids thought W was the best letter in the alphabet. But they were still very hot.



Suzy asked the class what other fun activities had the letter W in them.

"I know one," said Howie. He rolled something large and round and green over to the willow tree.





"Eating *watermelon*!" Cookie exclaimed.

"Then we should definitely do that," agreed Suzy.

The students happily gobbled up sweet slices of watermelon.

"Yummy," said Howie.
He began to wipe his whiskers on his napkin when the wind swept it into the air. The napkin landed in the pond.

Suzy, who had jumped up to grab it, lost her balance and landed in the pond, too.



Splash! Water sprayed the kids and they shrieked with delight. "You got us all wet!"

Suzy came up with a new plan. "Get your bathing suits.

We're moving class—into the cool *water*!"





"Woo-hoo!" the students hooted.

Luckily for the Cares-a-Lot Kindergartners, swimming has a W in it.

COLLECT ALL THE LI'L WOO



The WaterwaggleTM Beaver Family Busy Beaver Launderette

Tapper and Tiny gather the freshly washed laundry off the clothesline and can't help burying their faces in the crisp bed sheets. Their parents, Lulu and Bobby, put up with their antics, but don't realize how important "sniffing the sheets" will become in Honeysuckle Hollow.



The Handydandy™ Mouse Family Bitty Fix-It Crew to the Rescue

When something breaks in Honeysuckle Hollow, the woodland creatures skedaddle to the Bitty Fix-It Shop. That's where Mimi and Benjamin, and their kids, Nibbles and Sunny, repair just about anything. From squeaky school desks to broken kites, they're the go-to fix-it mice.



The Healthnuggle™ Bear Family Healing Paws Health Center

Dr. Barbara and Dr. Todd Healthnuggle, and their kids, Hazel and Romeo, always make their patients feel better. When a woodland friend comes down with a puzzling illness and might miss the Sunflower Celebration, they're all determined to find a cure—fast!

DZEEZ® FRIENDS & BOOKS



The Whooswhoo™ Owl Family

Nighty-Night-Sleep-Tight Safety Service Delores and Owen, and their kids, Pete and Peep, can see all over town from their watchtower. It's important that everything's in order in Honeysuckle Hollow. One day, after cousin Keith slips on banana peels, they investigate and find a trail of peels that leads to a mystery.



The Whiffpuff^{IM} Skunk Family Fresh-as-a-Daisy Air Quality Patrol

Thanks to Jasmine and Jacob, and their twin daughters, Iris and Violet, Honeysuckle Hollow smells wonderful. The skunk family picks flowers, berries, herbs and spices, then creates special scents and soaps. Iris and Violet like bathtime, too. Rub-a-dub-dub, two skunks in a tub!



The Tidyshine™ Turtle Family Clean-as-a-Whistle Tidying Service

Dishes don't stay dirty long in Honeysuckle Hollow. Suds and Sally, and their children, Buster and Bubbles, zip from one kitchen to the next on roller skates. They've earned a spotless reputation for scrubbing pots and pans until every last one is clean.





to cool off and learn, too.

ABCs and 123s are all about fun and games at the Cares-a-Lot Kindergarten. But one day, when it's too hot for schoolwork, teachers Suzy and Tommy Tippytail move the class under a shady tree. Their kids, Howie and Cookie, help come up with a way



The Hoppingood™ Rabbit Family Hoppin' Healthy Harvesters

Amelia and Elliot are picking blueberries at their farm. When their children, Star and Theo, get hungry, they decide to eat a few of the ripe berries. But one handful leads to another and soon the whole basket is empty! Will there be enough for everyone in Honeysuckle Hollow now?



The Diggadilly™ Raccoon Family

Reduce, Reuse & Recycle Crew

Debbie and Stripe Diggadilly, and their parents, Rose and Rocco, hate to see anything go to waste. Their business, the Reduce, Reuse & Recycle Crew, specializes in making treasures out of trash and art gems out of junk. All it takes is a little imagination and elbow grease. When Debbie and Stripe find an old fence at the dump, they also find a clever solution to a problem for their classmates.





© The Tippytails have hidden one W in each picture inside this book. Can you find all 7 Ws? How many more can you find in the words on these pages?



ABCs and 123s are all about fun and games at the Cares-a-Lot Kindergarten. But one day the temperature soars and it's too hot for schoolwork.

That's when the teachers, Suzy and Tommy Tippytail, move the classroom outside, under a shady willow tree by Honeysuckle Hollow Pond. Their kids, Howie and Cookie, and the rest of the students soon discover a creative idea for everyone to cool off and learn, too.

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