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March Apple Bytes





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Welcome to the second edition of **Apple Bytes!**

Apple Bytes is **TeachWithMe.com's** monthly newsletter and teaching packet for subscription members only.

It's a "taste" of the themes for the month. A nice bonus in your mailbox filled with a little bit of this and that you may find helpful.

I work hard on this, writing it for you, so please let me know what you'd like in the form of skill sheets, helpful forms, borders for stationery, themes, words for word cards etc. diane@teachwithme.com

This month's themes:

- St Patrick's Day
- Ireland
- Kites
- March Is READING Month

I've included some bookmarks to help celebrate March is Reading Month, but you could also challenge your students to design their own and make a contest out of it as a *home-school* connection.

Make the "What's Missing?" number and letter skill sheets as difficult or as easy as you want by filling in a lot of letters and numbers or leaving most of them blank for your students to fill in.

Make one for uppercase letters and one for lowercase; make a skill sheet for regular counting as well as several for skip counting. These are great activities for when students are finished with regular work, for "mad-minutes" and "speed games" or for your substitute folder.

Use the shamrock tracing pages as just that, have your students trace the letters, with a high lighter, or have them cut the shamrocks into strips, sequence them and staple them into a little booklet.

I've provided a blank set of shamrocks for you to fill in regular or skip counted numbers. (Great exercises to have students sequence them.) You could also use them as name cards or use them to write new March word wall words on.

Or laminate the shamrocks, cut them into single shamrocks and make an upper and lowercase letter Memory game out of them. They also make a cute pencil topper when you put two slits in, and insert a pencil. ☺

When your students have completed their booklet on Ireland, read it aloud as a whole group to reinforce concepts of print. It's an easy-reader with just a few new words, so your students will have it down pat in no time! This is a great self-esteem builder to take home and share with their families.

I hope you have a Leprechaun-lucky March, as you take a bite out of another month, celebrating these fun themes!

Educationally Yours,

Diane Henderson ☺

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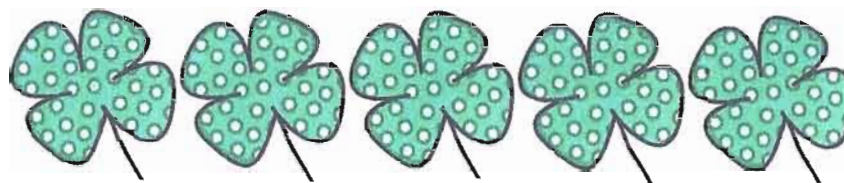


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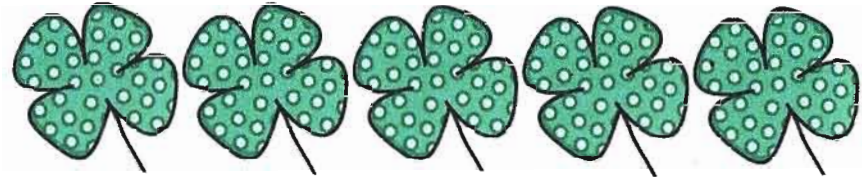
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MARCH



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MARCH



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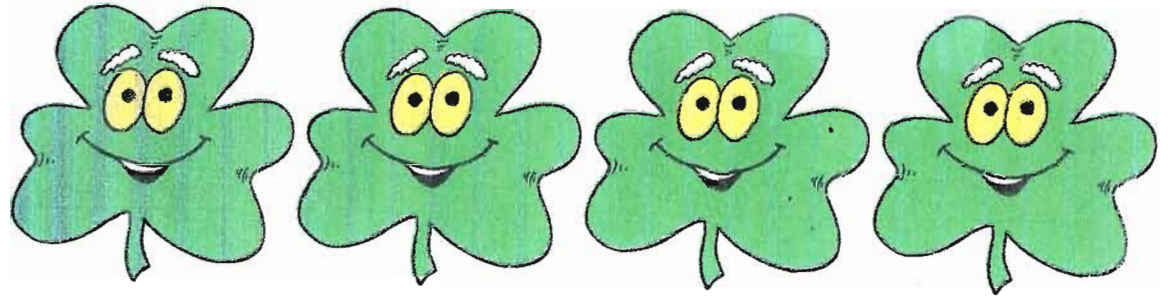
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Daily Calendar



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday

Weekly Calendar

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March To Do List

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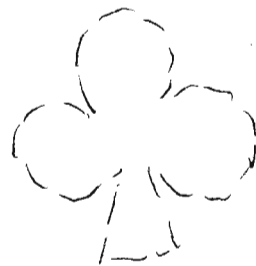
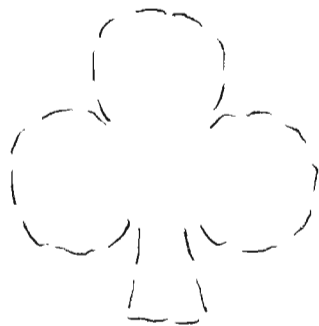
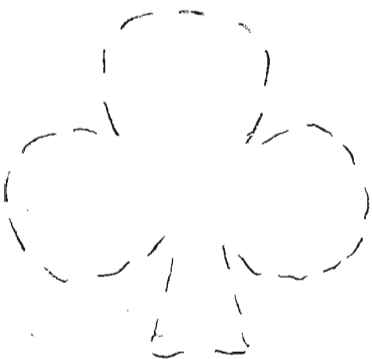


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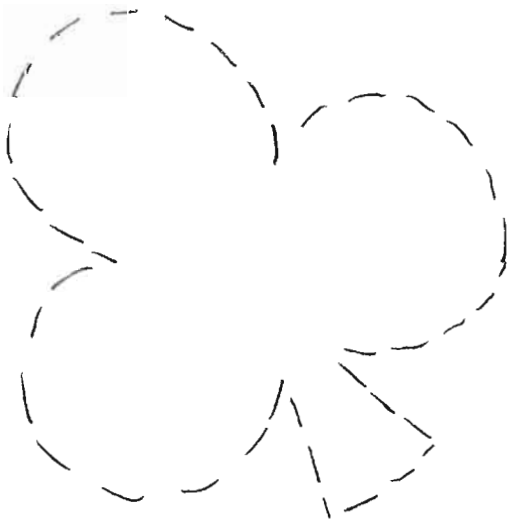
TRACE the sentence and then WRITE it. Use 2 DIFFERENT colors in an ABAB pattern. TRACE the shamrock at the bottom and then DRAW your own next to it.



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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Pencil Toppers
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Print off and then glue to a rectangle of green construction paper.
Make a slit in the two cut lines and insert a pencil.



March Is READING Month



I love reading!



I love reading!



I love reading!



I love reading!



I love reading!



I love reading!



I love reading!



I love reading!



I love reading!



I love reading!



Bury yourself in a
good book.



Don't forget to
read this month!



Read to succeed!



Escape with a
good book!



Reading can take
you anywhere!



Open your eyes
with a great book!



Ask me to tell you
about the story we read today.













Ask me to tell you
about the story we read today.



