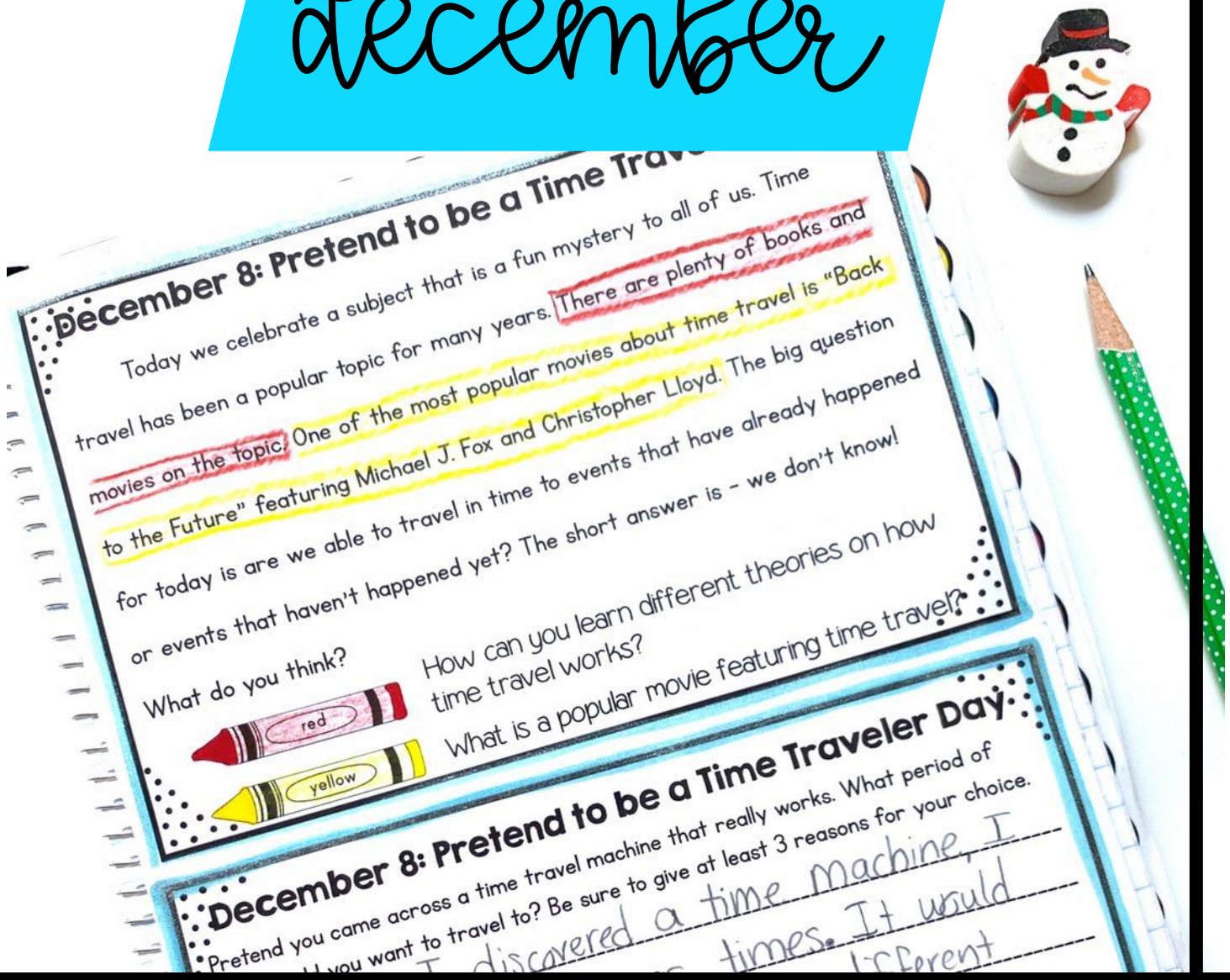
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