

SHAMROCKS, SPUDS AND SHILLELAGHS

Input Suggestions:

1. Develop charts with words and phrases related to St. Patrick's Day.
Discuss the traditions and symbols of St. Patrick's Day.
2. Locate Ireland.
Discuss the "Emerald Isle", potatoes, "Blarney Stone", the Irish....
3. Set up a "green" centre.
Students can contribute green things.
Have a "Green Day".
Everyone should wear something green.
Taste "green things". (olives, pickles, green jello, lettuce, celery)
4. Set up a "spud" centre.
Include potatoes of all shapes and sizes, a weighing scale,
activity cards, books about potatoes.
Suggested activities:
 - 1) matching, ways to eat potatoes
picture - name
 - 2) graphing - favourite potato dishes
 - 3) art - potato "head" creatures
-potato printing
 - 4) observation - choose a potato to describe (oral/written)
5. Sing some Irish songs.
Role play - leprechauns at work and play.
Skits - leprechauns talking....
6. Reading:
Hunt through basal readers and your library for stories about
St. Patrick's Day, leprechauns, wee folk...
Read poems, verses from cards, recipes, students' creative
work to promote oral language.

Resources

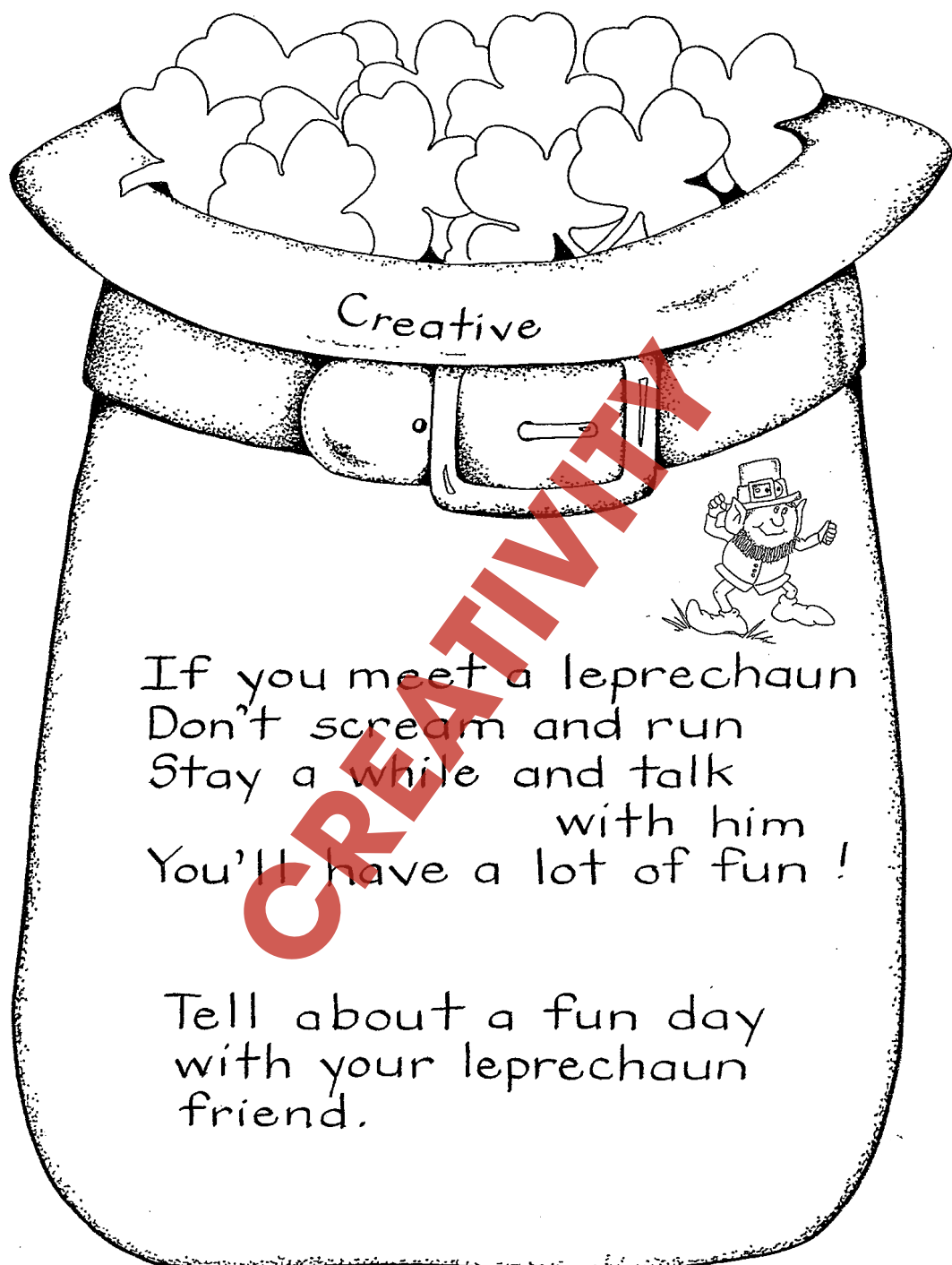
Leprechauns Never Lie - L. Balian
St. Patrick's Day in the Morning - E. Bunting
Shoemaker and the Elves - C. Berrier
Shamrocks, Harps and Shillelaghs - E. Barth
Elfabit - S. Pilcher
Rumpelstiltskin - P. Galdone



