



# The Hippopotamus Edition



**"Is a hippopotamus a hippopotamus, or just a really cool Opotamus?"**

- Mitch Hedberg



a Message from the Mermaid and the FrostbitFins Pod  
~love is in the air~

It is February, the shortest month of the year, the month of love - and hopefully melting snow! :) It is nice to see the longer days - Spring is for sure on it's way!

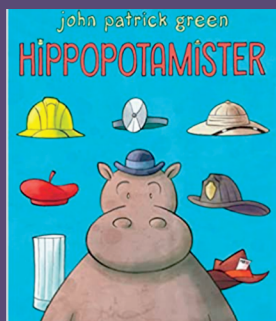
Be sure to check out our online store! Everything is on sale for 25% off for the month of February. Get your Valentine a special, unique gift, and save money too! We're clearing shelves so that we can start ordering for our Summer season - which will start, as always, with the Seward Mermaid Festival! Our spot has been confirmed and we are super excited to sea all of you there once again!

Have a birthday or party coming up? We have spots open for appearances - both dry land and swims - so send us a message or give us a call to set up yours, today!

And, of course - Happy Valentine's Day to all of you, from me and my Pirate.

Until next time....

Your Seafriend, AnneMeridia and the Frostbit Fins Pod



**Hippopotamister**  
by John Patrick Green

The zoo isn't what it used to be. It's run down, and Hippo hardly ever gets any visitors. So he decides to set off for the outside with his friend Red Panda. To make it in the human world, Hippo will have to become a Hippopotamister: he'll have to act like a human, get a job, and wear a hat as a disguise. He's a good employee, whether he's a construction worker, a hair stylist, or a sous chef. But what he really needs is a job where he can be himself.

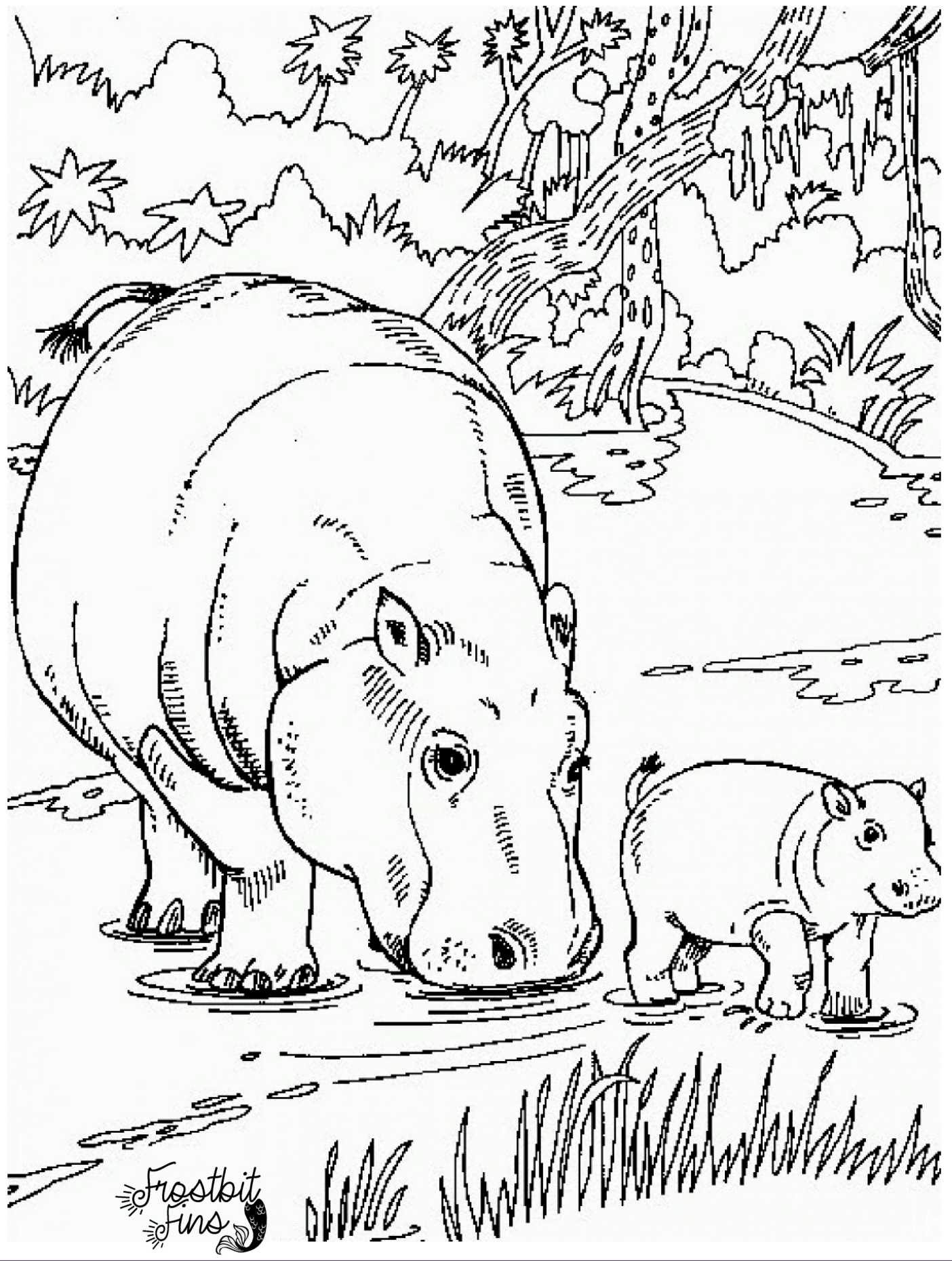
Want to learn more about Hippos?  
Visit your local library today!