Ask me to tell you
about the story we read today.

Challenge word flashcards for reading. Parts of a book, concepts of print.

 <p>cover</p>	 <p>title</p>
 <p>author</p>	 <p>illustrator</p>
 <p>beginning</p>	 <p>middle</p>
 <p>end</p>	 <p>characters</p>
 <p>plot</p>	 <p>setting</p>









Challenge word flashcards for March

Ireland	Irish
leprechaun	shamrock
potato	green
luck	Blarney Stone
snakes	rainbow

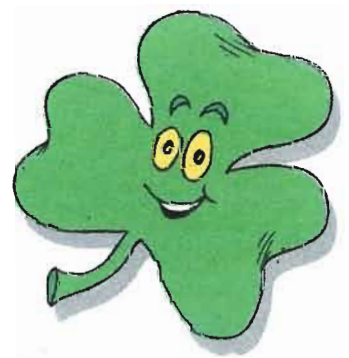
Challenge word flashcards for March

windy	kite
weather	Happy St. Patrick's Day!
read	electricity
spring	awake
lion	lamb

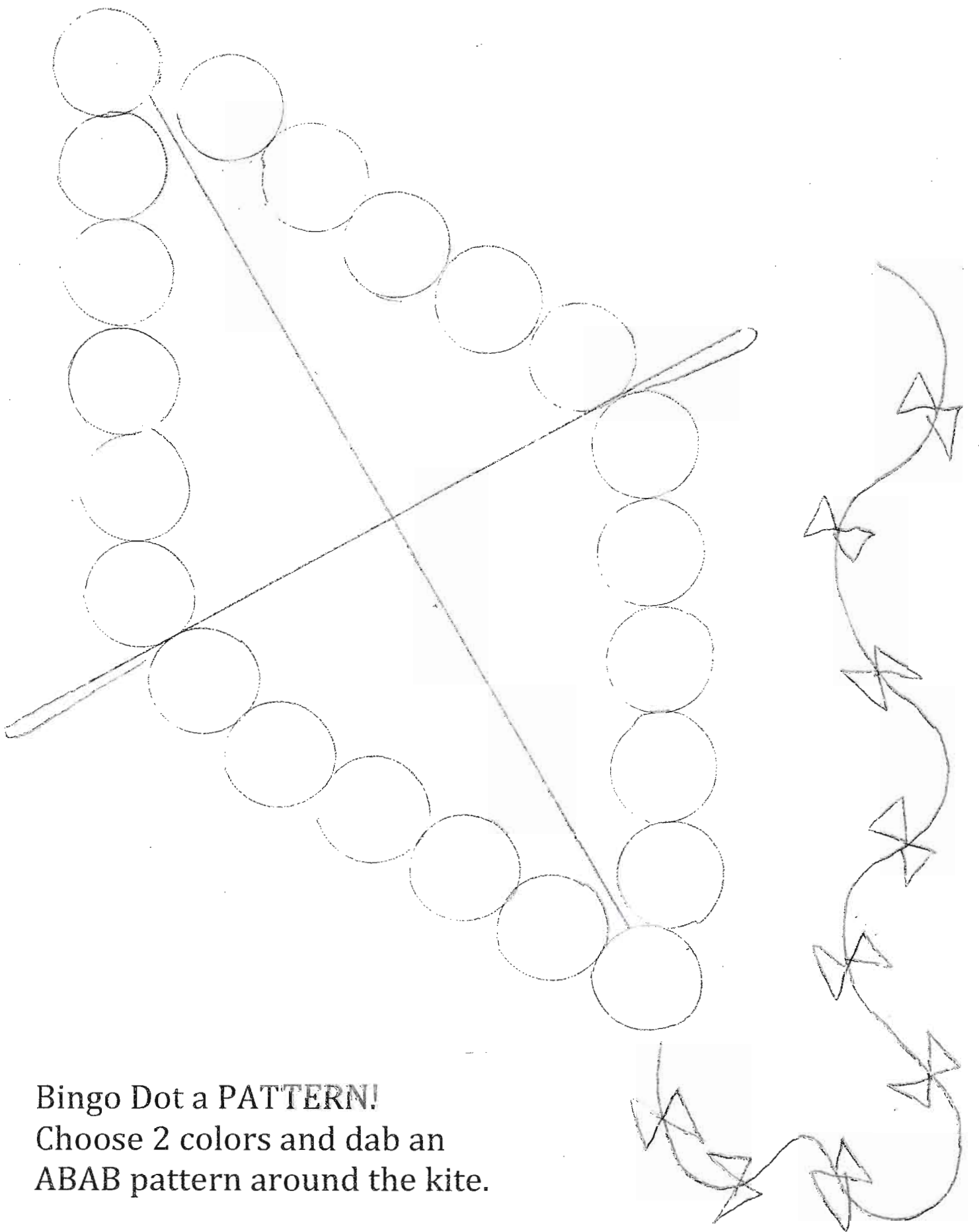
Flashcards for matching March word cards. Not pictured weather & awake.

