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The Rust Foundation helps children by encouraging literacy and a lifelong commitment to reading.

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Now Scheduling School Visits for 2004.

The Rust Foundation is now scheduling "Royal Readers" program presentations for 2004. If you would like a brochure about the presentation for your school, please call (310) 281-3332 email aryn@powerforkids.com and leave an address where we can send it.

King of Skittledeedoo to be Included at Babyzone.com

The "Celebration of Reading" page at the parenting website Babyzone.com will include a review of *The King of Skittledeedoo* in their January children's books column. Click the "children's books" link to find the December column. The site is a treasure trove of information for parents.

Rust Foundation Donates Books to Literacy Link

Literacy Link - Leamos, a volunteer tutoring program operating in a small, rural community in Southwest New Mexico, recently requested books for needy people be donated to their "Love Your Library Day" event and Mobile Library. The Rust Foundation donated three copies of *The King of Skittledeedoo*.

Signed Copies of *The King of Skittledeedoo* Are Perfect Holiday Gifts

The King of Skittledeedoo is a wonderful stocking stuff for every child in your family, or your friend's family. It will help motivate your young students to read, read, read. A

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limited number of signed copies of *The King of Skittledeedoo* are still available. To order your copy now, visit www.powerforkids.com and click the "Buy" link at the top of the page.

Patricia Rust Contributes to Uplifting Anthology

Best-Seller Books has just released their new title, *Chopped Liver for the American Spirit*. It is a collection of true and inspiring stories from everyday people just like you, including Patricia Rust. Those who contribute \$25.00 or more to the Rust Foundation will receive a free copy while supplies last. Get yours today! Visit www.powerforkids.com for information on making a donation or to purchase a copy directly.

Remember to Call Bookpals

The Screen Actors Guild Foundation's Bookpals "Storyline" project is still going strong. Children can call their free service to here celebrities read children's stories. *The King of Skittledeedoo* is among the selections you might hear. Visit www.bookpals.net for local phone numbers. Patricia's children's stories appearing in the *Los Angeles Times* are also becoming available by phone. Each empowers kids! Check the www.latimes.com for details.

CHILDREN'S POETRY:

Kids! Send us your holiday poems so we can post them in the newsletter and on our website. Visit www.Powerforkids.com for the contact us link!

This and other children's contributions can be seen at www.PowerforKids.com.

DONATION CAMPAIGN:

The Rust Foundation Needs Your Help

It's the time of year to create tax write-offs and get kids excited about reading! As part of our continuing efforts to ensure that all children at risk for illiteracy have access to copies of *The King of Skittledeedoo* through their libraries and classrooms, and to make schools aware of the powerful tools offered through our website at www.PowerforKids.com, we need to send mailings to schools, increase the number of our school visits, print additional copies of *The King of Skittledeedoo*, manufacture literacy kits, and train literacy volunteers to create a national Royal Readers network. But we can't do it without you. We need funding to continue our imperative work.

Your donation of \$30 provides a child with a book and a Royal Readers learning kit.

Your donation of \$100 sponsors a classroom visit.

Your donation of \$500 sponsors a school visit with books donated to each classroom and the school library.

We also offer membership levels:

Silver club:

\$500-\$1000 – you will receive a signed copy of *The King of Skittledeedoo* and the link of your choice, either to your company or another organization with which you are affiliated, will be added to our website.

Gold club:

\$1000-\$5000 – your will receive a signed copy of *The King of Skittledeedoo* and your website banner link will be added to our website.

Platinum club:

\$5000 and up – you will receive a signed copy of *The King of Skittledeedoo* and your company logo will be featured prominently on our website, and your company link will be included in this newsletter.

Tax-deductible donations are now accepted online. Please visit

<http://www.powerforkids.com/parents/contacts.html> and click the “Make a Donation” link.

You can also mail your check or money order to:

The Rust Foundation, 12021 Wilshire Blvd. #924, Los Angeles, CA 90025.

If your employer offers a donation-matching, or employee-donation program, we are eligible to receive funds through it, as an educational organization. Please contact your human resources department for more information.

RECENT DONORS:

Special thanks to Marian Rees for her generous support.

A GAME FOR KIDS:

There are lots of great stories about the holiday season. What's your favorite story? What's it about? Read it with your mom or dad. You can also ask them to help you with this fun game. First unscramble these six words. The numbers after the word tell you which letters you need to use in your final answer. Use those letters to spell out three-word phrase. The phrase has a seven-letter word, a two-letter word, and then a five-letter word.

Here are the words for you to unscramble and letters to use once you've unscrambled it:

WNOMSNA 2, 5, 6

FTSIG 2, 5

DACRS 2, 3, 4

KCOESOI 1, 5, 6

GGGEON 3, 6

EIRF 2

The answers are at the end.

A MESSAGE FROM THE KING:

Hear ye! Hear ye!

Please go forth in the new year and make it count. Remember: children deserve the chance to read! Thank you to all the members of the land of Skittledeedoo. We are currently working on a place where kids can log the books they've read - and we couldn't have done it without your help. Stay tuned for more details!

RUST FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT:

The Rust Foundation helps children by encouraging literacy and a lifelong commitment to reading.

The Rust Foundation is a grassroots literacy organization whose aim is to educate, motivate, and excite elementary school children to the wonders of reading at an early age. We believe that by reading to a child, helping one child at a time, we can stamp out this problem. Our organization's "Royal Readers" program provides books, interactive reading sessions, and educational activities for children at elementary schools across the country. Our new "Create-A-Book" program helps kids write and bind their own books.

Our motto is Live, Laugh, Learn

Helping Kids Become Royal Readers!

Answers: snowman, gifts, cards, cookies, egg nog, fire, Reading is Magic!

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