

The Twisted Whiskers™ Show

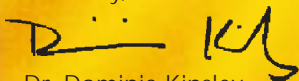
Dear Educator,

We are pleased to provide you with these fun and innovative standards-based learning activities that reinforce grammar and language arts skills, spark the imagination, and foster creativity—all based on the hilarious new television show, *Twisted Whiskers*.

Now airing on the Hub, *Twisted Whiskers* is a new, fast-paced cartoon series starring animal characters that are “twisted” in looks, action, and attitude. As you and your students will discover on the enclosed DVD, the critters in this series find themselves in typical pet situations that become “twisted” as one hilarious misadventure leads to another.

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Sincerely,



Dr. Dominic Kinsley
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Program Objectives

- To reinforce language arts and grammar skills.
- To show children that writing is fun.
- To spark the imagination and foster creativity.

Target Audience

This program has been designed for students in grades 1-3.

How to Use This Guide

Review the three activities and schedule them into your lesson plans. Show the DVD to introduce students to the *Twisted Whiskers* characters, capture their imagination, and provide them with helpful background.

How to Use the Poster

Display the calendar poster in your classroom. Add your own special events and, with your students, decide on special activities to celebrate each month's Twisted Day—an event designed to add extra fun and creativity to your classroom routine. For example, have students wear clothes backwards; complete classroom activities in opposite order; conduct class discussions Jeopardy-style, giving the answers while students provide the correct questions; or call each student by his or her full name, but backwards. The possibilities are endless, and your students will love helping to plan each month's Twisted Day!

National Standards for Language Arts

The activities in this kit address the following National Standards:

- Students apply knowledge of language structure, language conventions (e.g., spelling and punctuation), media techniques, figurative language, and genre to create, critique, and discuss print and non-print texts.
- Students use spoken, written, and visual language to accomplish their own purposes (e.g., for learning, enjoyment, persuasion, and the exchange of information).

Resources

www.twistedwhiskers.com
www.ymiclassroom.com



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ACTiViTy 1

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Every Story Needs a Twist!

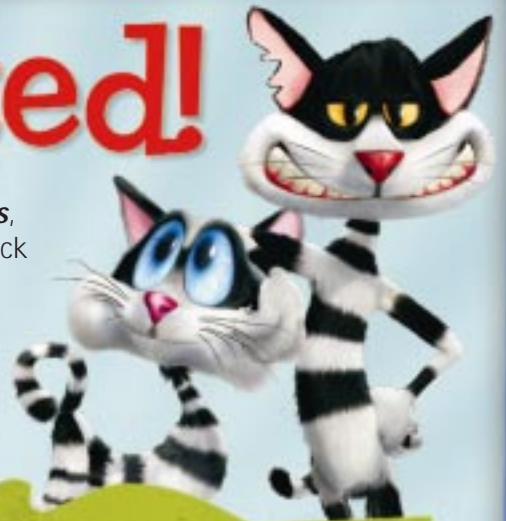
Part A The *Twisted Whiskers* gang wanted to write a story for their TV series. But, in crazy "twisted" style, they made a fill-in-the-blanks instead. Now they need your help. Fill in the missing words and finish their story. Remember, just like the characters in *Twisted Whiskers*, you can be as silly as you want to be! Then, share your story with your classmates!

Dander decides he could go for a _____ (noun) because he is _____ (adjective). He invites Yawp and Cutie Snoot, too. Yawp wags his tail and _____ (s) (verb) on the couch. But Cutie Snoot would rather _____ a _____ (verb + noun) instead. "Some friends!" Dander thinks to himself. "I guess I'll just go to _____ (place) by myself. See if I ever _____ (verb) them again!"

Part B Make your own *Twisted Whiskers* fill-in-the-blank story. Write about *Twisted Whiskers* characters that you see on the poster in your classroom. Your classmates can fill in the blanks. (Leave out at least one noun, one verb, and one adjective.)

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That's Twisted!



Part A In the "Ticked Off" episode of *Twisted Whiskers*, Claude takes Goosers to the vet. Goosers had a tick on his head, and the vet needed to get it off. But in the end, that tick went back home with Goosers.

Do you remember this scene from "Ticked Off"? Take a closer look. You'll see that some things have been twisted around. Can you find the eight things that aren't quite right? Draw a circle around each twisted thing you find and then color the picture...in your own "twisted" way.



Part B Thank you for helping fix the vet's office! Now let's finish the story about that icky tick. Write two "twisted" sentences about what happens when Claude and Goosers get home. You can write them on the back of this sheet.

