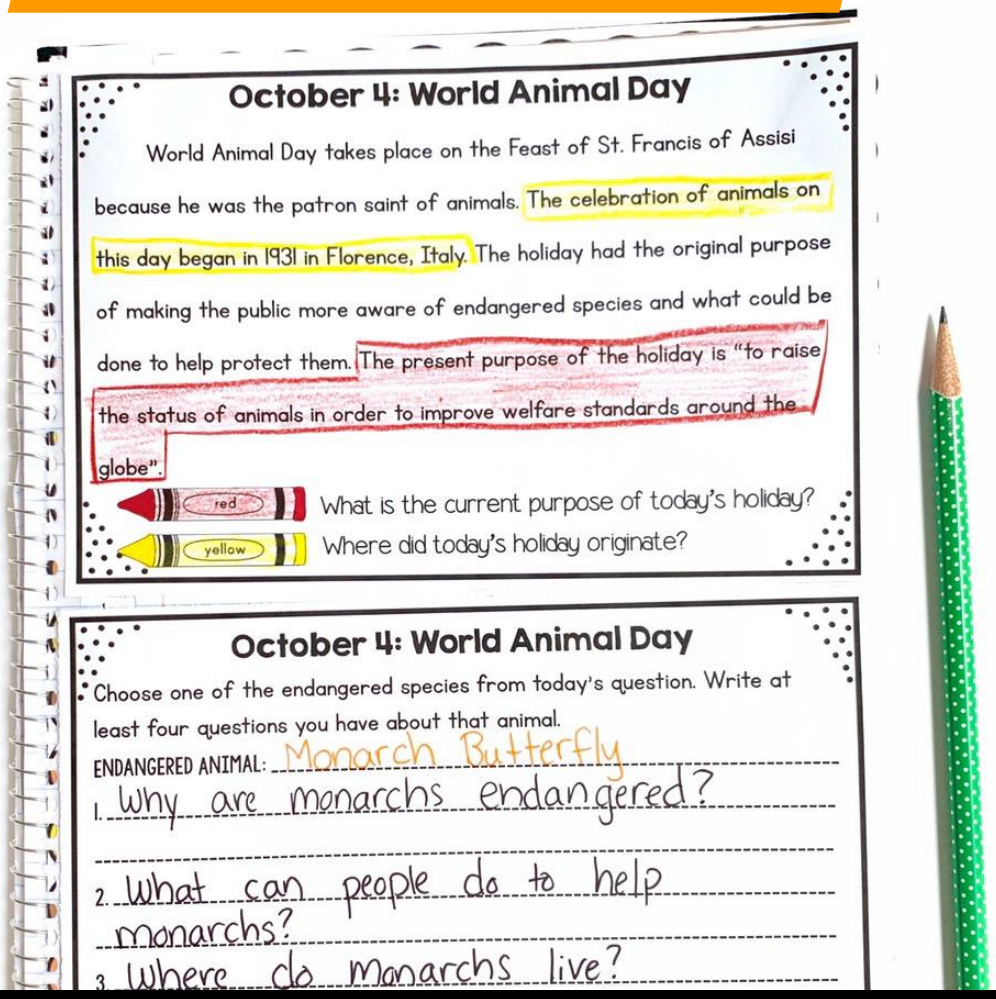
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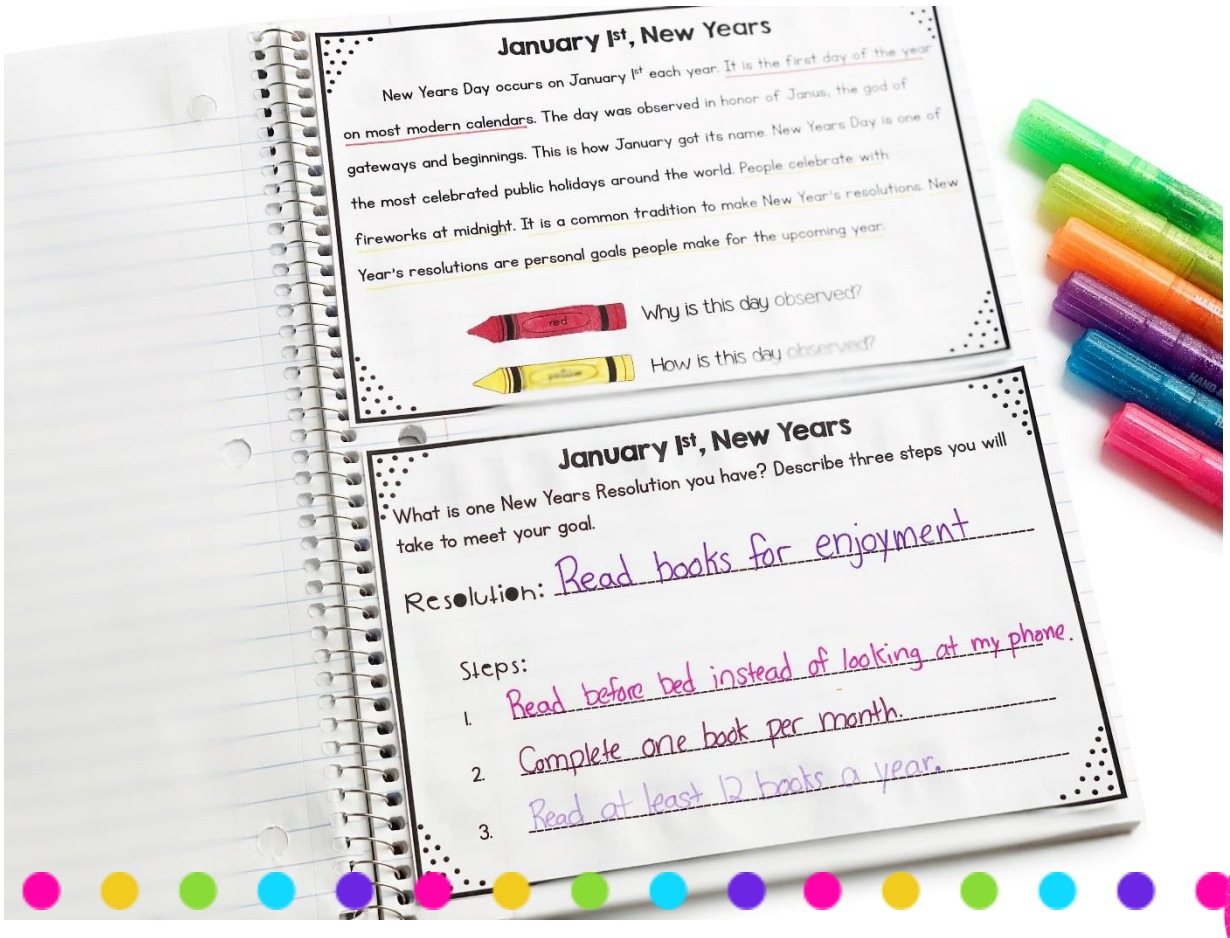


