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We're excited that you and your child are reading Highlights High Five. As you explore the issue together, follow your child's lead regarding where to start reading. Some days, he or she might want to start with something funny, such as "That's Silly! TM" (pages 18-19), where your child can giggle and point to and describe silly things in the illustration. Other days, your child might want to look at the pictures of Spot in "The Adventures of Spot" (page 5). Wherever your child likes to begin, we hope both of you will enjoy each new issue.

We know you want to make the most of these early years. This is why Highlights High Five is based on sound educational principles and child development research. The magazine is designed to be used in early childhood classrooms and at home-because parents are a child's first and most influential teachers.

We hope you and your child have fun each month as you explore new stories, puzzles, activities, and crafts. Happy reading!

## Sincerely,

Meghan
Meghan Dombrink-Green, Editor

Highlights High Five "' celebrates the early years of childhood-a time of discovery when learning happens at every turn. Our magazine is dedicated to helping parents, educators, and other caregivers nurture young children by

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- promoting reasoning, problem solving, and creative self-expression;
- fostering a love of language and a rich vocabulary;
- and inspiring them to be kind, to get along with others, and to grow in self-confidence
for children are the world's most important people.



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Mashing, squashing, grinding, that's what Grandma does when we're in the kitchen. Daddy says she was
mashing, squashing, grinding when he was a kid, making lots of good things, banging pots and lids.

Mashing, squashing, grinding, mixing merrily!
We both laugh a lot when Grandma cooks with me.

## -•••• Reading _

# The Adventures of Spot 



What's buzzing?


Spot is quick to catch it.


Now what's buzzing?


It's a fly.


It's Spot!


Good-bye, fly.
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# Name That Goldfish 

By Lissa Rovetch • Art by Amy Wummer

"OK, we have cat litter," said Dad. "What else do we need from the pet store?"
"This goldfish!" said Tex.
"Look, Dad!" said Indi. "He's so cute!"
"Don't you think two cats are enough pets for one family?" said Dad.

"Please!" said Tex. "We'll feed him and change the water." "And sing to him," said Indi.
"I didn't know goldfish liked songs," said Dad, laughing. "But if you promise to help, I might say OK." "We promise!" they cheered.

"You picked out a great fish," said the pet store worker. "Have you thought of a name?"
"Not yet," said Indi.


At home, Cow and Charlie looked over at the fish. Then Mom helped put rainbow rocks and water into the fishbowl. "He's so pretty," she said. "Do you know what his name will be?"
"Not yet," said Tex.


When their sister, Arizona, came home from karate, she said, "Oh, I love him! Have you picked out a name?"
"Not yet," said Tex and Indi together.
"Well, hello, Not Yet," said Arizona, smiling. "I'm very pleased to meet you." ©

# My First <br> Midden Picrures Puzzle 

Find these objects hidden in the big picture.


Bell


Lollipop


Waffle


Ring


Moon


Ruler


Pear


Pencil

## Stickers for the Skin

By Karen Dockrey

Why do I like bandages?
They're stickers for the skin!
It takes no time to use them up.
The last one's on my chin.


"Who says whoo? Do you? Do you?"
"Goats say maa. Chicks say cheep.
We don't say whoo. Go ask the sheep."

"Who says whoo? Do you? Do you?"
"Sheep say baa. Hens say cluck.
We don't say whoo. Go ask the duck."

"Who says whoo? Do you? Do you?"
"Ducks say quack. Frogs croak, of course.
We don't whoo. Go ask the horse."

"Who says whoo? Do you? Do you?"
"Horses say neigh. Dogs say woof.
Go ask the owl. He's on the roof."
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"Who says whoo? Owl, do you?"
"I do say whoo. Oh yes, I do. And now
I must eat. Good night! Whoo, whoo!" ©

Count

Four cats pounce on a rubber mouse. Three cats play with yarn.
Two cats nibble from a bowl and One cat purrs in my arms.



- • • Read Aloud in English and Spanish


## Who <br> By Ana Galán Art by John Nez <br> <br> Wants to <br> <br> Wants to <br> Meet Spunky Monkey and his pal Pepe Parrot.