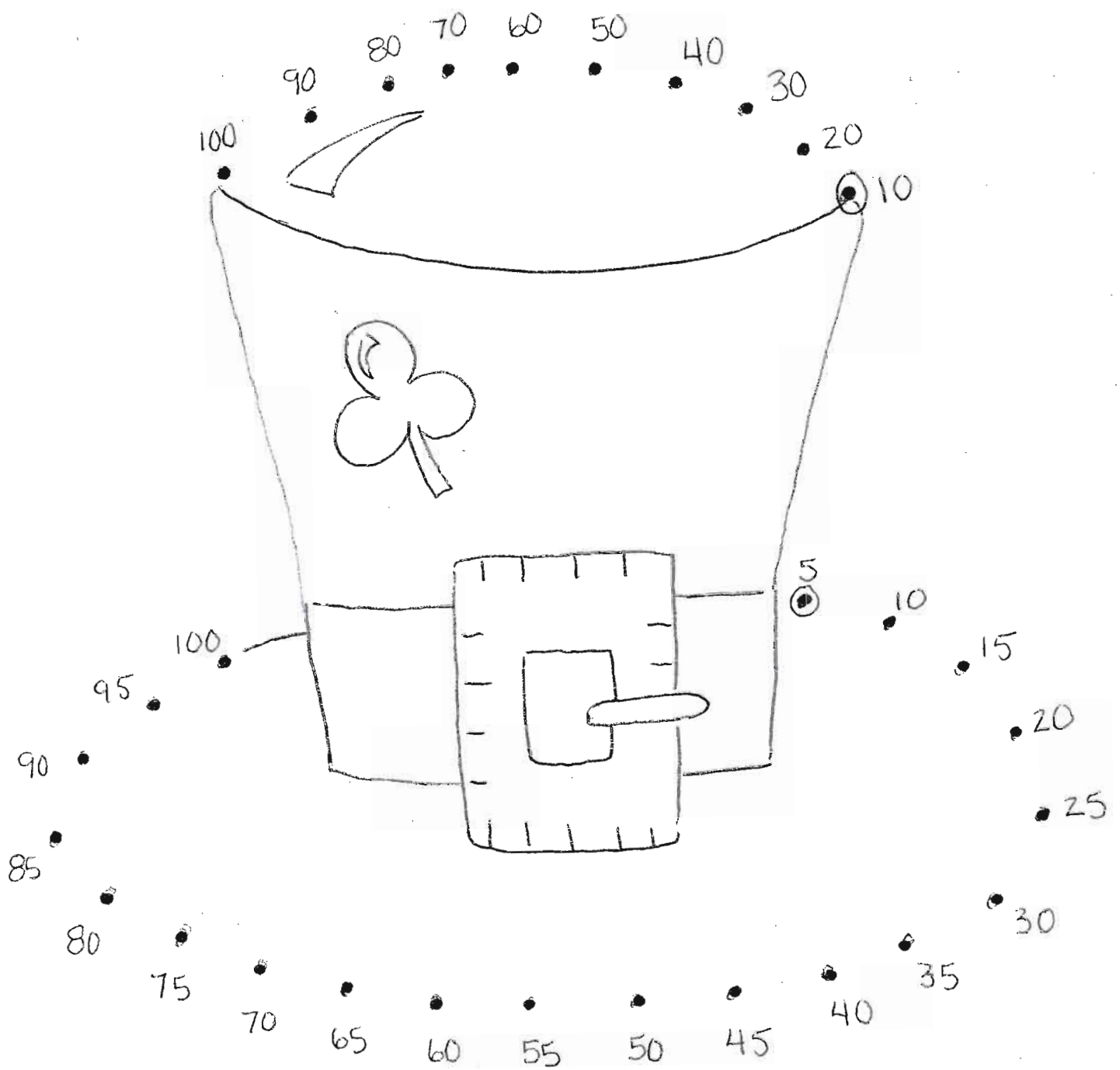
Pinch & Poke



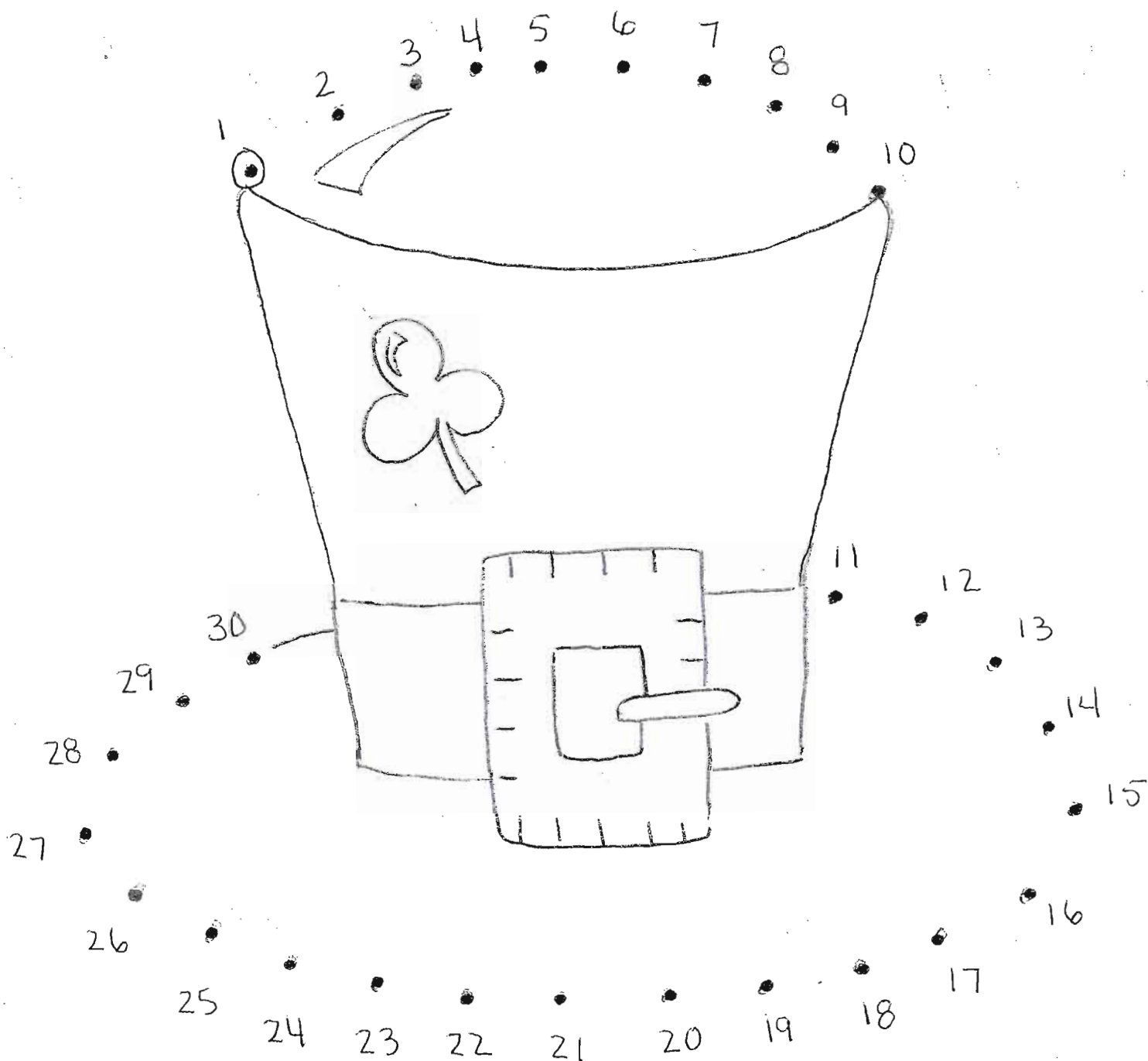
Students lie on their tummies and poke holes in the dots, using a golf tee or a large thumb tack. This strengthens upper body muscles and hand muscles as well as improves finger coordination and dexterity.



Bingo Dot a PATTERN!
Choose 2 colors and dab an
ABAB pattern around the kite.

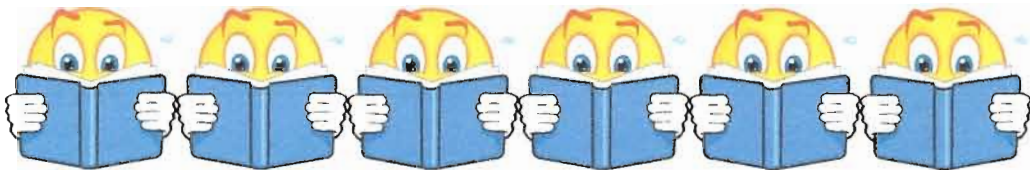
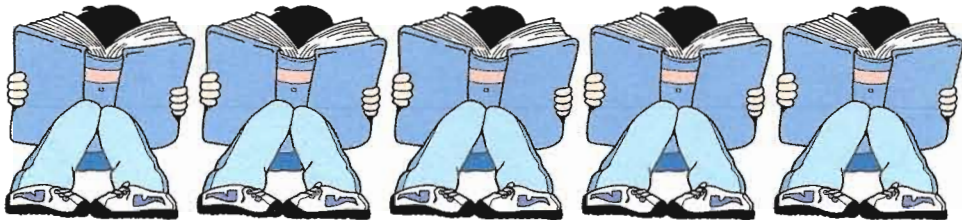


Use a green crayon to connect the dots and help the leprechaun find his hat!

