

LAUGH & LEARN FOR 25 MARCH, 2009

SPRING THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Hope springs eternal in the human breast;
Man never Is, but always To be blest:
The soul, uneasy and confined from home,
Rests and expatiates in a life to come.

-Alexander Pope, *An Essay on Man, Epistle I*, 1733

"Hope Springs Eternal" is an idiom and proverb among English speaking people. People continue to hope even though what they dream for will not be easy to achieve. Jill: The boss turned me down the first twelve times I asked for a raise, but this time I really think she'll give it to me. Jane: Hope springs eternal in the human breast. Alan: You're not still trying to teach your dog to shake hands! Jane: Hope springs eternal.



L&L is coming to you from Madison, Wisconsin, the USA. I arrived in the USA 20 March, the first day of Spring. So let's say goodbye to Winter and welcome Spring to our lives.

SPRING IDIOMS

Spring chicken - a young person

"My aunt is no spring chicken. She is almost 96-years old."

Spring for (something) - to buy something, to pay for something

"I decided to spring for a new camera before I go on my vacation."

Spring (something) on (someone) - to surprise someone with something

"I wish that my friend would not suddenly spring his crazy plans on me."

Spring Fever: - a brighter mood, positive attitude, and eagerness to be outside enjoying nature that accompany the longer, sunnier days in spring. Joe: "I don't want to go to work. Let's go fishing." Mike: "You've got spring fever."



Spring Rhymes



Find rhyming words that match the clues:

- (1) What flowers do that rhymes with mud.
- (2) What flowers do that rhymes with room.
- (3) What plants do that rhymes with pout.
- (4) A spring blossom that rhymes with hairy.
- (5) A spring flower that rhymes with hill.
- (6) A spring flower that rhymes with sip.
- (7) What birds lay that rhymes with legs.
- (9) What a bird builds that rhymes with best.
- (10) What eggs do that rhymes with match.
- (11) What farmers plant that rhymes with weeds.
- (12) A month in spring that rhymes with day.



- (13) A month in spring that rhymes with parch.
- (14) A day for tricks that rhymes with pools.
- (15) A spring rain that rhymes with flower.
- (16) What snow does that rhymes with pelts.
- (17) An animal that wakes in spring and rhymes with hair.

Do you need a little help? Bear, March, Daffodil, Fools, Nest, Bud, Cherry, May, Shower, Bloom, Sprout, Melts, Seeds, Tulip, Hatch, Eggs

THE LINKS

Bruce Springsteen - Girls In Their Summer Clothes

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U7g7-IL6cQU>

'Spring Breakdown...' in Washington D.C.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ef4bEv5qLw>

THE LAUGH

Spring Fever

Four high school boys afflicted with spring fever skipped morning classes. After lunch they reported to the teacher that they had a flat tire.

Much to their relief she smiled and said, "Well, you missed a test today so take seats apart from one another and take out a piece of paper."

Still smiling, she waited for them to sit down. Then she said: "First Question: Which tire was flat?"

Before Rock, paper, and scissors



On the first full day of spring in the USA my 11 Granddaughter Kayla took her first steps and entered a career of walking. Also my five year old grandson played football.



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