

Hi Kids!

Spring time is right around the corner! Everything is new, like baby animals being born, little plants peeking through the dirt, and new leaves growing on the trees.

The weather gets warmer, which means I get to play outside more and ride my bike and jump rope. My parents told me that I could even grow my own garden this spring. How about you? What kinds of things do you like to do in the spring?

Your friends,  
Pee Wee & Piper



Check out these drawings sent in by my friends. They drew me doing fun activities! Don't forget to keep mailing us your drawings of Piper, myself, and your favorite activities. We will try to put your drawings in the upcoming issue.

(Don't forget to include your name, age, and the name of your credit union.) Mail your drawings to: Pee Wee Penguin - MACUA, PO Box 7250, Bismarck, ND 58507.



Isabelle, (age 8)  
Capitol Educators FCU  
Meridian, ID



Ella, (age 5)  
Mississippi FCU  
Oxford, MS



Rebecca, (age 10)  
Western Cooperative CU  
Aiamo, ND



Nadia, (age 6)  
Capitol Educators FCU  
Meridian, ID



Cameron, (age 9)  
Capitol Educators FCU  
Meridian, ID



Autum, (age 6)  
Oahe FCU  
Pierre, SD

## Sharpen Your Savings Skills

Source: <http://express.cuna.org/article.php?id=2294>

Learning to save money takes practice. By saving, you can put your money toward whatever is important to you, like a new video game, going to a new movie, or even a college education.

### Elementary School Age:

- Ask your parents to help you open your own savings account at a credit union. Keep track of how much money you put in and take out.
- If you're saving up for something special, like a new bike or video game, hang a picture of it on the wall. This will remind you of your savings goal every day until you reach it.

### Middle School Age:

- Ask your parents if you can plan a family event, like a trip to the zoo or an afternoon at a water park. List all the things that will cost money, like tickets, food, and souvenirs. Set a budget, and encourage everyone to stick to it until the big day arrives.
- Make a list of things you want to spend your money on. Put the list in order, starting with the things you want the most. This will help you figure out what you really want to save for.



# Color Me!



# Let's be Crafty

## Bloomin' Buttons

Source: <http://familyfun.go.com/crafts/bloomin-buttons-673899/>



If spring has yet to blossom, your kids can create a preview of the season's colors by livening up your houseplants with vibrant button flowers.

What you will need:

- 26-gauge floral wire
- Different sized colorful buttons

How to make it:

1. For each flower, thread an 8-inch length of florists' wire up through a stack of colorful buttons, then back down, as shown.
2. Twist the wire just below the stack to secure it, then insert the flower in your plant's soil.



# Kids in the Kitchen

## Dirt Cake Recipe

Source: <http://www.momswhothink.com/cake-recipes/dirt-cake-recipe.html>



Use your imagination and have fun with this. Cut gummi worms in half and have them "crawling" out of the dirt, serve with a garden trowel, or bury some of the worms for little ones to find by digging with their spoons. This is a cake that's as entertaining as it is delicious!

What you will need:

- 1 large bag of chocolate sandwich cookies
- 1 (8oz) package of cream cheese
- 1/2 stick of butter or margarine
- 2 cups of milk
- 2 large boxes of vanilla instant pudding
- 1 (8oz) container of non-dairy whipped topping
- 8 inch flower pot
- artificial flowers (optional)
- gummi worms
- foil to line the flower pot

How to make it:

1. Crush the cookies in a blender or food processor and set aside.
2. Cream together the butter and cream cheese.
3. In large bowl, mix the vanilla pudding and milk. Add cream cheese mixture and the non-dairy whipped topping. Beat together until thoroughly mixed.
4. Line the flower pot with foil. In the flower pot, layer the cookie mixture, then the pudding mixture, then the cookie mixture, ending with the cookie mixture (to resemble dirt).
5. Add gummi worms to the top of the dirt cake and throughout the cake mixture if you'd like. Then add the flower to the top.

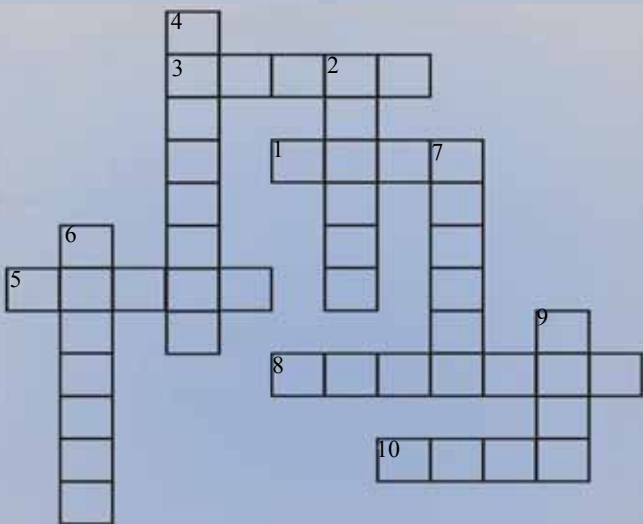
# Cross Word Puzzle

Across:

1. Ask your parents to help you plan a \_\_\_ sale to sell things you no longer want.
3. Ask a family member to pack a \_\_\_ from home at least once a week, instead of buying food at school or work.
5. Watch a \_\_\_ at home instead of going to a theater.
8. Check out books from your local \_\_\_ instead of buying them.
10. With your parents' permission, ride your \_\_\_ to a friend's house instead of asking Mom or Dad to drive you.

Down:

2. Save spare \_\_\_ in a jar, and deposit them at your credit union when the jar becomes full.
4. Turn off the lights and the TV when not in use to help save money on the \_\_\_ bill.
6. Help your parents cut out \_\_\_ before going to the grocery store.
7. Skip eating out at a restaurant and have a family \_\_\_ at home.
9. Look for \_\_\_ activities around your neighborhood to have fun on the weekends without spending money.



Across: 1. Yard 3. Lunch 5. Movie 8. Library 10. Bike  
Down: 2. Change 4. Electric 6. Coupons 7. Dinner 9. Free

