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We Give a Hoot About Savings

One of my favorite animals is the owl. I like that owls always look smart. They can even turn their heads all the way around. That is cool. What is your favorite animal? Tell me all about it at buddybear@shcu.org.

BUDDY BEAR

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Word Scramble

Help Buddy find the different owl species.

BARN	HORNED	SNOWY
TAWNY	SCREECH	DESERT

Z	S	M	A	V	B	Q	R	W	H
B	N	K	B	Q	L	N	C	C	T
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Parents' Corner

Since owls represent wisdom and intelligence, it makes sense to cover education in this season's Buddy Bear Newsletter. One of the biggest influences on academic achievement is music. Research has shown that a music education, along with today's academics, can enhance formal learning and life skills for kids.

Music Enhances Language and IQ

Experts agree that music education can help strengthen verbal competence. Equally, a study at the University of Toronto found that children who received weekly voice and piano lessons have an increase in IQ overall.

Music Enhances Cognition

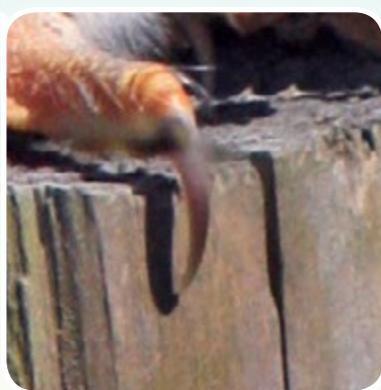
Music can even benefit the way kids think. Kids who are involved in music in some capacity have a larger growth of neural activity. A study by Boston College found changes in brain images of kids who enjoyed weekly music lessons over a 15-month period. It's an impressive fact that gets better when we look at test scores.

Music Enhances Education

A study by the University of Kansas found that kids in music programs often scored higher on standardized tests: 22% higher in English and 20% better in math. Music also helps with memory recall and organizational skills.

Owl Close Up

Can you guess the parts of Mr. Owl?





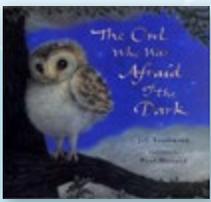
Buddy's World Records

Biggest Chocolate Bunny Ever

The largest edible chocolate bunny was created in 2010. It stood 12-feet 5-inches tall and weighed over 3 tons. That's a lot of chocolate!

Buddy's Books

Find these books at the library and start your reading adventure.

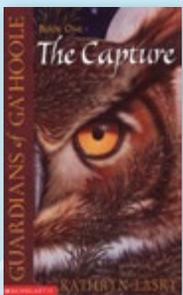


Ages 3-5

The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark

By Jill Tomlinson and Paul Howard

Plop the baby barn owl goes on a journey and discovers that the dark isn't scary at all. It is a wonderful place where his friends and family live.



Ages 8-12

Guardians of Ga'Hoole #1: The Capture

By Kathryn Lasky

The fight between good and evil is retold in this novel about a young owl that longs to be part of the legendary Guardians of Ga'Hoole.

Funny Owl Jokes

Do you have an owl joke to share? Send it to buddybear@shcu.org.

Q: What do you call an owl magician?

A: Whooooo-dini

Q: What is more amazing than a talking owl?

A: A spelling bee

Q: When does an owl go "moo"?

A: When it's learning a new language

Paper Bag Owl Puppet

Let's make an owl out of a paper bag and some craft supplies. It will be a HOOT!

Supplies:

- Brown paper bag
- Craft paper (four different colors)
- Scissors
- Glue



Instructions:

1. Using the construction paper, cut two 2-inch circles that will be used for the eyes. Then cut two smaller circles to finish the eyes.
2. Now, cut a triangle beak and two triangle ears.
3. On another piece of construction paper, trace each of your hands and cut the shape out.
4. Cut 2 inches off the bottom of your paper bag.
5. Then glue your handprints on the back of the bag so they appear to be wings.
6. Add the eyes, beak and ears to your owl with glue.
7. Have fun with your owl paper bag puppet.

Winter Fun Close Up

Did you guess talon, beak and eyes? If so, you're right!

