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Foreword

Welcome to Kids of Region 24—a joyful journey through the heart of Grundy and Kendall Counties! This special book was created by PAASSS, a local collaboration dedicated to supporting families with young children. We designed Kids of Region 24 as a gift to help families build their home libraries, explore their communities, and spark a love of reading from the very beginning.

In these pages, you'll meet two adventurous squirrels, Grundy and Kendall, as they travel across our region with their families. Together, they visit familiar places and discover new ones, all captured through real photos that bring our towns, parks, and landmarks to life.

We're proud to celebrate the diverse families who call Region 24 home and to highlight the many child- and family-friendly spaces that make our communities so special. Copies of this book will be available in local libraries and handed out at community events—because every child deserves the joy of a story in which they can see themselves.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the talented creative team who brought this book to life: Laney Callahan of Delightful Pearls Photography for her beautiful photography; Karen Childress, Vice President of Early Childhood Education at the Fox Valley Family YMCA; Gabrielle Foster, PAASSS Project Manager; and Taylor Headley, PAASSS Marketing Consultant, for their outstanding design work, engaging content, and meticulous attention to detail. A special thank you also goes to G-Force Printing in Plano, IL, for their invaluable support in bringing this project to print.

Thank you for joining us on this adventure. We hope this book inspires your family to explore, imagine, and read together—right here in Region 24.

With gratitude,
Laurel Mateyka, PAASSS CEO/Founder

Little White School Museum



72 Polk Street
Oswego, IL 60543

“Kendall, would you like to go with me to the Little White School Museum today?” Grandma asks.
“Oh yes please, Grandma, I always have fun there. I remember the singers last Christmas, and learning to grow seeds in the spring.” Kendall replies.



Silver Springs Park



**13608 Fox Road
Yorkville, IL 60560**



Kendall sings with excitement, "Uncle, I'm ready to go fishing today.

Have I ever been to Silver Springs before?"

Uncle replies, "Yes, but last time it looked a lot different when we were sledding in the snow."

Prairie Point Splash Pad Park



4120 Plainfield Road,
Oswego, IL 60543




“Mom, this was a great idea for such a hot day. Running through all the sprinklers has made me hungry though,” Kendall sadly said.

“Don’t worry Kendall, we don’t need to leave. I packed a picnic lunch for us,” Mom said happily.

Yorkville Public Library



902 Game Farm Road,
Yorkville, IL 60560



"Are you ready to go Kendall?" Mom asks.

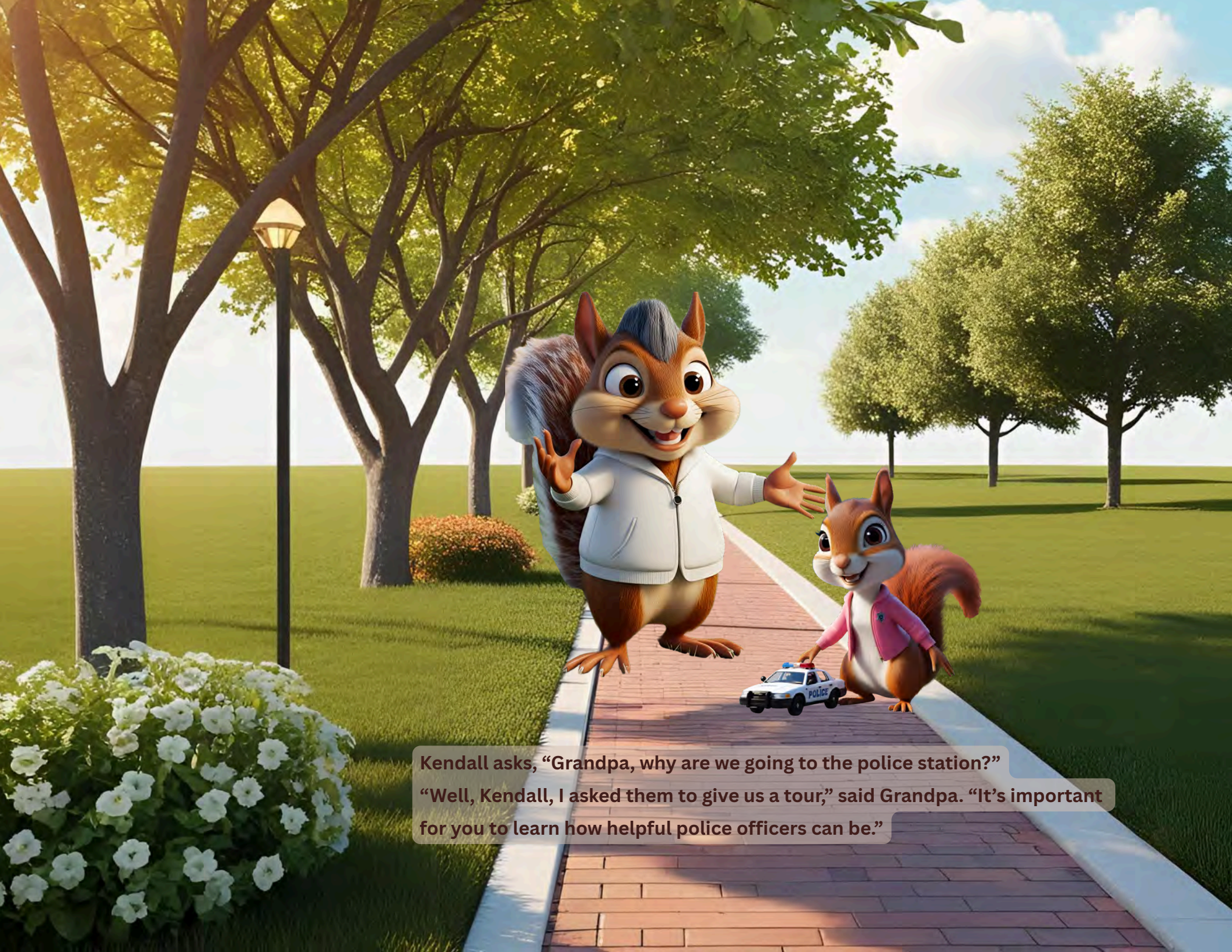
"Story time will be starting soon."