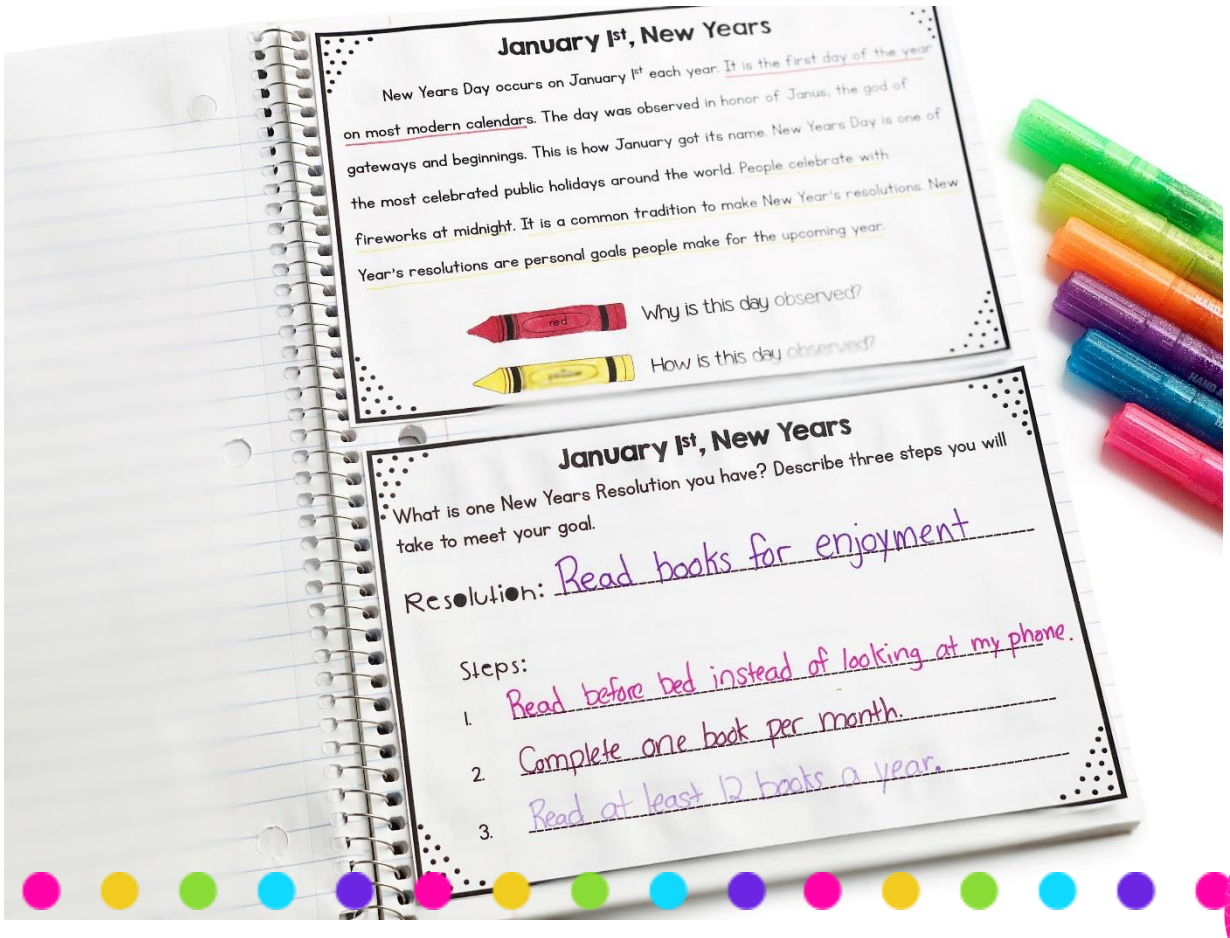


