

Visualizing: *Picture Show*

Texts for the Online Activity

Black Rat Snake

Part 1

When looking for snakes, you might not think to look up. But, if you want to see the black rat snake, you just might have to. This long and muscular snake is Wisconsin's only arboreal (that means tree-dwelling) snake.

Part 2

The background color of this snake is dark brown to black and is sometimes flecked with white, yellow or orange between the scales. Red and yellow flecks mark the dark gray or brown underside. The heads of the adults are solid black or brown on top. They have white chins and throats. Young black rat snakes with their patterns and blotches can be confused with young fox snakes. The black rat snake is sometimes called the pilot snake.

Part 3

These snakes live in bluff prairies, oak woodlands and pastures. Every now and then one is seen climbing or resting in the rafters of a barn or shed. When they aren't hanging out in trees, they're hunting for rodents and birds to eat.

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Cat Act

Part 1

The scruffy house cat
aches to fly
she dreams all day of
wings and sky!

Part 2

So tonight
she climbs the ladder,
mounts a platform,
nothing matters

except to catch
a thin trapeze
then hold on tight,
with grace and ease.

Part 3

She swings herself
by both front paws
then somersaults
to wild applause

of kitchen mice,
who, though dizzy,
encourage Cat,
to keep her busy.

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Peer Gynt Suite

Five songs featured:

Part 1

Overture

Part 2

Morning Mood

Part 3

In the Hall of the Mountain King

Part 4

Anitra's Dance

Part 5

Soveig's Song

Math Magic

Part 1

Merlin was a powerful wizard. He could even control the stars. One cloudy night, Merlin noticed he could not see any of the stars. With a wave of his wand, 8 stars appeared in the night sky.

Part 2

Merlin's cousin Ferlin was amazed at what Merlin just did! He asked him to do it again. With a wave of his wand, Merlin doubled the number of stars that were in the sky.

Part 3

Ferlin now asked Merlin to teach him how to do the trick. Merlin told him the magic words, and Ferlin gave it a try. When Ferlin waved his wand, something went wrong and one quarter of the stars disappeared.

Part 4

Merlin told Ferlin not to worry. They would work together to get the stars to appear. They both said the magic words and waved their wands. When they did, they each got five new stars to appear. Both Merlin and Ferlin were amazed at how many stars were now in the night sky! How cool!

Our Solar System

Part 1

The Sun is a star and the largest object in our solar system. It is in the center, and eight planets orbit around it on different oval shaped paths. Starting at the sun, the planet's order is Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune.

Part 2

Earth has a moon that orbits around it. We see the moon because the sun's light reflects, or bounces, off the moon. The moon does not make its own light.

Part 3

When the Earth travels between the Sun and the moon, a lunar eclipse happens. This is when the moon disappears for either a few minutes or a few hours because the earth is blocking the sun's light.

Part 4

The opposite of a lunar eclipse is a solar eclipse. These occur when the moon travels between the Earth and the sun and blocks the sun's light. There are at least two solar eclipses each year on Earth.

Road Trip

Part 1

Hey! It's Jess! I was just calling you to let you know I made it safely to Wisconsin. What a trip! We're up here in Door County for the day. If you hold up your right hand with your palm toward you, Door County would be your thumb. It's that peninsula that sticks out into Lake Michigan.

Part 2

I'm soooo excited because tomorrow we're driving west to Minnesota! It'll be a boring ride, but I can't wait to see all the lakes! Did you know Minnesota's

nickname is “Land of 10,000 Lakes?” I knew that Lake Superior borders Minnesota to the north, but I had no idea there were so many lakes *in* the state!

Part 3

You know me...I love being near water, so I'm stoked that we get to take a boat ride south down the Mississippi River on Wednesday! The river is on the border between a lot of states. We'll go by Wisconsin and then Illinois, which are on the east. We'll also see Minnesota, then Iowa, and finally Missouri on the west. We'll end up in St. Louis, Missouri. It should be a fun trip! Well, I've got to go! I just wanted to give you an update! Miss you! Bye!
