

gritty kids

GALAXY

Zine



FOR KIDS
BY KIDS

SEPTEMBER 2026



DIGITAL &
INTERACTIVE
Issue

BACK
★ TO ★
SCHOOL

READY. SET. Go!

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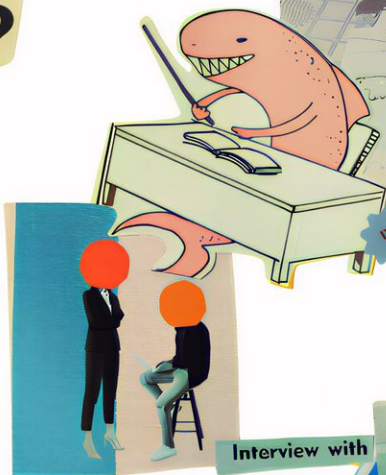
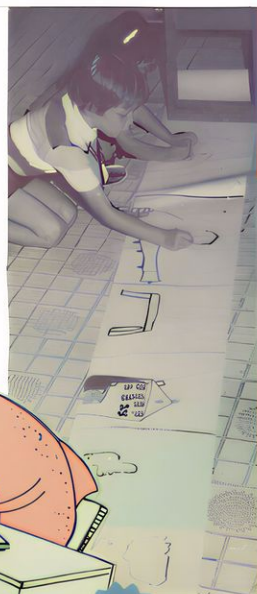
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LISTEN



Interview with

Ann



1.

Letter

Dear

gritty kids

Welcome back to the GALAXY!
It's September - (whattt?!)
and so many things seem to
change in September. School,
sports, activities, the weather.
This year some big changes
are happening here at **gritty kids**
headquarters!



#1 More kids running things

#2 Analog / throw back zine creation
+ interactive

#3 Digital edition

#4 Community!

XOXO
Ms. Erin



More on all of these things soon

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SECRET CODE!

Can you crack it?



A=1 B=2 C=3 D=4 E=5 F=6 G=7 H=8
 I=9 J=10 K=11 L=12 M=13 N=14 O=15
 P=16 Q=17 R=18 S=19 T=20 U=21
 V=22 W=23 X=24 Y=25 Z=26



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9

— — — — —

2

5

12

15

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18

5

Now write your own in the same code:



MIXED UP



unscramble ★
unscramble
★

- TIRG _____
- VEBAR _____
- NIARB _____
- LICNEP _____
- DNEIRF _____
- TRATS _____
- YRT _____
- OREH _____



Be
you
= NOT =
THEM

2.

GAMES

WORDSEARCH

KAPAIKE!



P	S	I	S	Q	O	U	P	F	J	V	N	C	X	F
E	A	T	O	N	I	R	K	D	H	I	U	Q	Z	K
N	M	Q	A	W	L	T	J	H	Z	L	X	L	C	I
C	Y	R	T	R	K	I	S	E	G	U	F	C	I	Z
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D	W	S	R	R	R	K	J	X	F	Y	V	Q	V	M
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BRAVE