St. Patrick's Day
 Hurray, hurray
 It's St. Patrick's Day,
 The leprechauns
 Come out and play.
 If you see one
 Make a wish -
 Then give a cheer
 For the Irish !

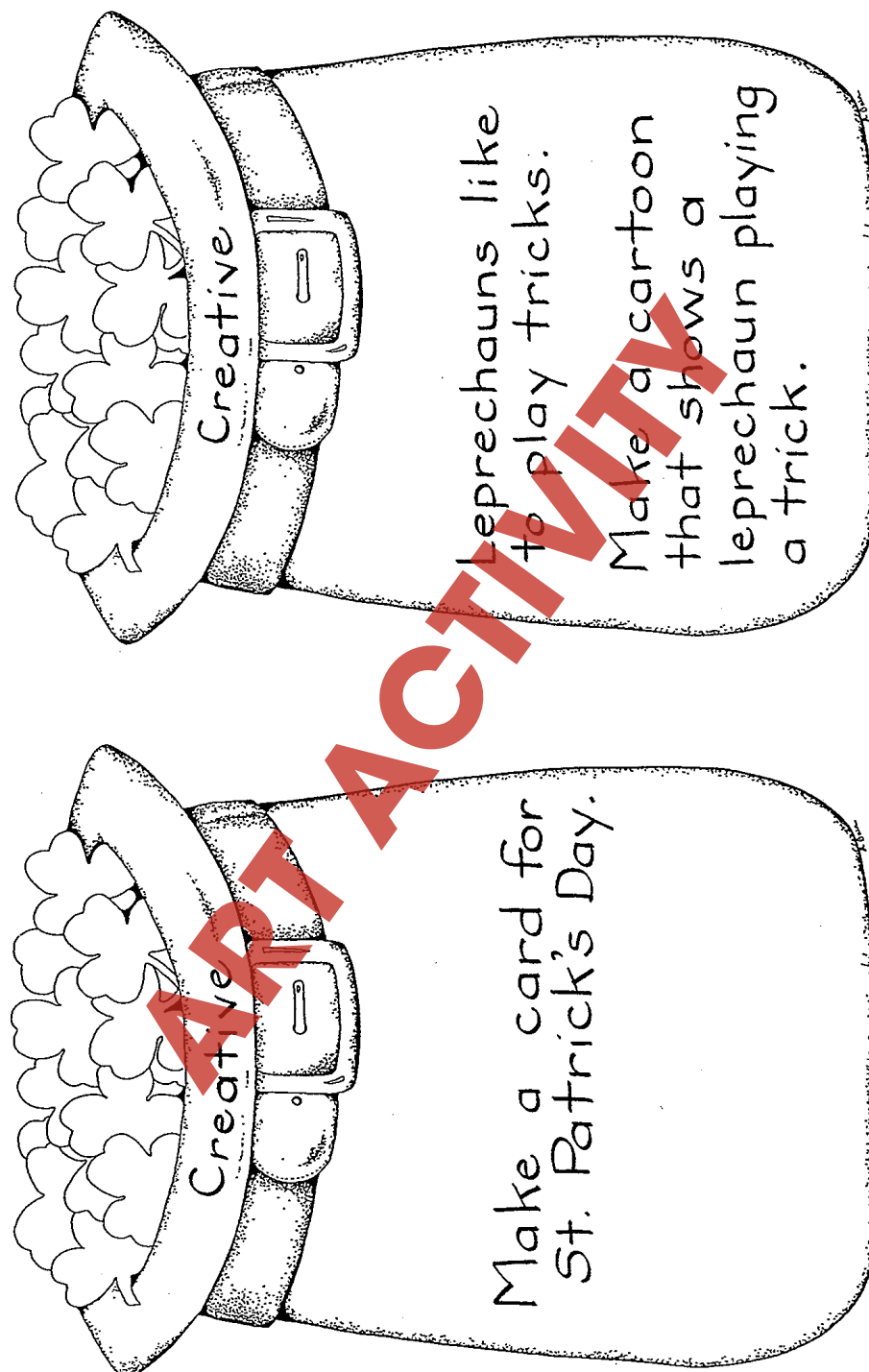


CUT OUT, MOUNT AND LAMINATE THE PICTURES.
 STUDENTS USE THE CARDS FOR MATCHING.



If you meet a leprechaun
 Don't scream and run
 Stay a while and talk
 with him
 You'll have a lot of fun !

Tell about a fun day
 with your leprechaun
 friend.