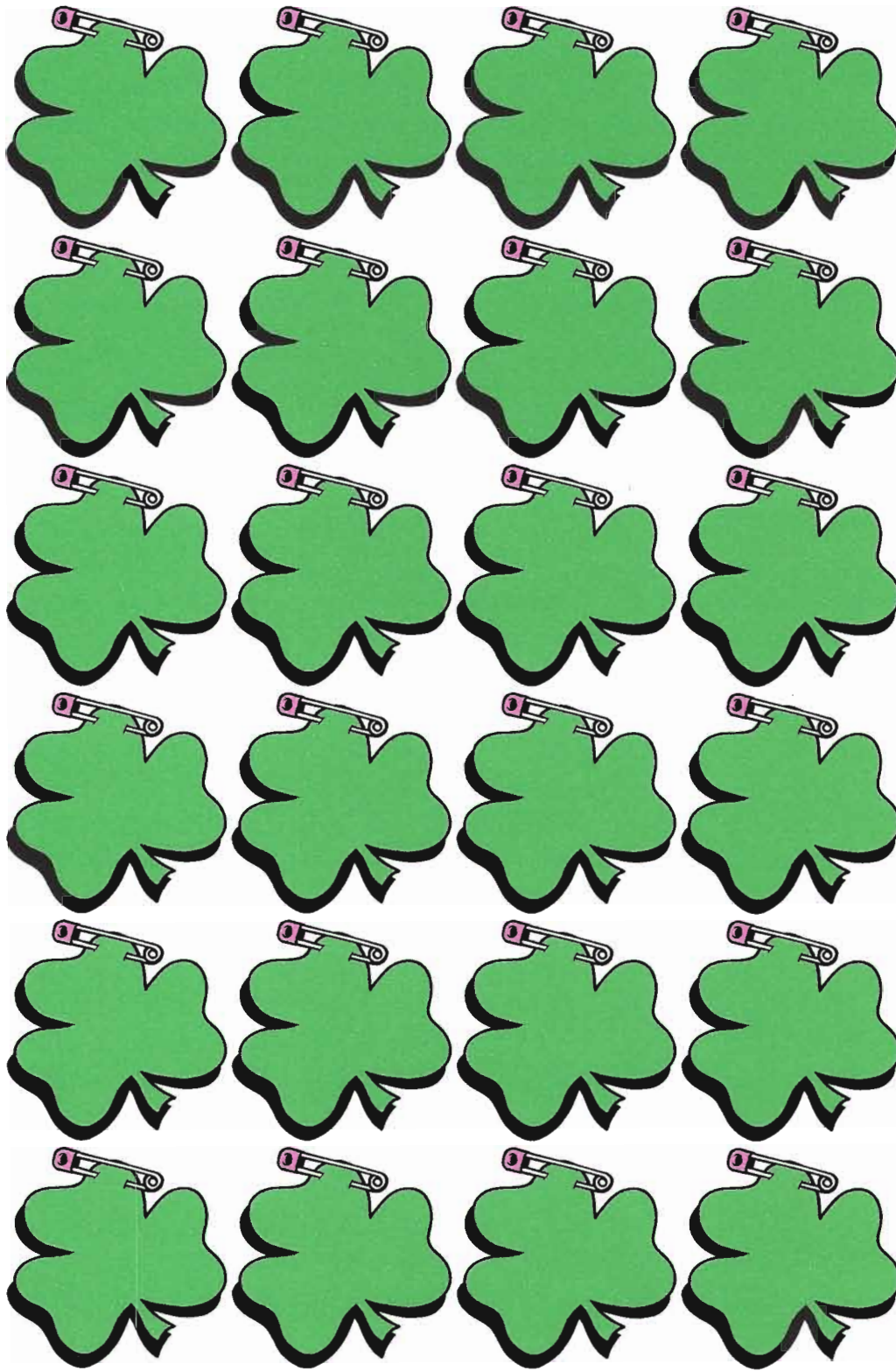


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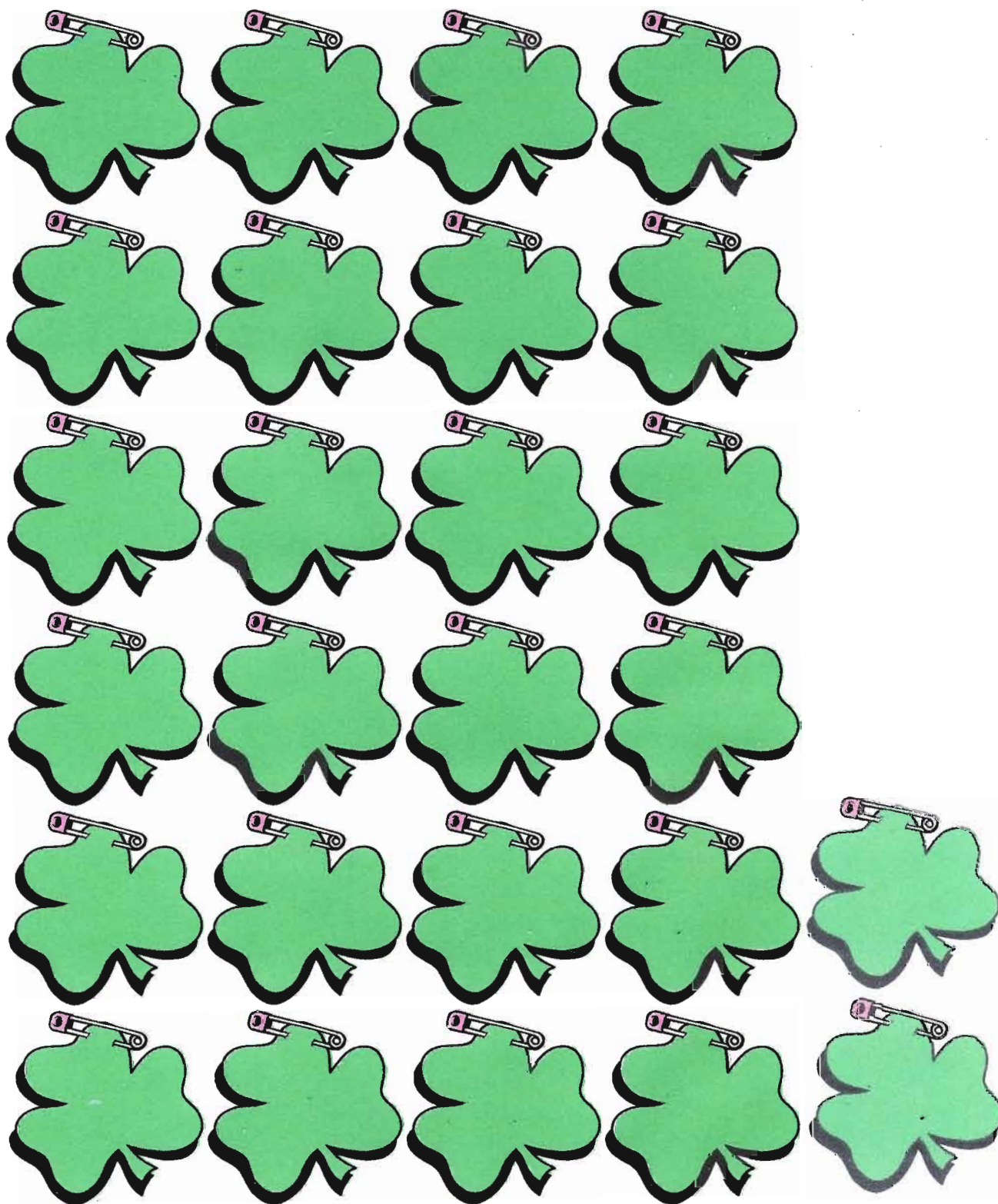
Count how many and write the number at the end.