FRIEND

START

PENCIL

HERO

TRY

BRAIN

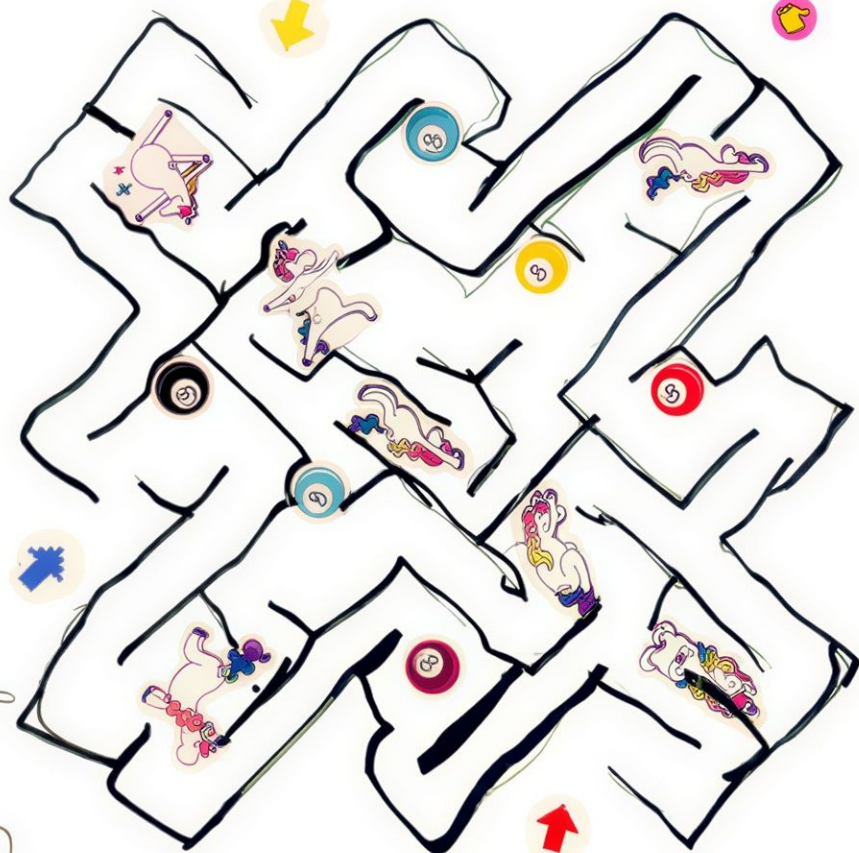
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2.

GAMES

MAZE

****challenge****
alternate
between unicorns
doing yoga and
Magic 8 balls!

SEP
TEH
BER

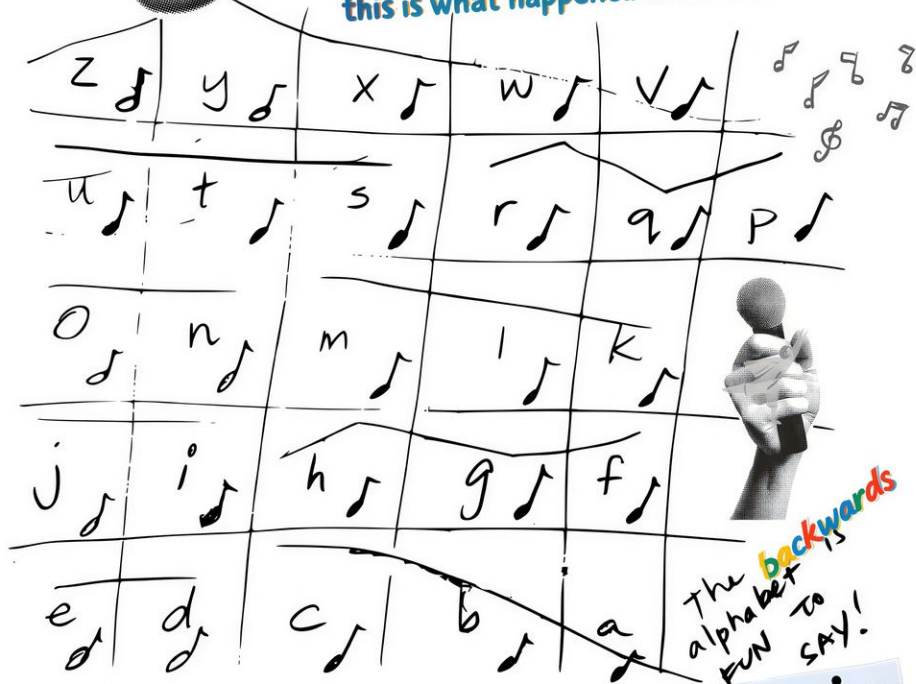
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Try This!

can you sing (or say) the alphabet
BACKWARDS???



this is what happened when we tried...



Instant Classic



3. Did You know?

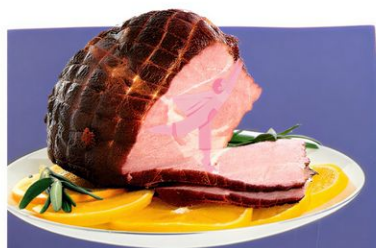
Weird but true

If humans came in as many sizes as dogs, we'd range from three to 18 feet tall.



