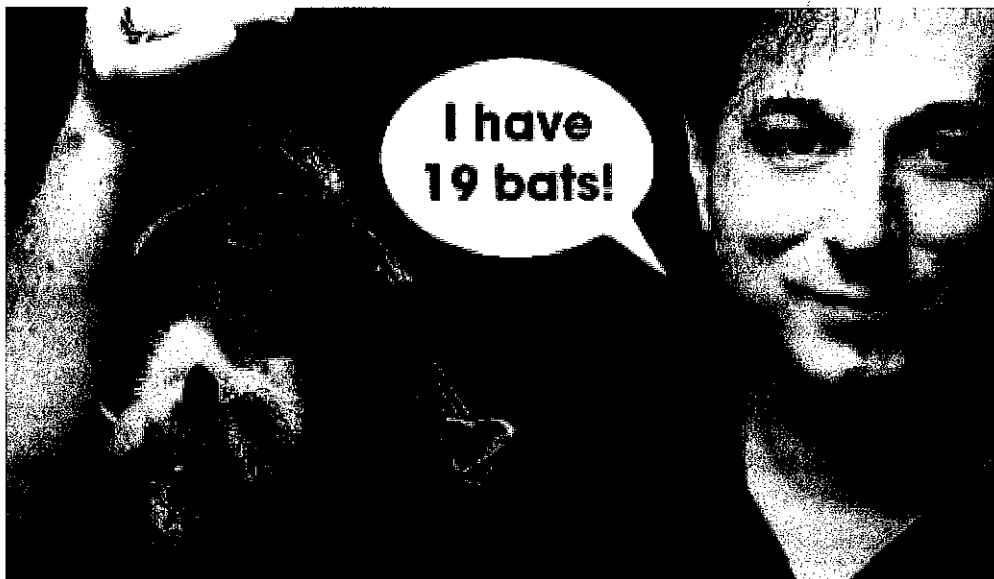


A Real-Life Bat Man

Joseph D'Angeli lives with vampires-vampire bats, that is. He feeds bats and studies their habits. D'Angeli is a chiroptologist (kigh-rop-TAH-luh-jist), or a scientist who studies bats.



Carey Kirkella for Weekly Reader

This man is not a superhero, but he knows a lot about bats.

The weekend before Halloween, D'Angeli is bringing his bats to the Chiller Theatre's Toy, Model, and Film Expo in Secaucus, New Jersey. It's the country's largest horror and science-fiction convention.

"The convention gives me a chance to talk to true bat lovers and to people who haven't experienced bats up close," D'Angeli told *WR News*. "Where else can you see a bat with a 3- to 4-foot wingspan in front of your face?"

Bats often get a bad reputation. A reputation refers to the way people think of something. But D'Angeli says there is a lot to like about the nocturnal (active at night) animals. Bats, for example, help the environment. "Many valuable bat species eat crop-damaging insects," he says.

D'Angeli has been studying bats since he was a teenager. What's his advice for students interested in studying the winged creatures? "Get some rest. You're going to be up late if you want to study bats."

Bat Fun Facts

- There are more than 900 known species of bats.
- A brown bat can eat as many as 1,000 mosquitoes in an hour.
- Contrary to popular belief, bats are not blind. To navigate in the dark, some bats use echolocation. That is a process in which sound waves bounce off objects and return to the bats' ears.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1. What did the author mean by saying that D'Angeli lives with vampires?

- A. He studies bats.
- B. He lives with monsters.
- C. He watches a lot of vampire movies.
- D. He collects Dracula posters.

2. D'Angeli says, "Where else can you see a bat...in front of your face?"

The phrase, "in front of your face," means

- A. near your forehead.
- B. in real life.
- C. close to your nose.
- D. not behind you.

3. What does they author mean by "bats often get a bad reputation"?

- A. Bats get sick easily.
- B. People everywhere love bats.
- C. People think bad things about bats.
- D. Bats make great pets.

4. Echolocation means

- A. a person that studies bats.
- B. a very loud echo sound, like in a canyon.
- C. finding unusual echo sounds in a cave.
- D. finding your way by using sounds and their echo.

5. What are three things that you learned about bats in this passage?

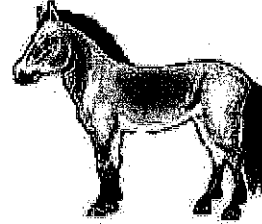
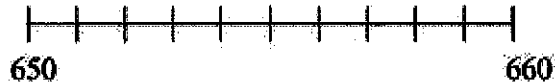
A Question of Numbers

This problem gives you the chance to:

- show you can compare and order numbers
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Holly's class is learning about big numbers.