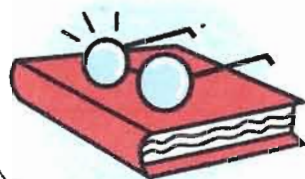
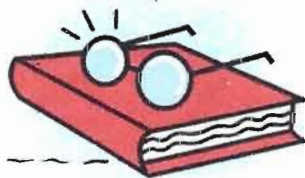
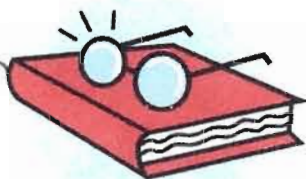
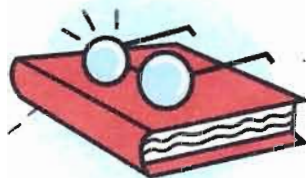
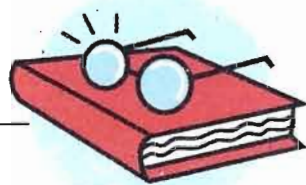
WRITE in the missing NUMBERS.



WRITE in the missing LETTERS.



TRACE the lines. Begin at the LEFT and go to the RIGHT. Use a DIFFERENT color for each line.



We are book smart!

$$1 + 1 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$2 + 2 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$3 + 2 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$4 + 1 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$3 + 3 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$





$$3 + 1 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$






$$2 + 1 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$






$$5 - 2 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$







We are book smart!





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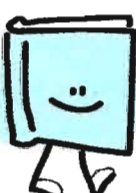


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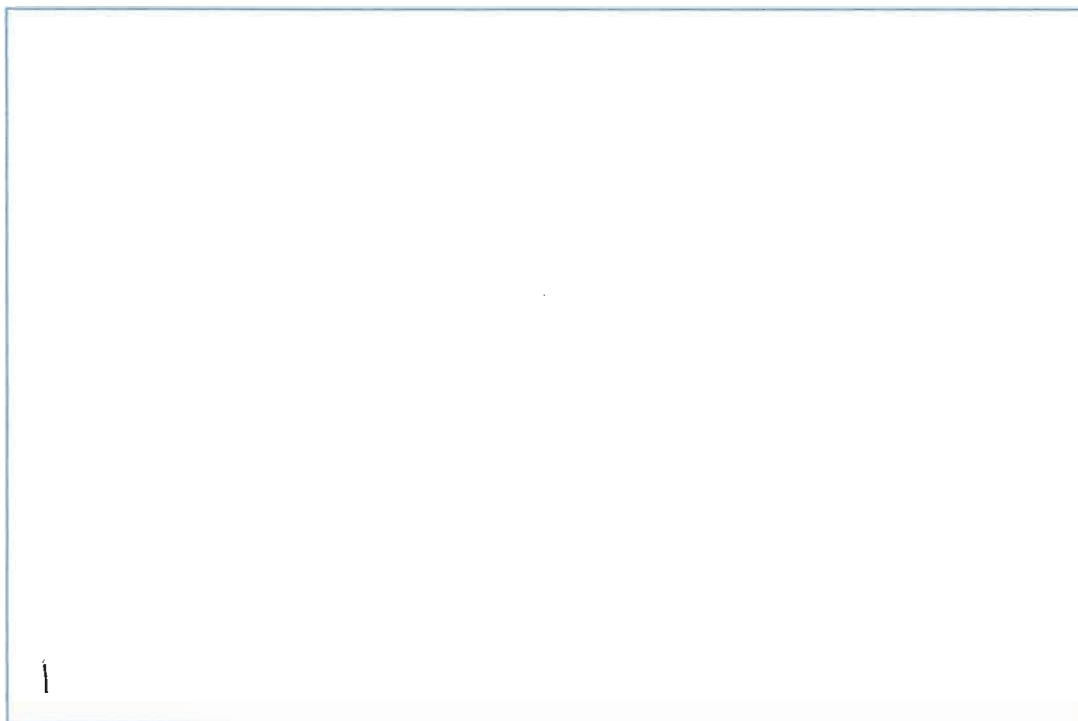
My Booklet

About Ireland

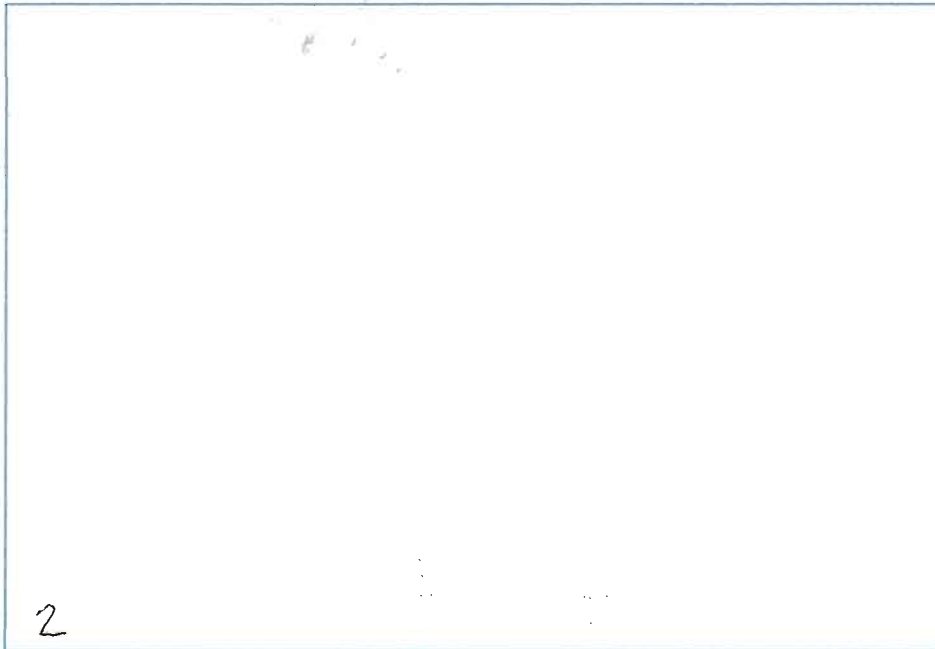
By



This is where Ireland
is on the map.