SOME
DIAMONDS
FALL
TO EARTH
FROM
OUTER SPACE.

The regal horned lizard squirts blood out of its eyes to repel predators.



A ham once sold for two million dollars.

A woman in California remembered almost every day of her life since she was 11.

Scientists think that 3.5 billion years ago, ocean water was two times saltier than it is today.

3. Did You know?

**BET YOU
DIDN'T KNOW!**

7 Darker-colored frozen pops usually melt faster than lighter ones.

8 In ancient China, only emperors could wear yellow.

6 Brown is the most common human eye color.

4 More than six billion green monopoly houses have been manufactured since 1935.

1 Wearing blue-tinted sunglasses might make you less hungry.

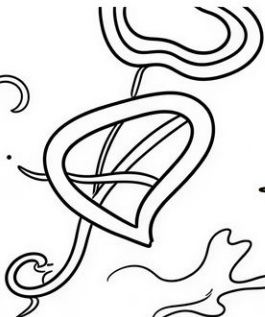
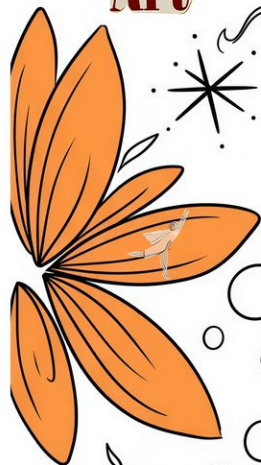
5 In parts of England, having a black sheep in a flock was considered lucky.