Spunky Monkey and Pepe Parrot were in the rain forest sharing a yummy coconut when Coach Perezoso arrived. He carried baseball bats and many balls.
"Who wants to play baseball?" asked Coach Perezoso.
"¡Yo quiero jugar!" said Pepe.
"I want to play, too!" said Spunky.
"We need a few more players," said Coach Perezoso. "Will you invite some friends to join us?"


Spunky and Pepe went looking for some friends.

## Soon they ran into Jaguar.

"¿Quieres jugar béisbol?" asked Pepe.
"Yes, I do!" said Jaguar, and he joined them.


Then they found Anteater. "¿Quieres jugar béisbol?" asked Pepe.
"Yes, I do!" said Anteater, and she and Little Anteater joined them.

Perezoso
peh-reh-SOH-soh Sloth
¡Yo quiero jugar!
YOH KYER-oh who-GAHR I want to play!
¿Quieres jugar béisbol?
KYER-ehs who-GAHR BAYS-bohl
Do you want to play baseball?


Six howler monkeys were resting in a tree. "¿Quieren jugar béisbol?" asked Pepe. "Yes!" they howled.
¿Quieren jugar béisbol?
KYER-ehn who-GAHR BAYS-bohl
Do you all want to play baseball?
¡Vamos a jugar béisbol!
BAH-mohs ah who-GAHR BAYS-bohl Let's play baseball!


The 11 friends went back to the fieldbut Coach Perezoso was asleep!
"What do we do now?" asked Spunky.
"iVamos a jugar béisbol!" said Pepe.
And all the friends played while
Coach Perezoso took a nap. ©

- • Puzzle

Moving Day...


How are these pictures the same?
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Look and Look Again


How are they different?

## Reading

# Lulu's Rainbow Colors 

By Eileen Spinelli • Art by Carol Thompson



Green is Lulu's favorite color when the grass comes up in spring.


In summer, blue's her favorite colorsky and sea and bluebird wing.


In autumn, Lulu most likes orangepumpkins toppled everywhere, orange sunset, orange moon, orange streamers at the fair.


In winter, white becomes her favorite-
snowy angels, snowmen, too.
So when Lulu paints her rainbow, she chooses . . .

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# Great Green Guacamole 

By Sandra K. Nissenberg, M.S., R.D.

## Before You Begin

Wash your hands.
Adult: Cut the avocado in half and remove the pit.

When shopping for avocados, make sure the spot under the stem is green, not brown. A ripe avocado has purple-black skin.

## You Need

- 1 ripe avocado • $1 / 4$ teaspoon salt
- $1 / 4$ cup prepared salsa
- $1 / 4$ teaspoon black pepper
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- $1 / 2$ teaspoon minced garlic

1. Use a spoon to scoop the avocado from the skin. Put the avocado on a cutting board.
2. Cut the avocado into small pieces using a child-safe knife or butter knife. Put the pieces into a bowl.
3. Mash the avocado with a fork : ? or potato masher until slightly chunky.
4. Add salsa, lime juice, garlic, salt, and pepper to the avocado. Mash gently.
5. Place the guacamole in a serving bowl. Arrange with cut vegetables or tortilla chips.


fast like a bunny.

## 3.



Walk like a bear with a bowlful of honey.

6. Then leap like a frog into a lake.

## -•••• Activity

## Science . . . <br> By Suzie Olsen <br> 

You Need

- $11 / 2$ cups baking soda
- Food coloring
- Distilled white vinegar

1. Set a muffin tin on a baking sheet. Add $1 / 4$ cup baking soda to each muffin cup.

As baking soda and vinegar mix, they change each other and make new things. One of those new things is a gas that makes the mixture foam up with lots of little bubbles.


Thanks for reading


## Five



Jaguar likes to play baseball. What do you like to play?

Produce Puzzle! Which one does not have a match?



Look for these pictures inside the magazine.

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Look for the hidden "Smiling $\Psi$ " on the front cover.