"Oh yes Mom!" Kendall replies. "I want to say hi to all my friends before it starts."

Plano Police Department



**111 E Main Street
Plano, IL 60545**



Kendall asks, “Grandpa, why are we going to the police station?”

“Well, Kendall, I asked them to give us a tour,” said Grandpa. “It’s important for you to learn how helpful police officers can be.”

Kendall County Fairgrounds



10826 Illinois 71
Yorkville, IL 60560

A vibrant, 3D-animated scene featuring two chipmunks, likely from the Disney movie 'The Chipmunks'. They are standing in the arched doorway of a tree trunk. The chipmunk on the left is a female with brown and white fur, wearing a bright pink jacket, with her arms raised in a joyful gesture. The chipmunk on the right is a male with similar fur, wearing a teal jacket, also with his arms raised and a wide, happy smile. Above the doorway, a large, textured acorn hangs from a thin branch. The background shows a lush green forest with sunlight filtering through the trees. In the foreground, a small, rectangular, tan-colored doormat with the word 'WELCOME' in bold, black, capital letters sits on a patch of green grass.

“I’m so glad I got to come to the fair with you,” Grundy says.

“Me too. There’s so much to see here! There is a car show, lots of crafts and animals to see, but best of all, a rodeo!” replies Kendall.

Plano Family Resource Center



219 N Hale Street,
Plano, IL 60545



"I'm so excited to go to the Plano Family Resource Center today. Is it touch a truck day yet?" Kendall squeals.

"Not yet, in a few days," Dad laughs. "Today we are going to playgroup," Dad says.

Oswego Fire Station #2



2200 Wiesbrook Drive,
Oswego, IL 60543



“Thank you for bringing us to the fire station today, Auntie,” Kendall says.

“Yeah, Kendall and I want to ask to see the trucks,” Grundy says excitedly.

“You two be patient; we will ask to see everything after we learn about some fire safety first,” Auntie laughs.

Kendall County Historical Society- Lyon Farm



7935 IL-71,
Yorkville, IL 60560



Kendall asks, "What is a historical society, Uncle?"

"Thank you for asking me, Kendall," Uncle replies. "The easiest way to explain it is that history means the past, and a society is when people share an interest in something."

"Ok, so we are going to see some things people have from a long time ago?" Kendall questions.

"Yes, Kendall," Uncle laughs. "Something like that. You will understand more when we get there today."

Fox Valley Family YMCA



3875 Eldamain Road
Plano, IL 60545



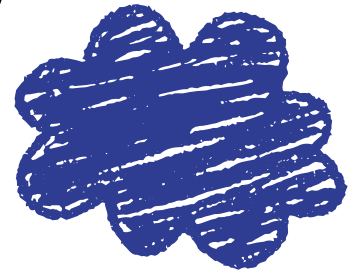
“Thank you for inviting me to go swimming, Kendall,” said Grundy.

“You’re welcome, Grundy. I take lessons here every week,” replied Kendall.

“I have been taking lessons at my YMCA, too. That’s neat!” Grundy exclaimed.



Grundy & Kendall County City Word Search



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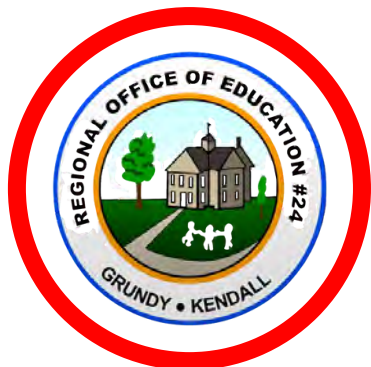


Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

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CHANNAHON
YORKVILLE
MILLBROOK

COAL CITY
KINSMAN
GARDNER
MORRIS

OSWEGO
LISBON



Grundy & Kendall Cut Outs

☀️ Hey, amazing adventurers! 🐿️☀️ Grab your scissors and get ready for some fun!

We've got two special friends, Grundy and Kendall, who can't wait to explore Region 24 with you!

As you explore the amazing places in this book, don't forget to cut them out and bring them along for the ride!

📸 Snap some fun photos and show us how you're making memories together.

Tag us on Facebook using **#PAASSSFamilyFun** so we can follow your adventures. Let's get exploring! 🌲🏠🎉



