

Did you enjoy Groundhog Day? \_\_\_\_\_

Many people find it fun to see if the groundhog sees his shadow on February 2<sup>nd</sup> to guess how long it will be until spring. But up until now, there has been no holiday to determine how far away summer vacation will be.

This will be the first year ever to find out how far off summer is. Today is Owl Day.

Owl Day is a new holiday that is very similar to Groundhog Day. Tonight, just after sunset, the local leaders of your town will visit a special tree that has been voted on by the local council. They will knock three times to make sure the owl is not startled and will not try to bite them. Then, they will reach in and bring the owl out. If the owl flies up toward the moon, that means that summer vacation will come at its usual time. However, if the owl flies toward the ground to hunt something, that means there will be six more weeks of school at the end of the year.

How can you celebrate Owl Day? First, ask your teacher to look up what time sunset will be this evening. Ask your parents to turn on their local news this evening right at that time. You may wish to make owl-shaped snacks to enjoy together. If you really want to get in the spirit, wear a shirt with an owl on it. You can always print a picture of an owl and pin it onto a regular shirt.

On the back, color in the picture of the Owl Day owl.

Happy  
April Fool's  
Day!

