Trivia

The average lifespan of a major league baseball: seven pitches.

Leonardo Da Vinci invented scissors.

Snakes are true carnivores as they eat nothing but other animals. They do not eat any type of plant material.

Most lipstick contains fish scales.

A category three hurricane releases more energy in ten minutes that all the world's nuclear weapons combined.

A sneeze travels out your mouth at over 100 miles per hour.

Wearing headphones for just an hour will increase the bacteria in your ear by 700 times.

Wayne's World was filmed in two weeks.

In 18th century England, gambling dens employed someone whose job was to swallow the dice if there was a police raid.

A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds. A pregnant goldfish is called a twit.

Abraham Lincoln's dog, Fido, was also assassinated.

71% of office workers stopped on the street for a survey agreed to give up their computer passwords in exchange for a chocolate bar.

In the White House, there are 13,092 knives, forks, and spoons.

The largest ocean liners pay a $250,000 toll for each trip through the Panama Canal. The canal generates fully one-third of Panama's entire economy.

Of the six men who made up the Three Stooges, three of them were real brothers (Moe, Curly and Shemp).

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Dates in
History

1582 When Pope Gregory XIII introduced his Gregorian calendar, Europe adhered to the Julian calendar, first implemented by Julius Caesar in 46 B.C. Since the Roman emperor's system miscalculated the length of the solar year by 11 minutes, the calendar had since fallen out of sync with the seasons. This concerned Gregory because it meant that Easter, traditionally observed on March 21, fell further away from the spring equinox with each passing year.

1606 King James I chartered the joint stock company, Virginia Company of London, to establish a colony in North America, sending three ships containing 144 men and boys to America on December 20th. Five months later, these first settlers selected Jamestown Island as the place to build a fort.

1792 Ludwig van Beethoven paid Austrian composer Joseph Haydn $0.19 for his first music lesson December 12. M. Solomon later noted in a biography "Beethoven unfailingly referred to his old master in terms of reverence, regarding him as the equal" of Mozart and Bach."

1867 The National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, "a fraternal organization in the United States encouraging families to band together to promote the economic and political well-being of the community and agriculture" was founded December 4th. On the heels of the Civil War, and spurred by outdated southern farming practices, it organized people from the North and South together in a spirit of mutual cooperation.

1966 Dr. Seuss' book, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," was made into an animated TV special and shown for first time on CBS.

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On the
Lighter Side

"How do you spell toad?" one of my first-grade students asked. "We just read a story about a toad," I said, then helped him spell it out: "T-O-A-D." Satisfied, he finished writing the story he'd begun, then read it aloud: "I toad my mama I wanted a dog for my birthday."

Walking through the hallways at our middle school, I saw a new substitute teacher standing outside his classroom with his forehead against a locker. I heard him mutter, "How did you get yourself into this?" Knowing he was assigned to a difficult class, I tried to offer moral support. "Are you okay?" I asked. "Can I help?" He lifted his head and replied, "I'll be fine as soon as I get this kid out of his locker."

While reviewing math symbols with my second-grade pupils, I drew a greater-than (>) and a less-than (<) sign on the chalkboard and asked, "Does anyone remember what these mean?" A boy confidently raised his hand. "One means fast-forward and the other means rewind."

The kids were painting a project for social studies and got some paint on the floor. Fearing someone might slip, I asked a student to take care of it. A few minutes later, a piece of paper appeared on the floor with the words Caution—Wet Paint.

"Give me a sentence about a public servant," the teacher instructed her second-grade student. "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant," he answered. "Umm … Do you know what pregnant means?" "Yes," said the boy. "It means carrying a child."

When our school librarian announced she was changing schools, my fellow teacher asked a student, "Why do you think Ms. Richardson is leaving?" The third grader opined, "Because she's read all our books?"

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