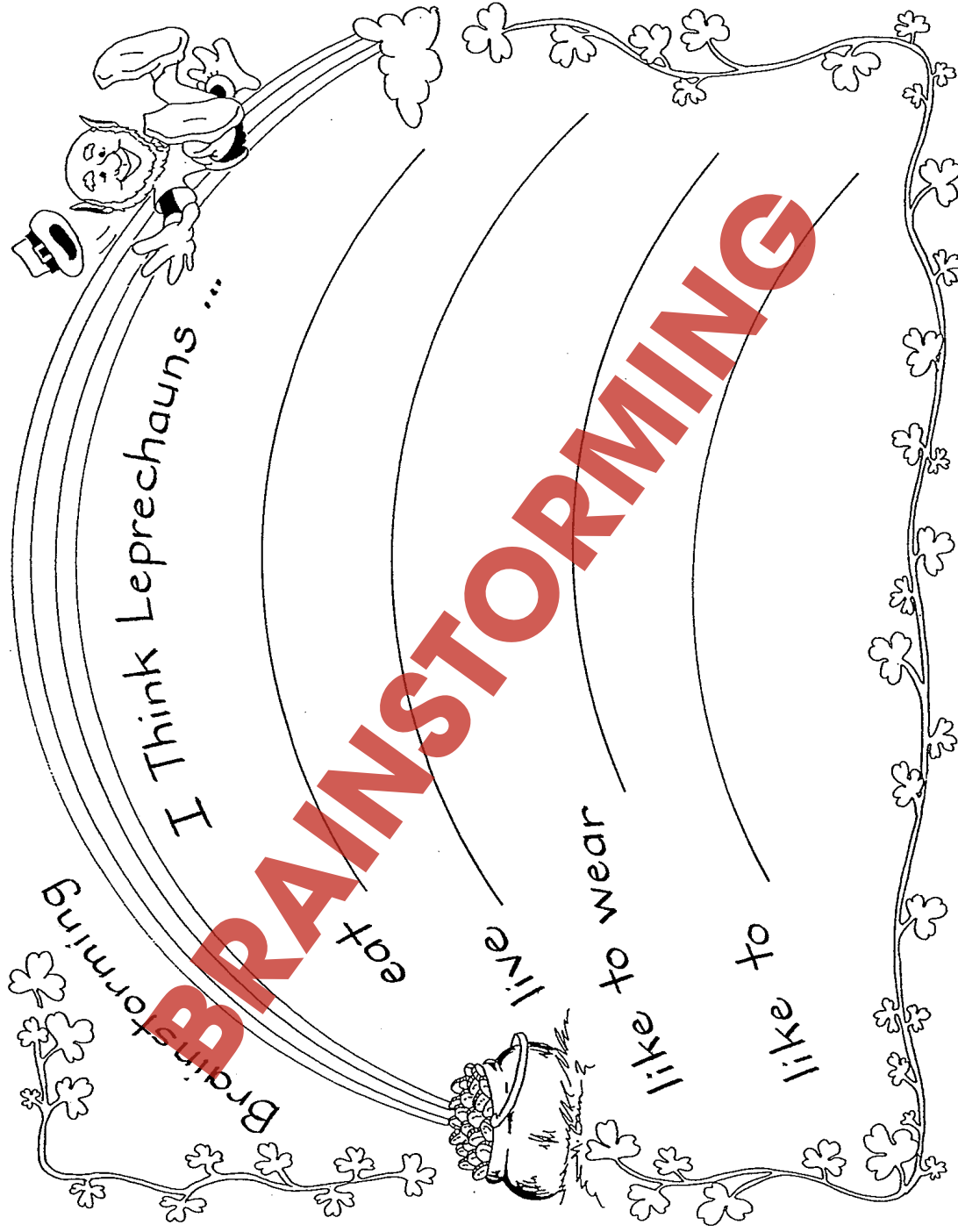
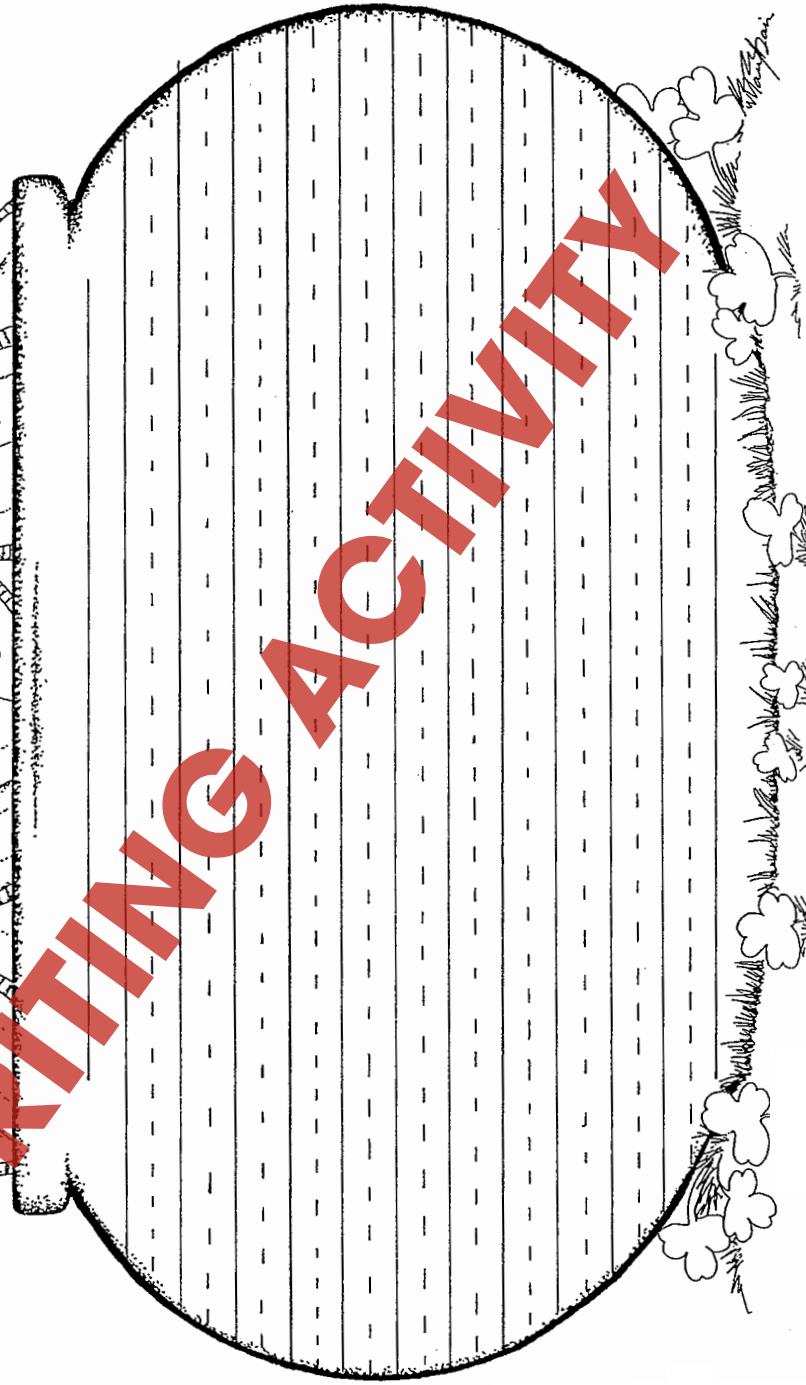


Leprechauns like
 to play tricks.
 Make a cartoon
 that shows a
 leprechaun playing
 a trick.

Make a card for
 St. Patrick's Day.

If I had a pot of gold...

WRITING ACTIVITY



Draw 4 things...

Pick one potato bigger than the potato smaller than the potato

DRAWING ACTIVITY

