

# newsletter

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## setting the pace for spring fun!

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**Spring is coming!** Fresh air, new flowers, trees with leaves and school vacations – it's all very exciting! Visit our website at [www.pacecu.com/youth\\_accounts.php](http://www.pacecu.com/youth_accounts.php) for some great information and have a great season!

### SCIENCE OF SKATEBOARDS



A scooter made from a piece of wood and roller skate wheels had the handle knocked off one day, and skateboards were born! Since riding a skateboard and a surfboard seemed the same, that created a lot of surf-like tricks, clothes, terrain and attitudes for skaters! Companies now spend a lot of money on sponsorships, but also on research! Skate parks offer ramps, pipes and bowls that demand better boards, which means studying the science of motion and loads! Small boards and tiny wheels used to rule, but wheel sizes are larger and decks are wider to be more stable. Trucks are all about movement to do those more difficult tricks. Lappers and copers were invented to prevent catching edges and wearing out trucks. Longboards can be used to get around as well as being equipment for sport. Check out our website for a timeline of how skateboarding has changed over the past 60 years and the latest breakthroughs in truck and deck design!

### JOKE CORNER fun & games

What wears a coat in winter and pants in the summer?  
**A dog.**

What do you call two young married spiders?  
**Newly webs.**

What kind of socks does a gardener wear?  
**Garden hose.**

For more jokes, answers, and a great spring planter idea, visit our website!



### Number Games



2011 gives us a few fun dates to write out using month/day/year, like 1/1/11, 1/11/11, 11/1/11 and 11/11/11!

**Here are some other cool tricks...** last two digits of the year you were born + age you turn this year = 11 or 111 every time.

Try this double-check trick with the 9 times table. Every answer to  $9x$  ?, when you add the digits together, they add up to 9!

$9x2=18, 1+8=9. 9x4=36, 3+6=9. 9x12=108, 1+0+8=9!$

Here's fun with 6:  $6x7=42, 66x67=4422, 666x667=444222...$ and on and on!

Numbers are awesome and more fun number tricks are on our website!

**Are You a Good Sport?** Just like riding a bike, losing without "losing it" is a skill we need to learn. Some kids have a hard time when they don't win, whether it is a game of soccer, a board game, or when they get the second highest mark on the math test. When you handle losing well, this makes you a good sport, and that's important, because there are many times in your life when things will disappoint you. It isn't fair to the people around you if you go off into some kind of tantrum or outburst and it's terrible for you afterwards. If you lose at something and feel upset, try to take a minute to cool down before reacting, and check out our website for the top 10 ways you can be a good sport! Learn to lose well and you'll be known as a good kid to play with.



Have a tweet March Break



Fun ideas to keep busy – but ask your parents!

#### Indoor

Pajama Day – sleep caps and bunny slippers all day long • Blanket Forts – how big

can you make your castle? • Movie Marathon – popcorn and drinks with straws • Backwards Day or Pirate Day or Singing Day – you get the idea! • Try baking, crafts and great books too!

#### Outdoor

Digital Scavenger Hunt – take pictures of each item on the list! • Bird Watch – look for Spring arrivals of robins, cardinals and sparrows • Snow Golf or Snow Frisbee – no snow? Try frisbee golf! • Bike Rides – do some maintenance and head out if roads are clear • Plus picnics, nature walks, or maple syrup festivals!

### TRAVEL-TASTIG!

Plan ahead for great family vacations! Before you go, use the Internet to learn about activities and special excursions available. Some have extra fees (like horseback riding) so you can ask your parents to include it in the plans. Pack some fun into long car or plane trips too. Puzzle books, a journal to write in, MP3 player, hand-held video games, a pack of cards and plans for travel games can fill in time for travellers of all ages.

In the car, look for the alphabet on license plates and road signs or try to map your journey. On an airplane, play I Spy or try out some new music on the headset channels. Your vacation can start and end with everyone feeling good, just keep yourself entertained! Check out the list of travel games on our website.

