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Family Times

Summary

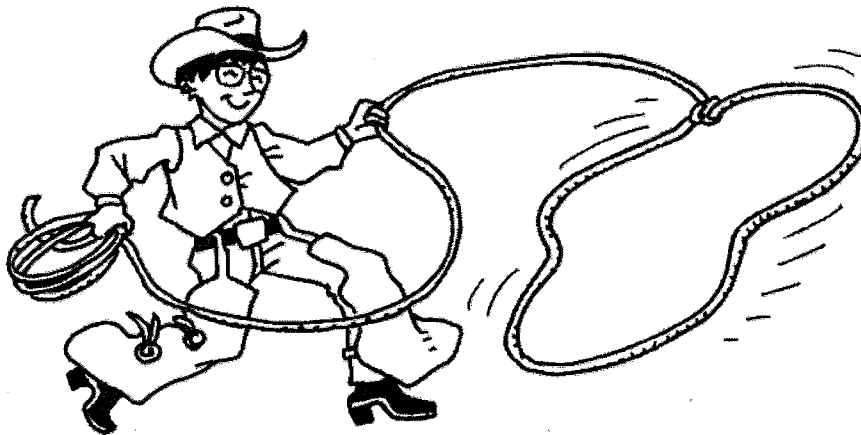
Coyote School News

Ramón Ernesto Ramírez, known as Monchi, lives on a ranch in the southwestern United States. Life, like the bumpy road to school, isn't perfect. Still, he enjoys writing for the school newspaper, celebrating Nochebuena, and helping with the roundup. Monchi is asked to help brand the cattle, so he has to decide whether to win the Perfect

Attendance Award or to follow in the tradition of the vaqueros.

Activity

Roundup! With your family, imagine you are joining some cowboys to drive cattle to market. Write a story together about your roundup adventure.



Comprehension Skill

Draw Conclusions

Drawing a conclusion is forming an opinion based on what you already know or on the facts and details in a text. Check an author's conclusions or your own conclusions by asking: Is this the only logical choice? Are the facts accurate?

Activity

What's the Conclusion? Describe a person, place, or thing. Have a family member draw a conclusion about what you have described. Ask for facts and details that support the conclusion. Then switch roles and draw a conclusion about something your partner describes.

Lesson Vocabulary

Words to Know

Knowing the meanings of these words is important to reading *Coyote School News*. Practice using these words.

Vocabulary Words

bawling crying out in a noisy way

coyote a small, wolflike mammal living in many parts of North America

dudes people raised in the city, especially Easterners who vacation on a ranch

roundup the act of driving or bringing cattle together from long distances

spurs metal points worn on a rider's boot heels for urging a horse onwards

Conventions

Regular Plural Nouns

Nouns that name more than one person, place, or thing are **plural nouns**. Nouns that name only one person, place, or thing are called **singular nouns**. To make most nouns plural, add *-s* or *-es* to the singular noun: *pet* becomes *pets*, *fox* becomes *foxes*, *monkey* becomes *monkeys*, and *horse* becomes *horses*. Plural nouns that are created this way are called **regular plural nouns**.

Activity

Plural Poems Together, write a poem using as many regular plural nouns as you can. The poems do not have to rhyme.

Practice Tested Spelling Words

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