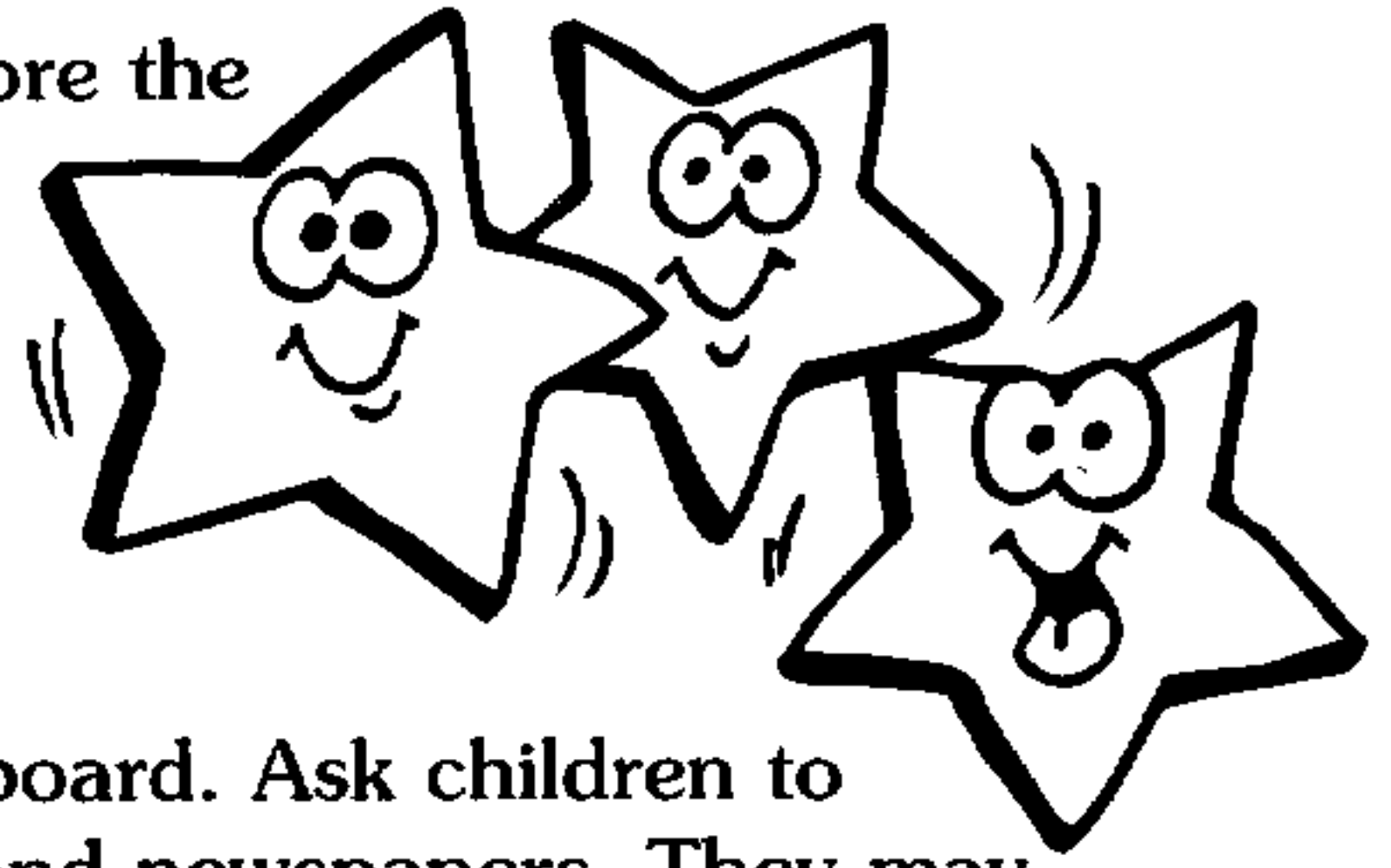


# APRIL FOOL'S DAY ACTIVITIES!

April is National Humor month, a perfect time to explore the funny world in which we live. (Remember, April 1st is April Fool's Day!)



Suggest some of these "funny" activities to your students:

## FUNNY PAPERS

Start a collection of comic strips on the class bulletin board. Ask children to gather cartoons and comic strips found in magazines and newspapers. They may also like to write and draw their own cartoons that can be featured on the board. Soon your bulletin board will be filled with a variety of illustrations, guaranteed to liven up any school day!

## COMEDY HOUR

Children will love being in the spotlight, acting out their own jokes and riddles.

Ask students to gather their favorite skits or jokes to act out. (They should write the jokes out before performing them in front of the class.) Encourage them to use props if they like.



Make a microphone from a paper tube and black yarn. Darken the room and put your class comedian in a spotlight (flashlight) when he or she performs. The class can act as an audience, applauding after each comedian has performed.

## APRIL FOOL'S ELF

Delight your students on the first of April by having an April Fool's Elf visit the classroom. When students arrive that morning, they each find a part of a secret message taped to the top of his or her desk. (Write the entire message on a large sheet of butcher paper. Cut the message into sections, numbering each one for easier deciphering.) Have the students arrange the message in order and read the entire message out loud. This message can tell cute things about themselves. Or, have the elf ask them to do particular activities during the day, such as drawing pictures of the elf, writing letters or cleaning out their desks. Later in the day, another message can be left, directing them to a special ice cream treat!

You might want to extend the elf's visit for several days. His presence can be used to motivate children with better behavior or improved study skills. Make sure to take care that the students never suspect that you are the April Fool's Elf!

This fun activity can also be used on March 17th, Saint Patrick's Day. Simply change the elf to a leprechaun!