# FEBRUARY FIN FACTS WITH

## HIPPOPOTAMUS



- Hippos are semi-aquatic mammals, living both in water and on land.
- Hippos are the third largest animal on land. Coming in behind elephants and the white rhinoceros a male hippo can measure 17 feet long, 5 feet tall, and can weigh over 9,000 pounds!
- To protect their skin hippos sweat an oily red liquid that prevents it from drying out. Their sweat also acts as sunblock.
- A hippo's eyes, nose, and ears are all located on top of their head. This allows the hippo to be able to see, hear, and breathe while being mostly submerged in the water. When they do completely submerge their ears and nostrils fold shut to keep the water out.
- Hippos are herbivores. While they eat different plants, they mostly consume grasses. A hippo can eat up to 70 pounds of grass a day!
- Hippos live in groups called bloats. Bloats are led by one larger male and have 10-40 members.
- A hippo's vocal call is called a wheeze honk.
- The word 'hippopotamus' comes from ancient Greek words meaning 'river horse'.
- The largest canine teeth on a hippo are called tusks. Hippo tusks are made up of ivory.
- Hippos cannot swim. They sink and float by controlling their breathing and body position, then stand and walk along the bottom of the river/ lake.
- Hippos live in and along rivers, lakes, swamps, and mangroves throughout sub-Saharan Africa.
- There are only two species in the hippopotamidae family- the common river hippo and the pygmy hippo.



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Did you make the Guppy Goodies? Are you all finished with the coloring page(s)? Have mom and dad put them on social media and tag us @frostbitfins on Facebook and Instagram for a chance to be featured on our page and in next month's FeatherFinFlyer!



# HIPPOPOTAMUS DECODER

Use the numbers to help you figure out these words about hippos.

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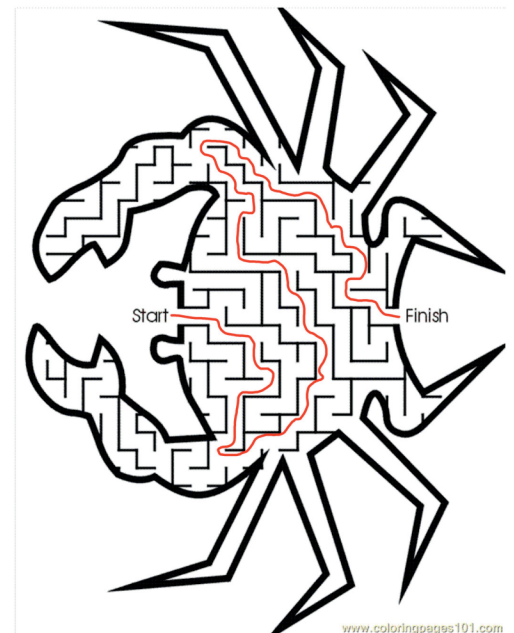
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LAST MONTH'S  
Answers!





# FEBRUARY Special Dates!



## Birthday Club!

Wishing a FIN-tastic Birthday to:

- 2/4 Savannah M
- 2/5 Lillith E
- 2/7 Corbin Z
- 2/7 Ayianna P
- 2/7 Henry F
- 2/8 Genavie S
- 2/10 Paul G
- 2/11 Wilder S
- 2/12 Nixon H
- 2/12 Lilyannah H
- 2/13 Nik S
- 2/14 Isabelle M
- 2/15 Vivian Gonzalez
- 2/16 Alex P
- 2/17 Malia R
- 2/19 Hadley Raye H
- 2/24 Reign M
- 2/24 Kyle Isaiah V
- 2/25 James K
- 2/28 Lucrezia S
- 2/29 Charlotte A

## Happy Birthday!

## Dates of Interest

- 2/1 Heroes Day
- 2/2 Groundhog Day
- 2/4 Take Your Child to the Library Day
- 2/8 National Boy Scout Day
- 2/9 National Pizza Day
- 2/12 Hug Day
- 2/14 Valentine's Day
- 2/15 World Hippo Day
- 2/17 Random Acts of Kindness Day
- 2/20 National Muffin Day
- 2/23 National Tootsie Roll Day
- 2/27 International Polar Bear Day



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# Guppy Goodies

# Fin Funnies!



## HIPPO CUPCAKES

### Ingredients:

- Nutter Butter cookies
- White chocolate candy coating
- Mini chocolate chips
- Fruity "O's" cereal (like Froot Loops or fruity Cheerios)
- Blue frosted cupcakes (homemade or store bought)

### Directions:

- Melt white chocolate candy coating in the microwave in 20 second increments.
- Working quickly, use the candy coating to 'glue' the chocolate chip eyes on and do attach cereal for the hippo's ears and nostrils.
- Place a hippo head on each cupcake like it is popping out of the frosting 'water'.

What is a hippo's favorite kind of music?

**Hippo-hop!**

What animal can put you in a trance?

**A hypnopotamus!**

What did the hippo get when he started working out?

**Hippopotamuscles!**

# Fintastic Deals!

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