

McBroom and the Big Wind

Our class will now read the tall tale “McBroom and the Big Wind.” A tall tale is a story that uses exaggeration to relate events that did not really happen. In this story, the narrator relates his experiences living on the windy prairie. He claims that the wind was so fierce that it broke his leg and made children fly through the air.

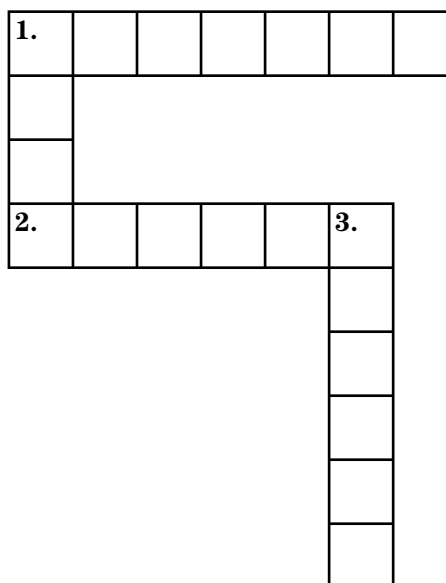
After your child has finished reading “McBroom and the Big Wind,” you may want to complete together the following crossword puzzle.

Across

1. containers in which the children store the wind
2. long-eared animal that flies in the story

Down

1. animal that gets stuck jumping rope in the story
3. animal whose feathers are plucked clean by the wind



Selection Vocabulary

Your child will be studying the following vocabulary words in the upcoming week. Please review the meanings of these words with your child: **deny**—to say that something is not true; **common**—happening often, familiar; **shingle**—to cover with shingles; **battered**—past tense of batter: to hit over and over again with heavy blows; **gust**—a sudden, strong rush of wind or air; **huddled**—past tense of huddle: to crowd together; **haste**—quickness in moving or in acting, speed; **calculate**—to figure out.

Spelling

Your child will be studying the following spelling words in the upcoming week. Please review the spellings of these words with your child: wreck, rewrite, unwrap, final, finish, finite, knock, precook, mistreat, biceps, midnight, dislike, judge, homeless, beautiful.

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Nuestra clase empezará a leer el cuento exagerado “McBroom and the Big Wind”. Un cuento exagerado es un cuento que utiliza la exageración para presentar acontecimientos que en realidad no ocurrieron. En esta selección, el narrador relata sus experiencias viviendo en una pradera con mucho viento. Asegura que el viento era tan fuerte que rompió su pierna e hizo volar a los niños por los aires.

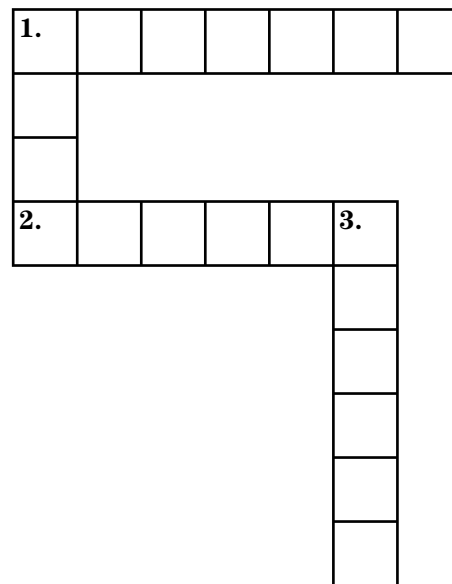
Después de que su hijo(a) haya terminado de leer “McBroom and the Big Wind”, quizá quieran completar juntos el siguiente crucigrama en inglés.

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Vocabulario de la selección

La próxima semana su hijo(a) estudiará las siguientes palabras de vocabulario. Por favor, revise junto a su hijo(a) los significados de estas palabras: **deny** (negar—decir que algo no es verdad); **common** (común—ocurre a menudo, familiar); **shingle** (tablilla—cubrir con tablillas); **battered** (golpeado—pasado de golpear: pegar una y otra vez con fuertes soplidos); **gust** (ráfaga—una fuerte ventada de repente); **huddled** (acurrucó—pasado de acurrucarse: agruparse); **haste** (rapidez en moverse o actuar, velocidad); **calculate** (calcular—contar).

Ortografía

La próxima semana su hijo(a) estudiará las siguientes palabras de ortografía. Por favor, revise junto a su hijo(a) la escritura de estas palabras: *wreck, rewrite, unwrap, final, finish, finite, knack, precook, mistreat, biceps, midnight, dislike, judge, homeless, beautiful.*