3 Oscar the Grouch was originally orange.



ANNGustafson
RT



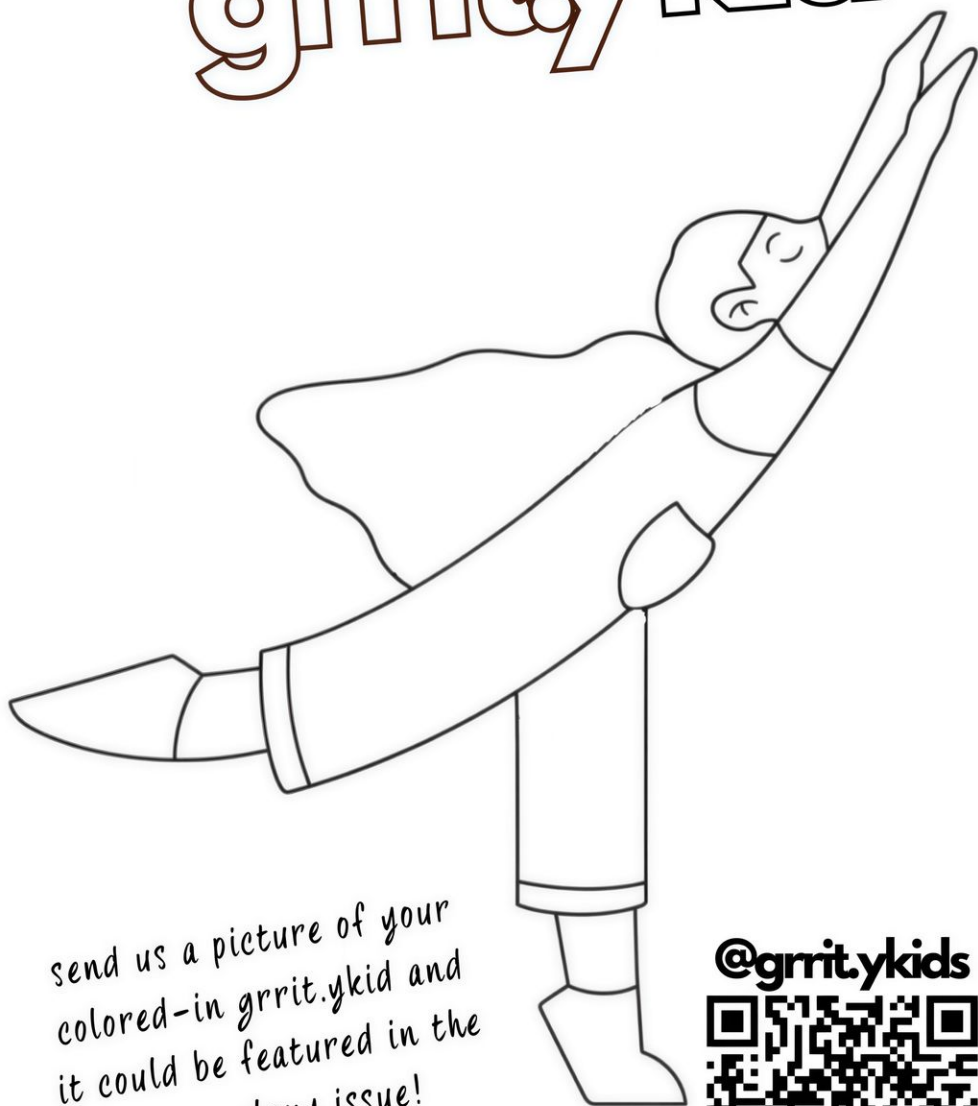


love
your
self



ANN Gustafson

the grrity kid



send us a picture of your
colored-in grrit.ykid and
it could be featured in the
next galaxy issue!

@grrit.ykids





Hero

Ann

- Artist + Actor
- grrit.ykids **Art Director** Intern
- High School SENIOR
- Proud to have Dyslexia + ADHD
- Loves designing & elephants
- Going to **ART SCHOOL** for college!
- 17-years-old
- Lifeguard
- Trendsetter
- Creator
- Inspirational mentor

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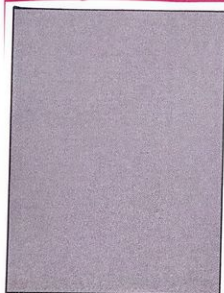


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and

Things To Make

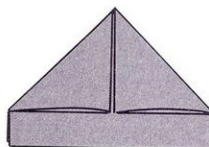
FOLD DIRECTIONS FOR HAT AND BOAT



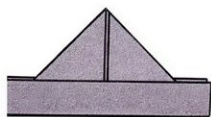
1. Start with a sheet of newspaper.



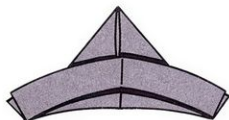
2. Fold paper in half.



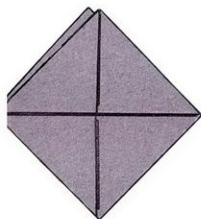
3. Fold top corners into center.



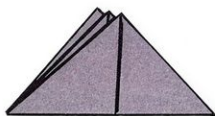
4. Fold bottom edges up for hat.



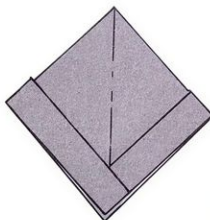
5. Bring edges together.



7. Bring one corner up.



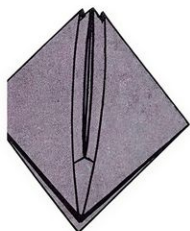
8. Bring other corner up.



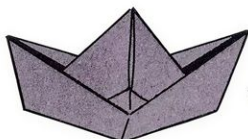
6. Flatten it sideways.



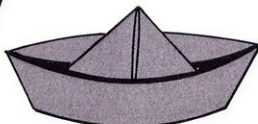
9. Bring ends together again.