2nd & 3rd Grade Morning Work

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OCTOBER HOLIDAYS

Morning Work



Tips for Implementation

Overview

Routines are key for classroom management! Having a consistent morning routine with activities your students can complete independently is crucial to helping teachers get organized and start the day off on the right foot.

When I was in the classroom, I wanted to provide quick, meaningful, standards-based work that would help my students solidify some important skills through repetition.

These morning work activities are designed to be engaging and fun, while also integrating reading, math, science, social studies, and health. Using these activities in your daily morning routine will help your students with:

- **Reading Comprehension:** Find text evidence for "right there" questions.
- **Writing:** Be exposed to various genres of writing, including opinion, functional, narrative, and reading response passages. Students will be required to use examples and details to support their thinking.
- **Math:** Create and respond to questions about bar graphs.

I recommend giving your students approximately 15 minutes to complete all of the activities each morning.

Review and Quality Control

Let's be honest. You don't need "one more thing" to grade. Who has time for that? Spend five minutes each day reviewing students' responses and asking follow-up graphing questions as a class.

I do recommend taking a few minutes either every day or weekly to do quick checks in your classes' journals.

I prefer "quick checks" daily. In the last few minutes of morning work time, rotate through the classroom with your flair pen, and skim students' work to give them feedback (orally or written). Quick check marks show that you checked certain entries. If you are not consistently checking quality and setting expectations for complete responses, students will not produce quality work. The work will not be meaningful then.

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October

Date	Holiday
1	National Black Dog Day
2	National Custodian Day
3	National Poetry Day
4	World Animal Day
5	National Rhode Island Day
6	World Cerebral Palsy Day
7	National Child Health Day
8	Yom Kippur
9	National Stop Bullying Day
10	World Mental Health Day
11	International Day of the Girl
12	National Vermont Day
13	Navy Birthday
14	Indigenous People's Day
15	National Grouch Day
16	National Feral Cat Day
17	National Mulligan Day
18	National Chocolate Cupcake Day
19	National Kentucky Day
20	World Osteoporosis Day
21	National Reptile Day
22	National Nut Day
23	National Boston Cream Pie Day
24	United Nations Day
25	National Art Day
26	National Tennessee Day
27	National Black Cat Day
28	National First Responders Day
29	World Psoriasis Day
30	National Checklist Day
31	Halloween

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Daily Bar Graph Directions

Use your dry-erase board or a piece of chart paper as a daily graph template. Laminating a piece of chart paper will help it last longer and allow you to change graph titles.

Setting up the Graph

1. Each morning, set up the graph by labeling the graph title and x- and y-axes with sticky notes. (Print the labels using the sticky note template. Print out the template, and place sticky notes on the indicated squares. Run the sheet through your printer with the sticky notes attached as normal.)
2. As your students become familiar with the routines, have them take over with setting up the graph! Leave the titles and labels blank, and ask your students what they should be during your review time. You can also select different students each day to set up and label the graph.
3. Provide blank sticky notes for your students to use each morning to select their graphing choices. To save paper, laminate sticky notes, and place magnets or Velcro on the backs.
4. After students complete the writing activity, have them place their squares on the graph.



