

STAR HOLIDAYS.

Bridgeport, Conn., has a star holiday scheme that works to a charm. When any room in the city has had a month without an absence or lateness, the room is given a star holiday. With the children it is a real holiday, but with the teacher it must be spent in visiting schools outside the city. As an incentive to punctual and constant attendance it is a success, and the value to the school of such school visitation is inestimable.— *N. E. Journal of Education*.

IF IN DOUBT WORK IT OUT.

1 time 9 plus 2 equals 11.
 12 times 9 plus 3 equals 111.
 123 times 9 plus 4 equals 1111.
 1234 times 9 plus 5 equals 11111.
 12345 times 9 plus 6 equals 111111.
 123456 times 9 plus 7 equals 1111111.
 1234567 times 9 plus 8 equals 11111111.
 12345678 times 9 plus 9 equals 111111111.
 1 times 8 plus 1 equals 9.
 12 times 8 plus 2 equals 98.
 123 times 8 plus 3 equals 987.
 1234 times 8 plus 4 equals 9876.
 12345 times 8 plus 5 equals 98765.
 123456 times 8 plus 6 equals 987654.
 1234567 times 8 plus 7 equals 9876543.
 12345678 times 8 plus 8 equals 98765432.
 123456789 times 8 plus 9 equals 987654321.

WORDS FREQUENTLY MISPRONOUNCED.

Sinew—ew like u.
 Re-al-ly—three syllables.
 Nothing—sound the o like u.
 Little—sound the t's.
 Depth—sound the th.
 History—three syllables.
 Feb-ru-ary—sound the first r.
 Arithmetic—a-rith.
 Recess—accent on last syllable.
 Juvenile—short i.
 Italian—first i is short.
 Idea—accent on second syllable.
 Oasis—first syllable accented.
 Elm—one syllable.
 Salmon—sam-un—accent on first syllable.
 Finance—last syllable accented.
 Reptile—short i.
 Avenue (new).
 Subtle—(sut-tl).

WEATHER STUDY.

Weather study, if properly pursued, will touch upon many sides of geography and history. During the school year it will lead to a consideration of the effects of weather upon the seasonable occupations of men and women, and also upon the material and the amount of clothing, and to some extent the quantity of food. From the above we draw

the three following conclusions: 1. That a knowledge of climate and its effects upon man, are the beginning and end of geography study. 2. That an intelligent knowledge of climate must be based upon the continued daily weather study. 3. That the importance of weather study justifies a graded series of topics and experiments along the line of weather observations, adapted to the pupils of each grade.—*Pa. School Journal*.

The Autumn Leaves.

FIRST CHILD:

I am a leaf from the tall elm tree
 That stands high upon the hill top there;
 Patiently my watch I keep
 O'er all the hillsides and valleys fair.

SECOND CHILD:

I came from the maple tree
 By the church with its huge iron bell;
 Many a time I've heard it say,
 "A tale of hope and peace I'll tell."

THIRD CHILD:

I am a leaf from the old oak tree
 Deep in the woods; I know
 All the secrets of fairyland,
 And how the flowers grow.

FOURTH CHILD:

And I am a leaf from the aspen,
 Do you know why I tremble so?
 I heard a child tell a lie one day,
 'Tis an awful thing to know.

FIFTH CHILD:

Down where the dead lie sleeping,
 In a calm and quiet spot,
 I came from the willow, weeping,
 O'er the blue forget-me-not.

SIXTH CHILD:

I grew on the big old apple tree,
 Where the blue birds and robins nest,
 The children love me, and the breeze—
 O, you can guess the rest.

SEVENTH CHILD:

And now we will make a wreath,
 Red and yellow and green;
 When you see you will all agree
 'Tis the prettiest wreath that ever was seen.

All join hands and sing:

Away to the woods, away,
 Away to the woods, away,
 All nature is smiling,
 Our young hearts beguiling,
 O, we will be happy to-day.

CHORUS.

Away, away, away, away,
 Away to the woods, away,
 Away, away, away, away,
 Away to the woods, away.