

fall 2016



### School is Cool

This is my favorite time of year. New books. New teacher. New friends. Isn't school the best? Tell me about your new, favorite teacher at [buddybear@shcu.org](mailto:buddybear@shcu.org).

Tell your teacher "Hi" for me!

## BUDDY BEAR

Buddy Bear  
Cub Club President



### Buddy Bear's Secret Message

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### Fall Close Up

Can you guess these things you see in fall?



### Parents' Corner Homework Help

Every night, kitchen tables get covered with homework. From math and reading to lit and science, homework can be frustrating for students and parents alike. Thankfully, there is help out there.

- **Math and More:** Students in the St. Helens and Scappoose School Districts can access math homework help and insightful videos through a partnership with Engage New York Homework. The service covers Pre-K through 6. You'll find more at [engageny.org/mathematics](http://engageny.org/mathematics).
- **Tutoring:** Pre-screened tutors are available for St. Helens School District students at 503.366.7226 or [donnar@sthelens.k12.or.us](mailto:donnar@sthelens.k12.or.us). For tutors in the Scappoose and Rainier School Districts, contact your student's counselor.
- **Talk to Their Teacher:** Some teachers have discovered that sending kids home with less homework can improve overall retention of materials and increase assessment test scores. If your child's teacher sends a lot of homework your way, ask about reducing your student's "second shift" and the teacher's need to grade all of that homework.



## Buddy's World Records

### World's Longest Pencil

Some people love pencils. Especially a group in Nuremberg, Germany that created a pencil measuring 738-feet 10-inches. That's almost as tall as a 75-story building. To really "sharpen" their world record, the team then used the pencil to write a note on a piece of paper.

## Buddy's Books

You'll find thousands of books at your library.

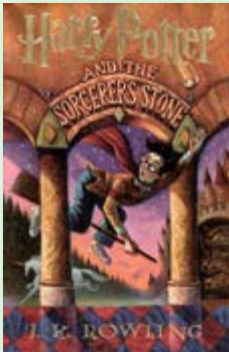


**Ages 4-7**

**Follow the Line to School**

**By Laura Ljungkvist**

Like to follow lines? You'll love this fun and artsy book that takes you on a journey around a school and through a school day. Parents will love reading and following the lines with their little ones too.



**Ages 8-12**

**Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone**

**By J.K. Rowling**

Travel with Harry Potter on his first day to wizard school. You may have seen the Harry Potter movies, but you don't know half of the adventure until you've read all the books. This is book one in the series.

## Fall Close Up

Did you guess owl, pumpkin and colored pencils? If so, you're correct!



## Fall Leaf Wreath

Ask your parents to help you create this colorful fall wreath.



### Supplies:

- Paper Plate
- School Glue
- Scissors
- Colorful Leaves
- Ribbon or Twine

### Instructions:

1. Collect leaves from outside. If they are wet, lay out to dry before beginning the project.
2. Cut plate into a ring shape by drawing a circle in the center and carefully cutting with scissors. If you need help cutting, ask an adult for assistance.
3. Use glue to attach the leaves. Allow to dry completely, adding a second layer of leaves if necessary.
4. Loop some ribbon or twine around the wreath.
5. Hang and enjoy the beautiful fall colors!

## School Days Jokes

Send your fun jokes to [buddybear@shcu.org](mailto:buddybear@shcu.org).

**Q:** Why did the music teacher need a ladder?

**A:** To reach the high notes.

**Q:** Who runs the classroom?

**A:** The ruler.

**Q:** Why should you study on an airplane?

**A:** To get a higher education.