

# pictures & poems



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Butterfly up in the sky,  
I wonder how high you can go.  
I know you are pretty  
And very fast...  
And I wish you would land in my hand!

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## Beverly Beaver

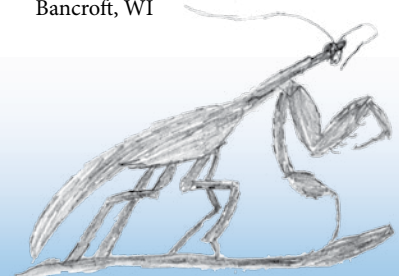
Beverly Beaver built a home.  
(A beaver house is like a dome.)  
She worked hard the whole day long.  
As she worked, she sang this song:  
"Chew the wood as you should,  
Build a home, and make it good.  
Roll the logs in the bog,  
To the croaking of the frogs."

Beverly Beaver built a dam  
(Sort of like a small log jam).  
She worked hard the whole day long.  
As she worked, she sang this song:  
"Chew the wood as you should,  
Build a dam, and make it good.  
Stack the logs in the bog,  
To the croaking of the frogs."

Beverly Beaver built a bridge  
(Fallen trees from ridge to ridge).  
She worked hard the whole day long.  
As she worked, she sang this song:  
"Chew the wood as you should,  
Build a bridge, and make it good.  
Topple logs in the bog,  
To the croaking of the frogs."

Beverly Beaver built a nest.  
(All this work deserves some rest.)  
She worked hard the whole day long.  
As she worked, she sang this song:  
"Curl up on the wood  
Like any tired beaver should.  
Fall asleep in the bog,  
To the croaking of the frogs."

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## What am I?

The stem and long green sepals,  
Are not a pretty sight,  
The scrawny looking image,  
Is pinched and squeezed up tight,

But when it's full with blossom bloom,  
And spread out wide and full,  
The sunny bunch of yellow slits,  
Makes other weeds look dull,

They brighten up the grassy fields,  
And gravel driveways too,  
Yet do not roar or prance or prowl,  
Like other lions do.

(dandy-lion)

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# Towering Riddle

by Laurie Chance Smith

I fall to the ground in autumn,  
Then blow to sands or reef.  
I twirl with the breeze and then I rest.  
I am a colored \_\_\_\_\_.

Feisty squirrels and woodpeckers  
On me leave quite a mark.  
I'm rough and brown and jagged,  
But my real name is \_\_\_\_\_.

Answers on page 11.

When children climb too far on me,  
Their skin will sometimes blanch!\*

At times I'm strong; at times I'm weak,  
But always, I'm a \_\_\_\_\_.

If you have solved the first three clues,  
You know the parts of me.  
I'm made to reach up toward the sky.  
God's name for me is \_\_\_\_\_.

\*blanch – to turn pale



## RIDDLE

Solve & Spell

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Figure out the clues and spell each word.  
Then take each letter that is numbered from  
each word and spell out a bird that everyone  
knows. Answers on page 11.

This "grizzly" animal sleeps a lot in the winter.

\_\_\_\_\_  
1. \_\_\_\_\_

This wild horse has zigzagged black and  
white stripes.

\_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_

This South American mammal is similar to a camel,  
but is raised for carrying loads and for its wool.

\_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_

This is often called man's best friend among the  
animals. You may call him Rover.

\_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_

This wild dog is known for its hysterical laugh.

\_\_\_\_\_  
5. \_\_\_\_\_

This bright-colored bird can be taught to speak and  
is found in the tropics.

\_\_\_\_\_  
6. \_\_\_\_\_

This ape-like animal has very long arms.

\_\_\_\_\_  
7. \_\_\_\_\_

This desert animal can have one hump or two.

\_\_\_\_\_  
8. \_\_\_\_\_

A snake-like fish.

\_\_\_\_\_  
9. \_\_\_\_\_

When you fill in all the numbered letters from  
above, they spell out this bird:

\_\_\_\_\_