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Bar Graph Questions

Asking Graphing Questions

When beginning this routine, I recommend asking the graphing questions orally and having your students respond orally during a class meeting. As they become familiar with routines and questions, you can have them write and answer their own questions. I had my early finishers write and answer questions that followed my question formats. They would then "play teacher" by running the review and asking their classmates their questions.

2nd Grade Graphing Questions (2.MD.D.10- Single Scale Graphs)

- How many people selected (choice 1) and (choice 2)?
- (The number of) students voted today. If (a number of) students voted for (choice 1), how many students voted for (choice 2)?
- How many more people selected (choice 1) than (choice 2)?
- How many less people selected (choice 1) than (choice 2)?

3rd Grade Graphing Questions (3.MD.B.3- Scaled Graphs)

After students have mastered questions in the 2nd grade category, begin to mix up the graphing scales, and ask the following questions:

- 2-Step "How Many More" Questions: How many more people selected (choice 1 and 2) than (choice 3)?
- 2-Step "How Many Less" Questions: How many less people selected (choice 1 and 2) than (choice 3)?

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Graphing Questions

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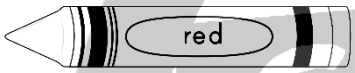
Sticky Note Template:

Print this page, and place blank sticky notes on the squares. Print the category pages using this template.

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Did you know that black dogs are less likely to be adopted than other colored or spotted dogs that are also available for adoption? Some people have unfair bias and judge dogs (and people) based on their colors. Some people worry that black fur will be more noticeable in their houses and on clothing. This ridiculous idea results in many homeless dogs that could make loving family members. Today is the day we try to help make sure that black dogs find forever homes. Black dogs are just as loyal, sweet, and deserving as any other colored dog!



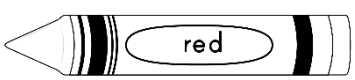
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Do You or Anyone You Know Have a Black Dog?



Yes



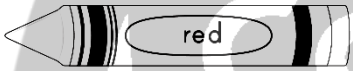
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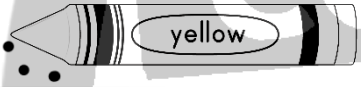
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October 2: National Custodian Day

Custodians work tirelessly behind the scenes in schools, hospitals, business buildings, stadiums, and various other places. They keep the buildings in tip-top shape by ensuring that they are clean and that everything works properly. We can make their jobs easier for them by cleaning up after ourselves and being respectful of the properties we visit. Be sure to go out of your way today to find your school custodians and thank them for a tough job well done! While you're at it, help clean up trash on the floor of your classroom or school hallway to make their job easier.



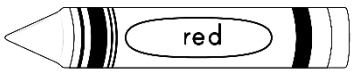
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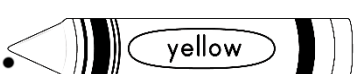
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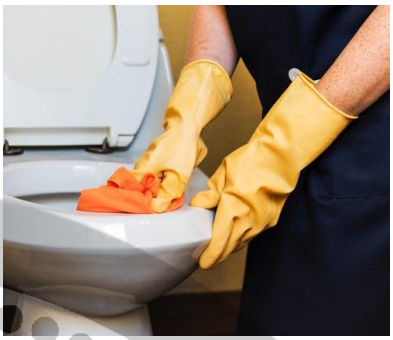
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What Do You Think Is the Hardest Part of Being a Custodian?



Keeping All of the Floors Clean



Keeping All of the Bathrooms Clean



Maintaining the Landscaping Outside



Maintaining the Inside of the Building

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October 3: National Poetry Day

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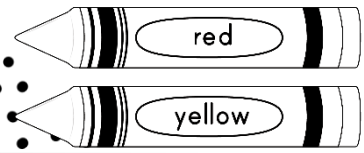


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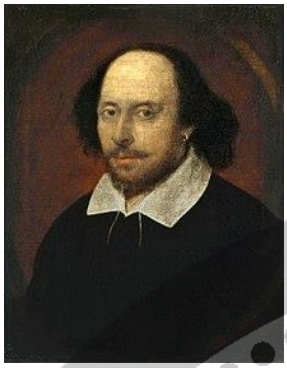
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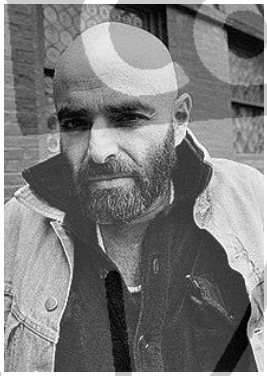
Which Famous Poet Would You Like to Learn More About?



William Shakespeare



Emily Dickinson



Shel Silverstein



Phillis Wheatley

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