2nd & 3rd Grade Morning Work

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DECEMBER 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 help 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 student 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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December

Date	Holiday
1	National Eat a Red Apple Day
2	Special Education Day
3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities
4	National Sock Day
5	Bathtub Party Day
6	National Microwave Oven Day
7	National Illinois Day
8	Pretend to be a Time Traveler Day
9	Weary Willie Day
10	Nobel Prize Day
11	National App Day
12	Gingerbread House Day
13	National Violin Day
14	National Alabama Day
15	Bill of Rights Day
16	National Chocolate-Covered Anything Day
17	Wright Brothers Day
18	Answer the Phone Like Buddy the Elf Day
19	National Hard Candy Day
20	Mudd Day
21	National Maine Day
22	National Date Nut Bread Day
23	First Day of Hanukkah
24	National Eggnog Day
25	Christmas Day
26	First Day of Kwanzaa
27	National Fruitcake Day
28	Pledge of Allegiance Day
29	Tick Tock Day
30	National Bicarbonate of Soda Day
31	New Year's Eve

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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 doing 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)

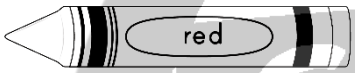
After students have mastered questions in the 2nd grade category, begin to mix up the graphing scales, and ask the following questions:

- 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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December 1: National Eat a Red Apple Day

"An apple a day keeps the doctor away!" Today is the perfect day to put the old saying to the test. Apples have limited calories while containing loads of fiber (which keeps you full longer) and vitamin C (which keeps your immune system healthy). Even an apple's skin has antioxidants (which help protect your body's cells). There are about 10,000 types of apples making it easy to find one to enjoy. While today celebrates the tastiness of the red apple, green and yellow apples are also common.



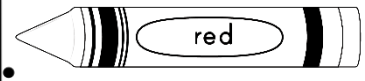
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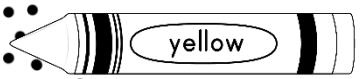
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Write a recipe for a delicious apple pie!

Ingredients

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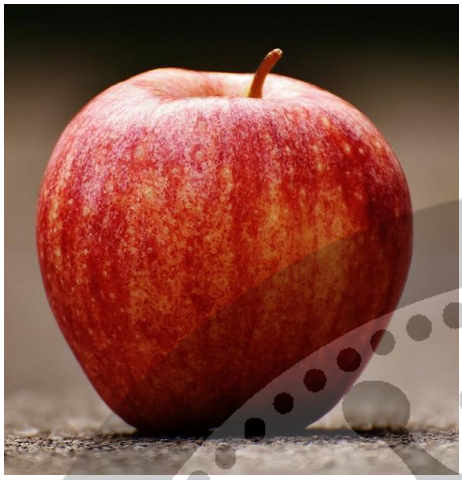
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Which is your favorite color apple?



Red



Green

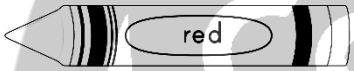


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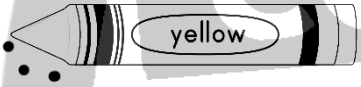
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December 2: Special Education Day

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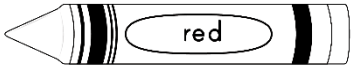
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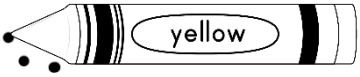
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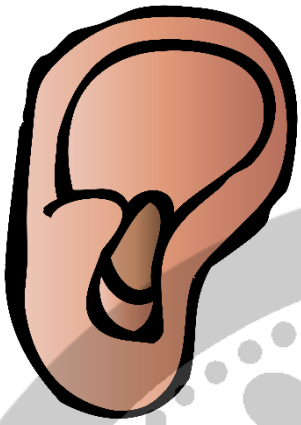
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If you could only use one sense, which sense do you think would help you learn most?



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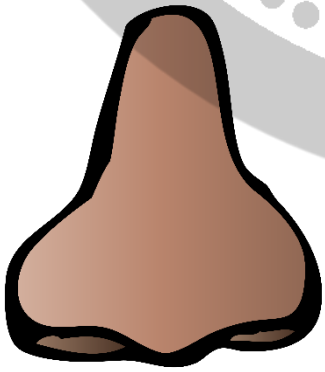
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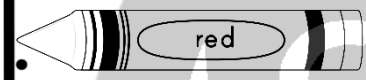


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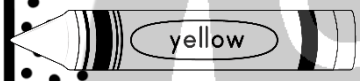
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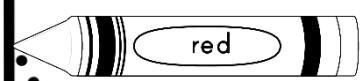
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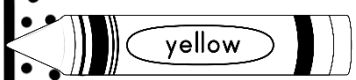
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Which types of socks to you prefer?



Ankle Socks



Crew Socks



Knee Highs

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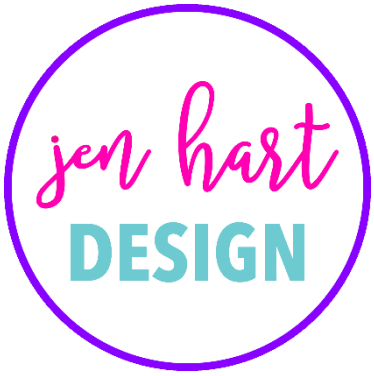
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