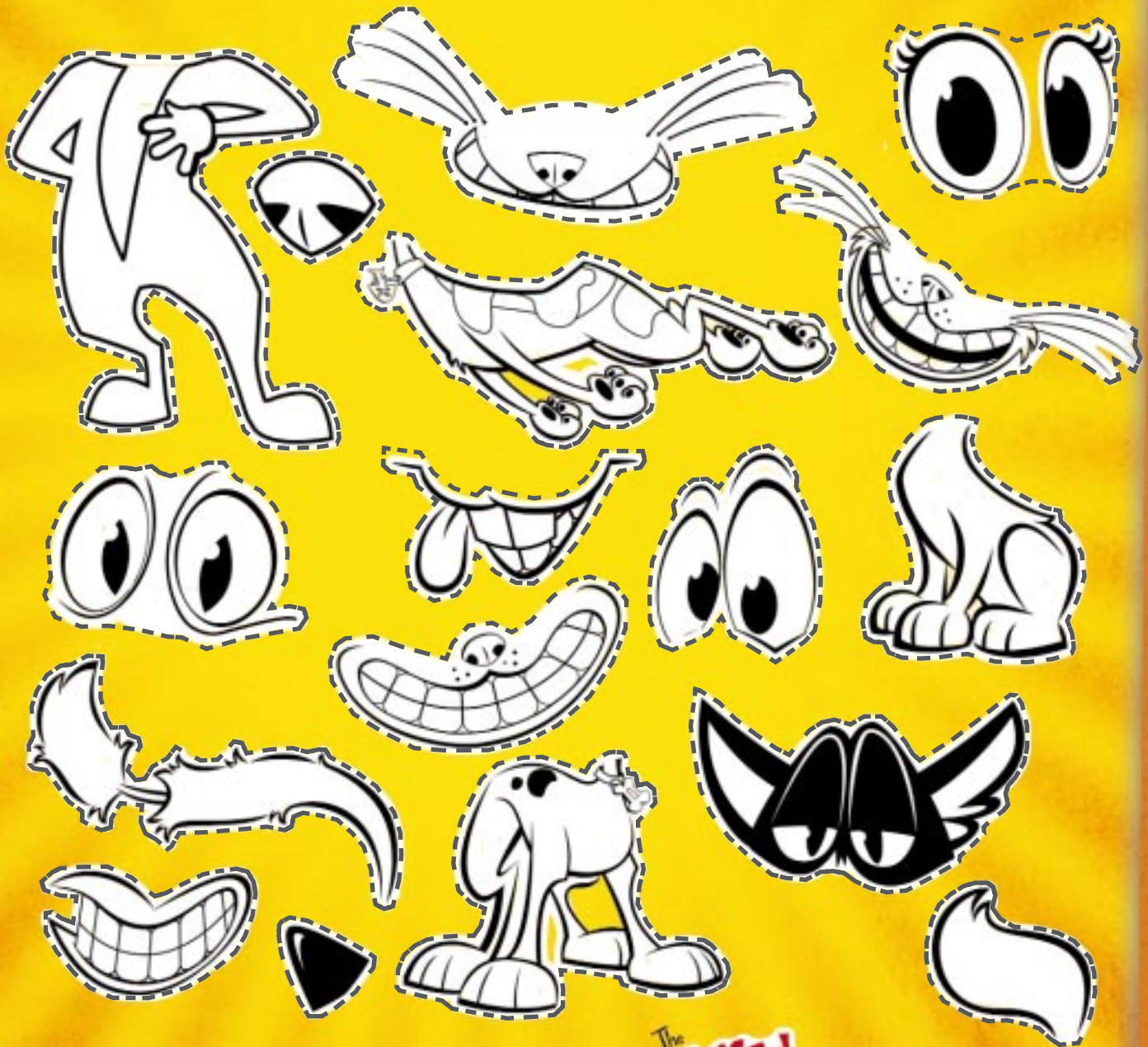


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My Twisted Wishes to You!

The *Twisted Whiskers* characters have their own cards, too. You can find them in stores and online. There are birthday cards, holiday cards, thank you cards, and even cards that just say "hi."

Make a brand new card that shows your own "twisted" character. Take an 8.5" x 11" sheet of plain paper and fold it in half to make a card. Then cut out the pieces below and paste the pieces on the front of the card, inside the card, and even on the back to create your own "twisted" card. You can color it and write your own special message on the front and inside.



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GOOSERS
He's loyal, trustworthy, and not too smart!



SMIDGEON
He's probably the only mouse butler that ever lived!



IRD THE BIRD
He's a cute little bird, but there's nothing little about his voice.



MR. MEWSER
A sophisticat, he wears his tuxedo markings well.



SINISTER SQUIRREL
He's just plain crazy. That's all there is to it!



TINY HEAD
His tiny little head sure makes him sound funny when he talks!

Time for a Twist with

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DANDER
This kitty has a talent for getting into trouble.



VON RIPPER
This guy is big and scary, like a shark on four legs.



CUTIE SNOOT
She's cute, she's pink. She's totally evil!



DINE & DASH
These streetwise cats will do anything for food.



YAWP
This feisty little puppy has a huge personality!



ZIPPY THE GREYHOUND
He used to be a racing dog. Now he runs at the slightest sound!

OCTOBER 2010

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10	11 Columbus Day Observed	12	13 Twisted Day	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 United Nations Day	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Halloween						

NOVEMBER 2010

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7	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13
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DECEMBER 2010

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12	13	14	15 Twisted Day	16	17	18
19	20	21 First Day of Winter	22	23	24	25 Christmas
26 Kwanzaa Begins	27	28	29	30	31	

JANUARY 2011

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FEBRUARY 2011

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MARCH 2011

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24 Easter	25	26	27	28	29	30

MAY 2011

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8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12 Twisted Day	13	14
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29	30 Memorial Day Observed	31				

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