Flatten it sideways



11. Gently pull ends open.



12. The boat is done.





PUZZLES

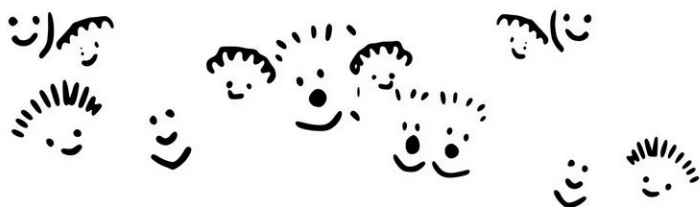
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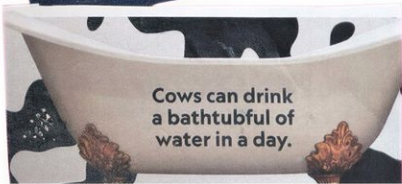
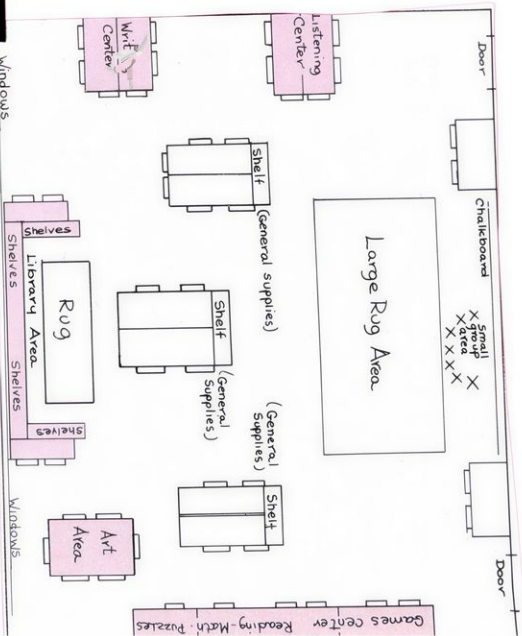
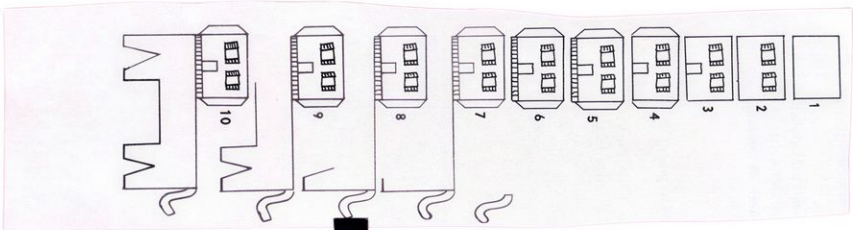
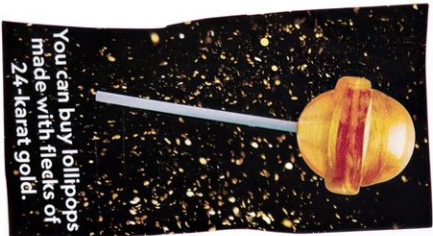


HOW MANY
FACES ARE
IN YOUR
NAME?!

Write your name
and see how many
faces fit in.

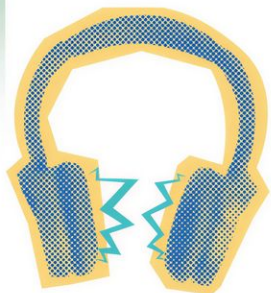
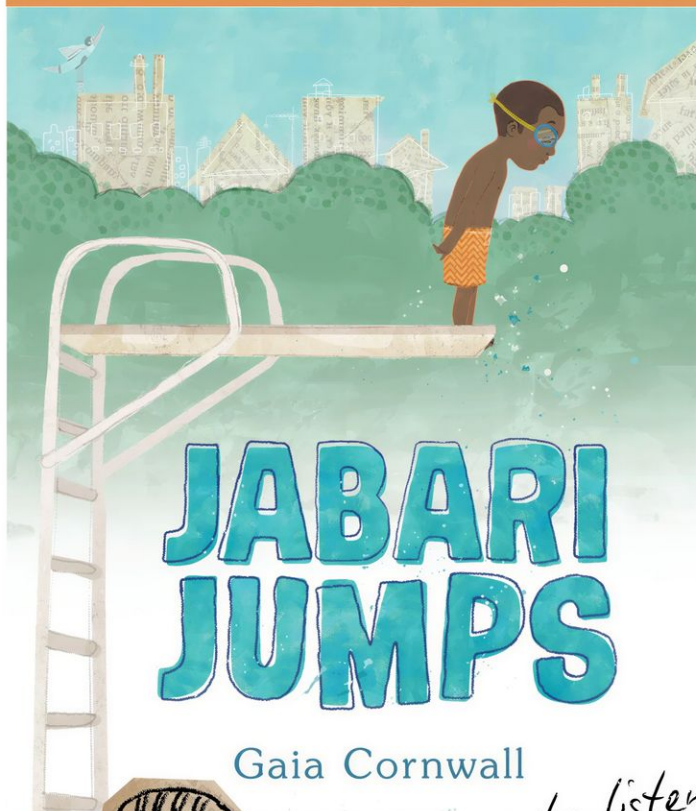


7 random



8 LISTEN

grittykids presents...



