**Zoomin’ Jammin’ Jammies**

Mary Wootten

Each year at the Oley annual conference, we have an evening event for the kids. Kids are invited to come in something comfy (PJs welcome) and to enjoy the activities that have been planned for them. Sometimes it’s a movie, sometimes it’s a scavenger hunt and a craft. It’s always fun. It’s Jammin’ Jammies!

This year, Jammin’ Jammies was a virtual success. Oley staff member and Ambassador Mary Wootten, a mom to young children of her own, created a virtual program that the kids loved using the online platform Zoom. Approximately twenty kids watched magician Jason Verners, participated in an online scavenger hunt, and listened to a story. To keep the fun flowing, they got directions to craft a rainbow (see below), and we mailed them kits to make their own stuffed animals.

Jammin’ Jammies got rave reviews from the kids and parents. It was so popular, in fact, we’ve planned more opportunities for the kids to “get together” on Zoom this fall and winter. Watch for more on the Oley Kidz Virtual Meet in future issues of this newsletter.

A big thanks to Abbott for sponsoring Jammin’ Jammies.

**518 Rainbow**

Since the pandemic began, in the region covered by the 518 area code (which includes the Oley office), families and businesses have made and hung colorful rainbows in response to a Facebook post. The rainbows are all different and fun, and create unity and hope at a time when that is much needed. And they are fun to hunt for!

Parents: Follow the directions below to create a 518 Rainbow with your kids, or use your imaginations! Then email us a picture to add to our collage (marywootten.oley@gmail.com). By submitting the photo, you are giving us permission to share it in our written and online materials.

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**Rainbow Craft Instructions**

**Materials needed:**
- googly eyes (or coloring tools to draw eyes on with)
- glue (or tape)
- scissors
- construction paper in white and a rainbow of colors

**What to do:**
1. Using scissors, cut a cloud shape from the white construction paper. Kids, you may need a grown-up or older sibling to help with this. You can make your cloud as big or small as you want, or even a different color.
2. Glue on the googly eyes, or draw on eyes, and then make a smile.
3. Using your scissors again (with a grown-up or older sibling if needed) cut strips of the colored construction paper for your rainbow. They can be as wide or thin, short or long as you would like them. Glue or tape them onto the back of the cloud. Now have your grown-up take a picture!