1. Here is part of the class number line.



Put an **X** on the number line, on the place that is halfway between 650 and 660.

What is the number that should be there? _____

2. Holly knows a pony weighs between 365 pounds and 425 pounds.

Write a possible number for the weight of a pony. _____ pounds

3. The activity center swimming pool holds between 1,875 gallons and 1,940 gallons of water.

Write a possible number for the amount of water the swimming pool holds. _____ gallons

4. A school computer could cost between \$2,950 and \$3,055.

Give three possible prices for the computer.

\$ _____

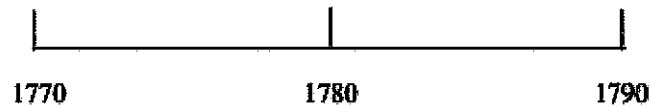
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5. The American Revolution started in 1775 and finished in 1783.

In which year was it halfway through? _____

Show how you know using this number line.



6. Holly's teacher says the school library has 1000 books.
Holly thinks that the library may have 40 more books.

What is the greatest number of books that the library could have? _____

Show how you figured this out.

Tom thinks that the library may have 40 fewer books than 1000.

What is the smallest number of books that the library could have? _____

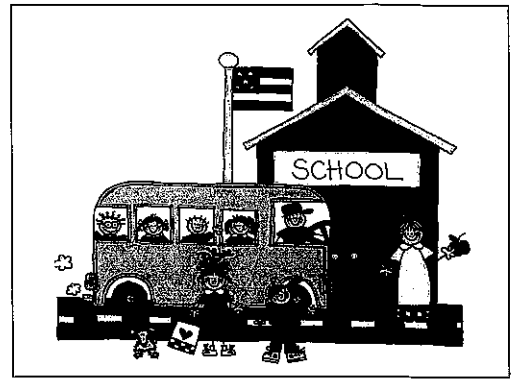
Show how you figured this out.



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NOVEMBER 26, MARCH 25, SNOW DAY 1, 2, 3

Elementary ART

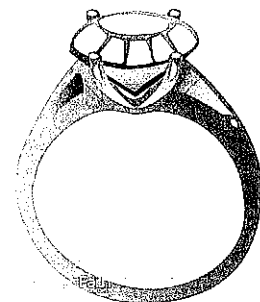
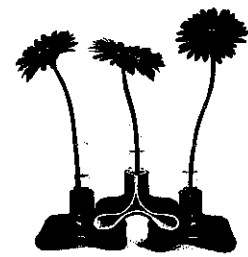
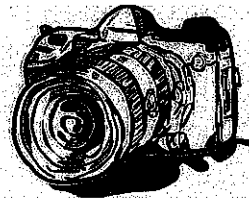


Draw your favorite things or how you spent your day...

A large, empty rectangular box intended for drawing.

Explore your home and see how many different art forms that you use in a single day.

Did you play a video game, take a photograph, watch a movie, or notice colorful designs on your clothes or around your home?



A large, empty rectangular box intended for drawing, located below the list of art forms.

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Elementary Music

Sing your favorite song or listen to a different type of music.

REFLECT: Draw a picture about how it made you feel.

Write about how the music made you feel.

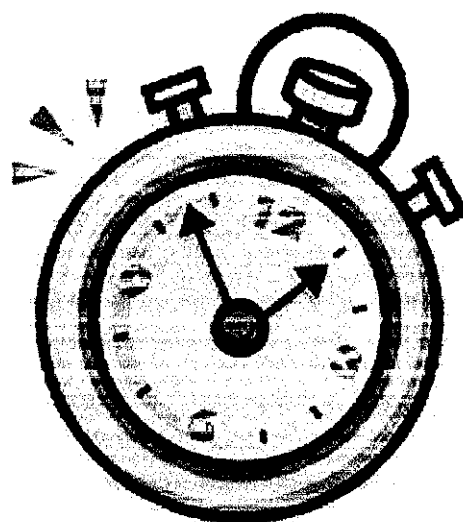
Did the music excite you, calm you, or make you sad?

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Elementary P.E.

Take 20 minutes for active play or exercise...



DID YOU...

take a walk?

play outside?

practice a sport?

go swimming?

go sledding?