

MERCY WATSON FIGHTS CRIME

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TOASTY SCIENCE!

Even though it's summer, you can still do cool science experiments!

Which bread toasts fastest—white or brown?

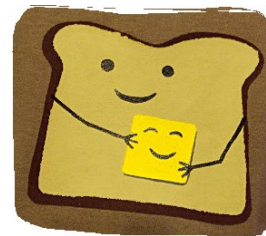
You'll need:

1 slice white bread

1 slice brown bread

toaster

something to spread on the toast—butter, jam or honey



Put the slice of white bread in one side of the toaster and the slice of brown bread in the other side.

Every 15 seconds check the bread. Which one toasts faster? Now spread it with butter, jam, or honey and enjoy!

<http://www.planet-science.com/categories/experiments/biology/2012/05/toasty-experiment.aspx>

Which way does buttered toast land?

You'll need:

1 slice of bread (any kind)

something to spread on the toast

Butter the toast. Put something on the floor like newspaper. Push the toast off the table at the speed you might accidentally knock it off while having breakfast. Which way up does it land? Repeat 5-10 times. Do you get the same results?

<http://www.thenakedscientists.com/HTML/content/kitchenscience/exp/butter-side-down/>

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BCPL CONNECTION

* Don't let the Mercy Watson Fights Crime Summer Learning fun stop with the book and the activities with this flyer! Be sure to watch for special One Book, One Summer events for Mercy Watson sponsored by the Boone County Public Library!

www.bcpl.org

WEB LINKS

Check out the following websites for more fun activities and learning...



www.mercywatson.com

http://a2zhomeschooling.com/explore/chemistry_kids/csi_unit_study_forensics_for_kids/

http://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=mercy+watson+fights+crime

<http://allrecipes.com/recipe/homemade-buttercrunch-candy/>

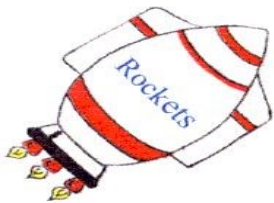
<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/animals/creaturefeature/pigs/>

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Reading everyday promotes
life-long learning! Help your
child become a life-long
learner!

“Tell me about Mercy Watson Fights Crime!” Questions

Having your child retell a story is a great way to measure both the quantity and depth of comprehension. Your child should be able to retell all the main parts of the story and may even throw in some editorial comments along the way. But, if your child needs a little coaxing to think about the story, here are some questions developed by the good folks at Scholastic to help you...

1. When Baby tells Eugenia that she hears a “Yippie-i-oh” sound outside, Eugenia asks if she had been eating pie before bed again (p. 34). Why would Eugenia ask such a question? Do you believe that eating before bed will give you nightmares?
2. Firemen Ned and Lorenzo comment that their job is an interesting one (p.55). What events occurred that would make them say that?
3. Everyone except Mercy is quoted in the newspaper regarding Mercy’s capture of the thief (p. 67-69). Pretend you are Mercy. What would you say?
4. Leroy Ninker is described as a small man with a big dream (p. 4). He dreams of being a cowboy. What do you dream of doing some day? What steps do you think you would need to take to fulfill that dream?

MAKE YOUR OWN MERCY WATSON!

What you’ll need:

- 1 clean snack container with lid
- pink construction paper
- pink craft foam
- pink pipe cleaner
- marker (preferably permanent)
- scissors
- glue
- tape
- googly eyes (optional)

What to do:

1. Wrap the pink construction paper around the canister and tape in place.
2. Lay the canister on its side. Use a knife to cut a slit in the top of the canister large enough for the coins to fit in.
3. Use tape to secure the edges of the slit to the can.
4. Cut two thin strips of craft foam and tape or glue them to the opposite side of the canister than the slit. This will stabilize the pig and keep her from rolling away.
5. Cut two circles of pink construction paper

and cover the lid and the bottom of the canister.

6. Twist a pink pipe cleaner around a marker and tape the tail to the removable lid.
7. Cut an oval piece of craft foam to serve as the pig’s nose. Add two black circles with a marker and glue it to the bottom of the can. Add or draw on eyes to the can and a smile.
8. Cut two ears out of craft foam and tape or glue them to the head of the pig.

