

CRAZY COUPLETS ON A WEIRD BEARD

Good teaching calls for varying textures. This bulletin board provides a good change of pace.

For this board, children will be providing couplets, such as “Bugs are nice/but not on rice.” Ask an elementary-age child to write a poem and, most likely, that child will groan. Ask him or her to think up two lines that rhyme and you won’t be able to get that child to quit. Children love simple rhyming, so why not take advantage of this impulse?

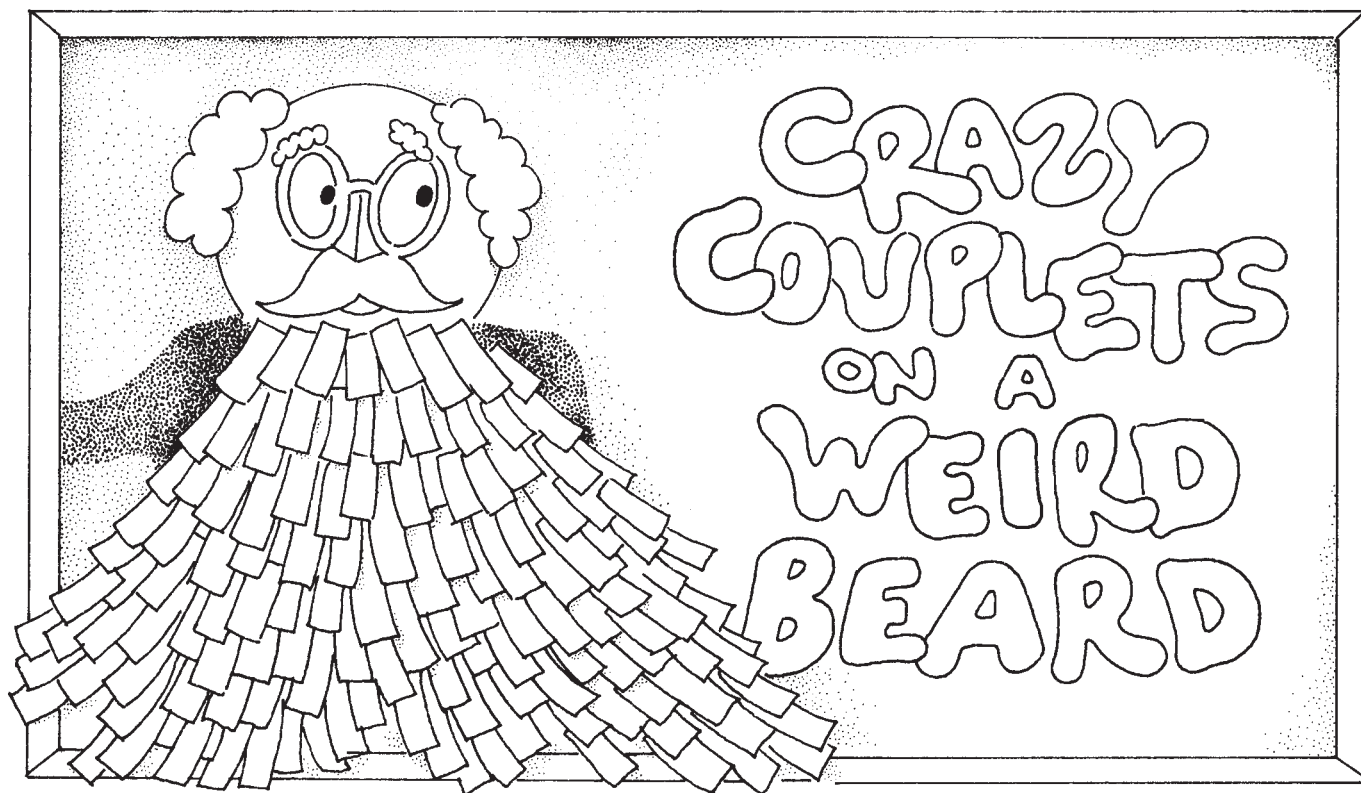
Your biggest problem will be in finding beard room. The beard is actually made up of short pieces of paper. These carry the various

rhymes. Children add to the beard as “inspiration” strikes. You may want to begin the process by putting up two or three couplets yourself. Then sit back and watch the beard grow! If it stretches all the way to the floor, so much the better.

The poet himself can be fashioned of tag-board. Keep the image as large as possible. Hair could be cotton, yarn, or ribbon curls. His pupils could be buttons. Make him as crazy and personable as you can.

If you prefer to use commercial lettering, do so. Letter-making is generally the lengthiest process in preparing a board.

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