This is Ireland's flag.

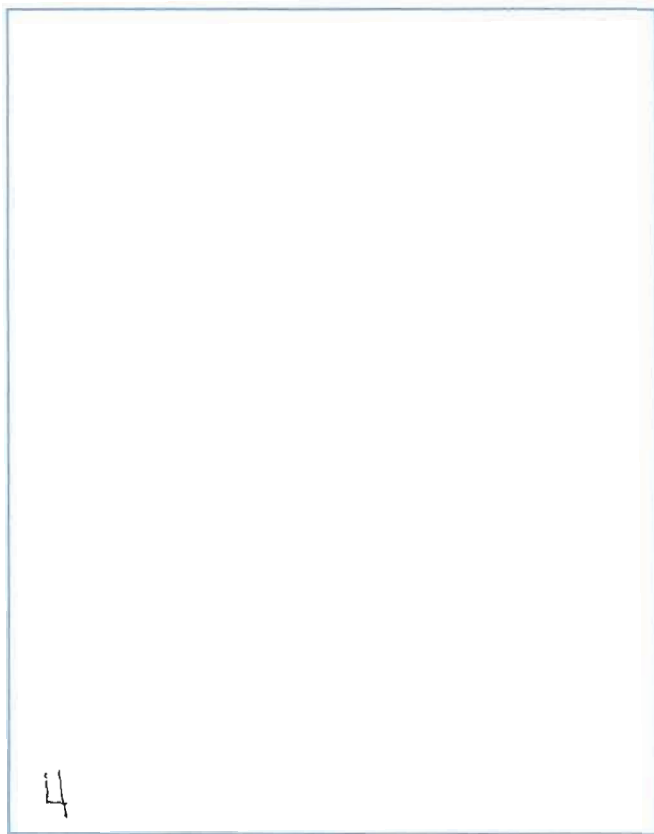


This is a house in
Ireland.

Handwriting practice lines consisting of two sets of three horizontal lines (top solid, middle dashed, bottom solid).

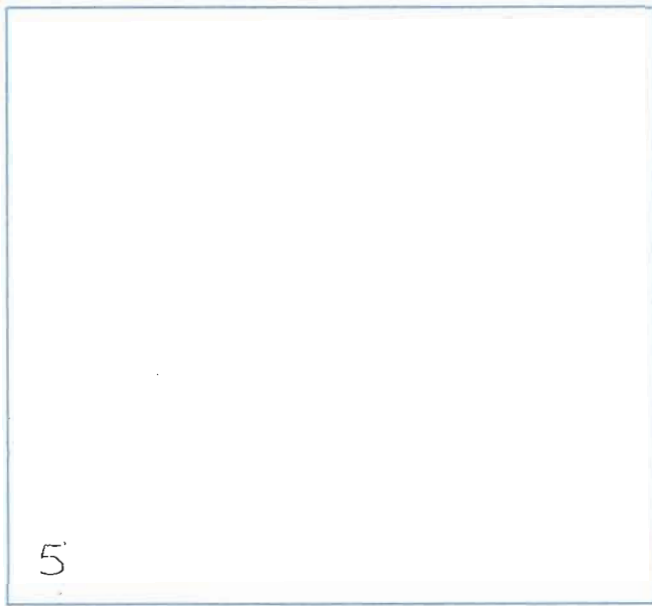
This is a leprechaun.

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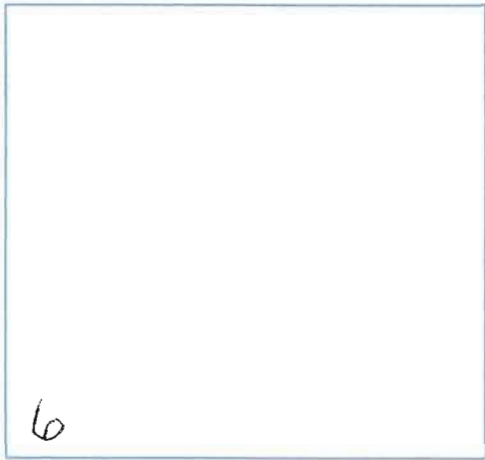
This is his pot of gold.

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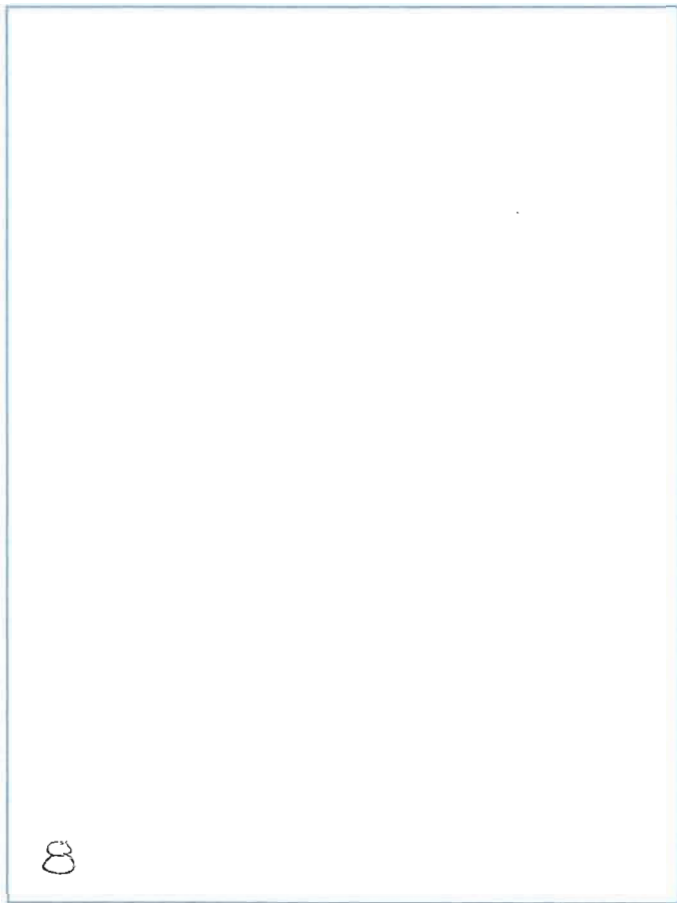
These are
snowflakes.

Handwriting practice lines consisting of two sets of three horizontal lines (top solid, middle dashed, bottom solid).



This is St. Patrick.

Handwriting practice lines consisting of two sets of three horizontal lines (top solid, middle dashed, bottom solid).



