Reading Homework:

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"*When* am I going to return to normal?" Percy Penguin asked His mother.

"What are you talking about, my dear?"

"Our feathers!! We are shedding them all over the place, and I look *ridiculous*. I have random patches of ugly old feathers along with my new, sleek feathers," Percy complained.

"Just be patient, Percy. This happens to all of us once a year, so we are all in the same boat. Our new feathers are pushing the old ones out. The entire process takes about four weeks for us, so we are about halfway done already," Mom cheerfully responded.

Percy gasped. "Are you *kidding* me? I really have to endure this for another two weeks? But I'm *starving* because you said I can't go into the water when I am molting."

Percy's mom had grown weary of her son's pessimistic attitude. Her tone turned business-like. "Percy, I've heard enough whining from you. Trust me.

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You *will* survive. Go for a waddle and try to take your mind off your troubles."

Percy turned away and muttered under his breath, "Easy for her to say... she's not a growing penguin like I am. I bet I am way hungrier than she is right now."

What was the author's purpose for writing the above passage?

A. to explain the process of molting for penguins

B. to entertain readers with a story about a young, grumpy penguin

C. to entertain readers with a story about a penguin leaving his mother to set off on his own

D. to inform readers how penguins molt once a year

Writing Homework:

Directions: Write a spooky story (at least 5 complete sentences) that begins with "On a dark October night...."

Math Homework:

1. Which standard form represents four million, nine hundred thousand, three hundred seven.

a. 4,900,307	b. 4,903,007
c. 4,903,700	d. 4,937,000

2. Order the whole numbers from greatest to least.

Greatest

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Least

1,131,689
1,113,968
1,311,869
1,113,896

3. Select three numbers that could be rounded to 1,430,000?

1,421,709	1,429,709	1,415,413
1,425,410	1,419,005	1,426,709

4. Estimate and solve for the difference of 37,782 and 14,209.

a. 20,000	b. 30,000
c. 40,000	d. 50,000

5. Solve for the sum of 503,903 and 26,474.

a. 478,419	b. 530,377
c. 531,367	d. 769,633

For an animal population to survive, the animals must be able to _____.

| pollinate | reproduce |

Match each part of the plant to its correct function

11. ____ sepal

12. ____ pistil

13. ____ stamen

14. ____ ovary

15. ____ ovule

16. ____ seeds

17. ____ pollination

a. part of the reproduction process, when pollen is transferred from the stamen to the pistil

b. produces pollen (male part of the flower

c. it protects the flower petals before the flower opens

d. place where the pollen fertilizes the egg

e. when scattered, it produces new plants

f. female part of the flower

g. the egg inside of the ovary