Gaia Cornwall

scan to listen!!!!



Try This!

to us!

WRITE A LETTER

LET'S BE FRIENDS!

Letter

Heading
Body
Closing, Name.

Sample

Name of School
Address of School
Date

Dear Mr. _____

Sincerely,
John Books

Envelope

Name
Address
City, State, Zip

Sample

John Books
234 Home Street
Los Angeles, Ca. 90001
Mr. Steve McQueen
123 Sun Trees
Hollywood, Ca. 90001

Activity

Objective

To use correct letter and envelope forms in writing letters.

Materials

- Pencils and erasers.
- Pens (optional).
- Dictionaries.
- Names and pseudo-addresses for some TV and movie stars, sports personalities, and other famous people (on individual cards or pieces of paper).
- Lined paper (for letters).
- Plain envelopes.
- Box ("mailbox") for finished letters.
- Chart or bulletin board showing letter and envelope forms.

Hello!

Directions

1. Choose the name of someone you would like to write to.
2. Write a letter. (Use the correct form shown on the bulletin board or chart.)
3. Address an envelope, using the correct form.
4. Put the letter in the envelope, and "mail" the envelope in the box.



you're my superhero!



Name → grrit.y kids
3405 W 44th St ← street + address
suite 211
Minneapolis, MN ← city + state
5 5 4 1 0 ← zip code
office #



THANK YOU FOR LEAVING A MARK

= number
zip code = no idea why it's called this?

Good-bye!

until next month



DEEP BREATH

Clean slate

Attention!

YOU

ARE

JUST

RIGHT

Routine feels safe.
It's reinforcing
something we
already know. But
we're not really
safe unless we're
growing."

The Power of YET!

I can't do this...YET
I'm not good at this...YET

By realizing that
everybody is in the
same boat, we will
be less prone to
frustration, stress,
and anger."

To be beautiful means
to be yourself. You
don't need to be
accepted by others. You
need to accept yourself.

— THICH NHAT HANH

SHINE

'She's Just

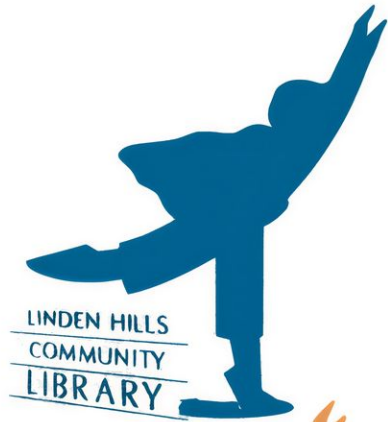
fascinating

MAGIC

EVERYTHING

FEARLESS

look for copies of
the **GALAXY**
around Linden Hills!



Please
FOLLOW
directions
→→→

REMINDER

DON'T FORGET!

TOMORROW

LATER

let's

do

this

IMPORTANT

SEP

LINDEN HILLS

EVENTS!!!

Fall Festival

SATURDAY

September 26 · 11am to 6pm

Linden Hills Park, 3100 W 43rd St · Free

YASSS!

FUN

The 50th one ever. Parade of wheels, storytime, field day games, live music, food, and an art fair. Come find us there.

FARMERS MARKET

Every **SUNDAY** · 10am to 1pm

At Settergrens, W 43rd St

Runs through October. Sept 6, 13, 20, 27.

SO FRESH

WILD RUMPUS STORYTIME

Tuesday

10:30am · Free

Wild Rumpus Books, 2720 W 43rd St

Stories, songs, and the store's animals. Sept 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.

WAY COOL

Going to one of these? Draw it, write it, or photograph it and send it in. It could be in the next issue.



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We believe that
nearly everything is

BETTER
TOGETHER

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learn more?
join in?
support us?



learn more



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