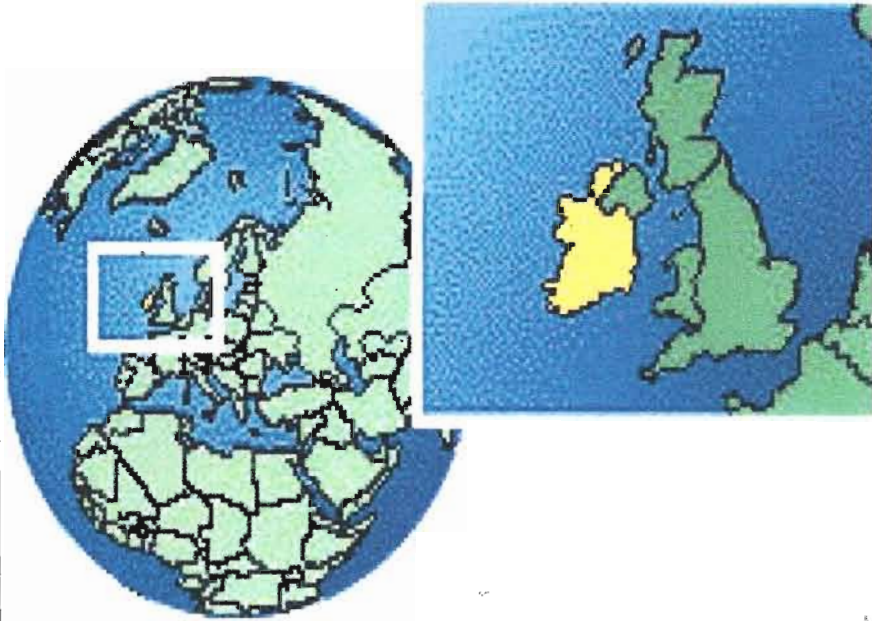
Happy

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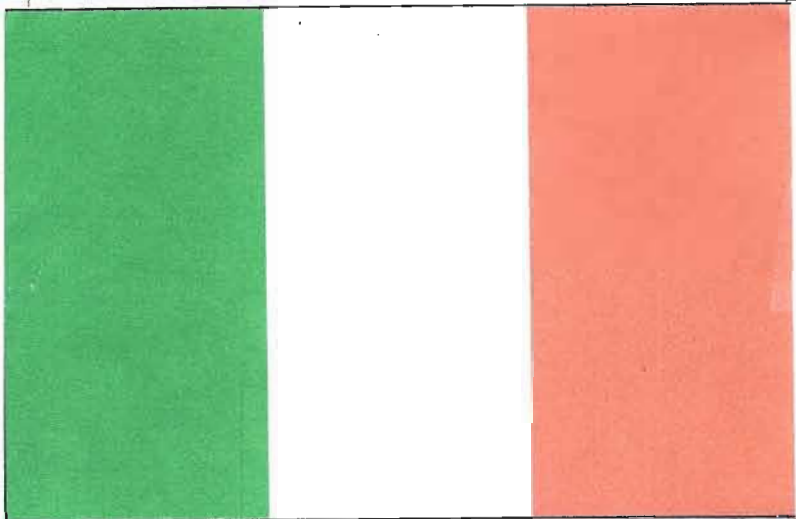
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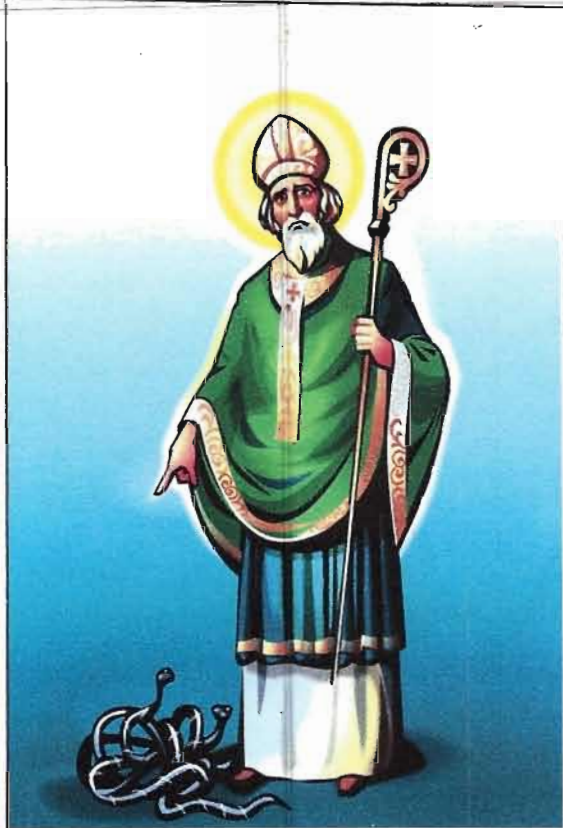
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CUT and GLUE the pictures to the correct rectangles in your booklet.



St. Patrick's Day Shamrock Card

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Materials:

- Dark green, light green and white construction paper
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Students' photographs

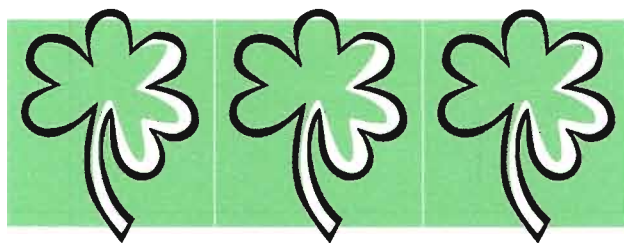
Directions:

Prep:

- Run off the templates on construction paper.
- Run off a copy of your classroom picture on the photo setting on your copier.
- Cut your students' pix into an oval shape.
- If you think this is too much cutting, you can pre-cut the smaller hearts. (I have a room-helper do this for me, or I send it home a few days before in one of my *Take Home-At-Home Helper Bags*.)

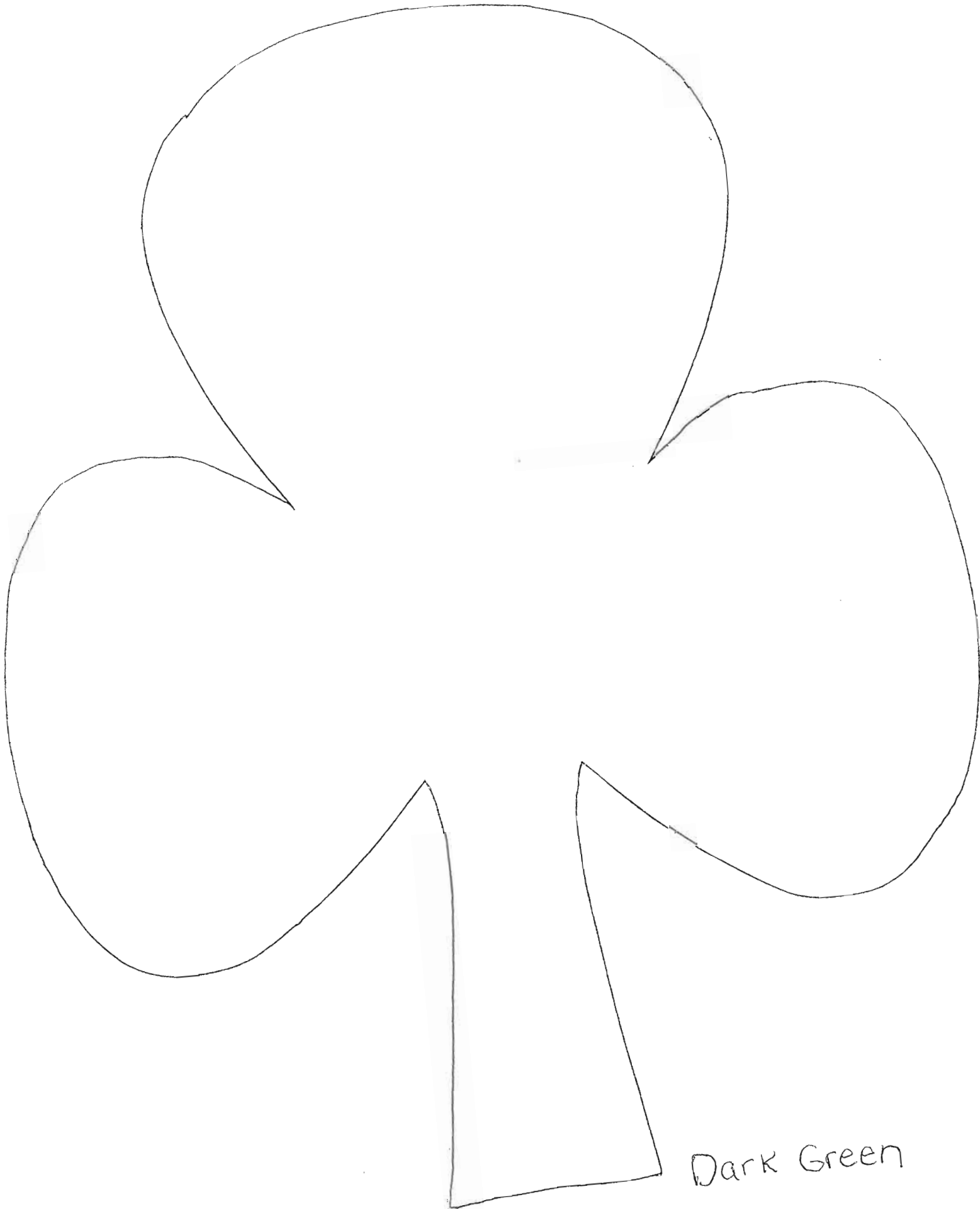
The next day...

- Students cut out their large dark green shamrock.
- Students cut out their medium sized white shamrock.
- Children glue their white heart to the dark green shamrock.
- Children glue their small emerald green heart with the message to the top white section of the shamrock, and the other two smaller hearts to either side.
- Students glue their photo to the center of the white shamrock.
- Students write I ♥ U and their name on the back of their shamrock.

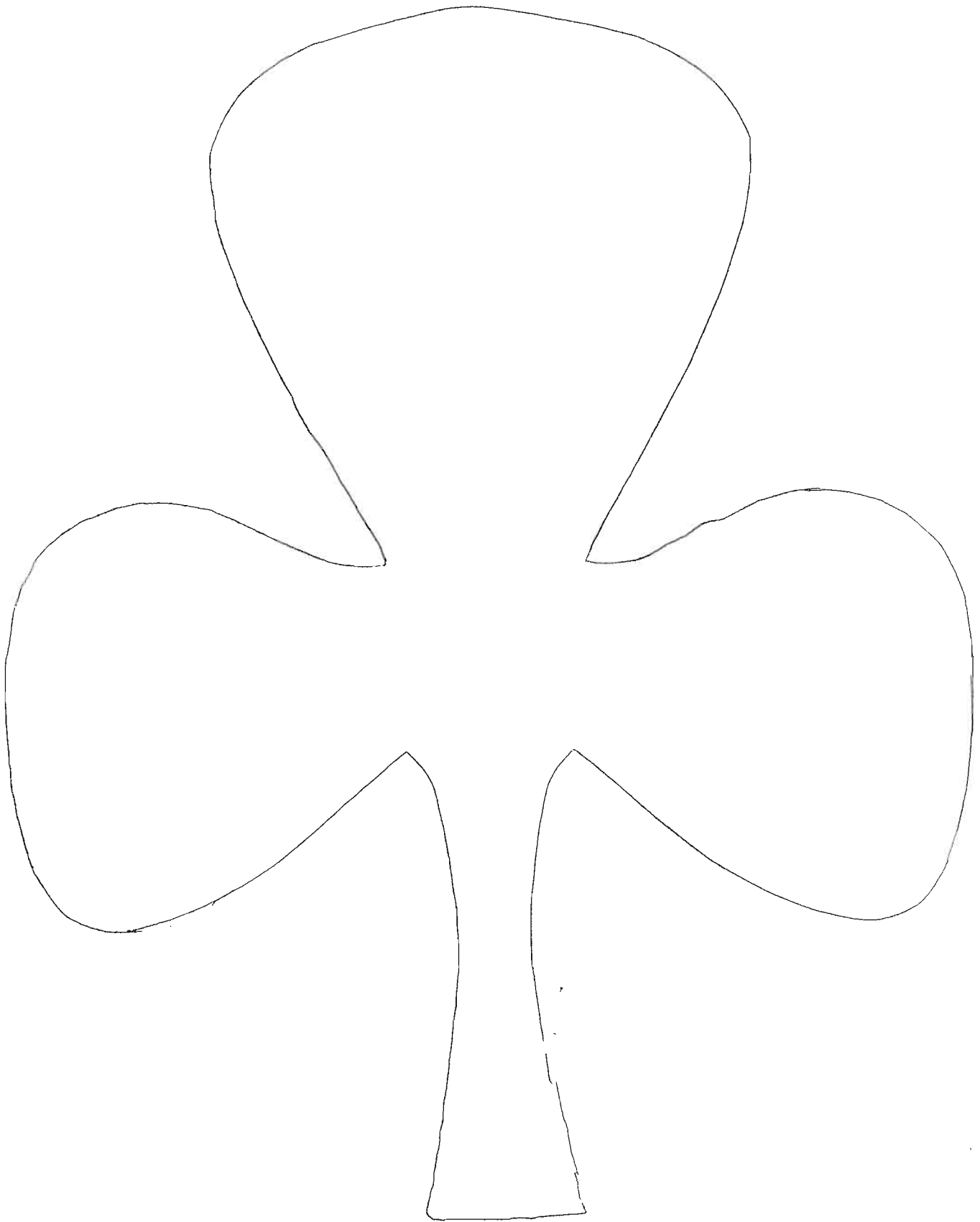


Happy
St. Patrick's Day
from my heart
to yours.





Dark Green



White

Emerald
Green

Happy
St. Patrick's Day
from my heart
to yours.

Emerald
Green

Happy
St. Patrick's Day
from my heart
to yours.

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Shamrock Card