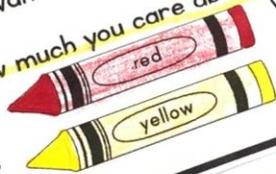


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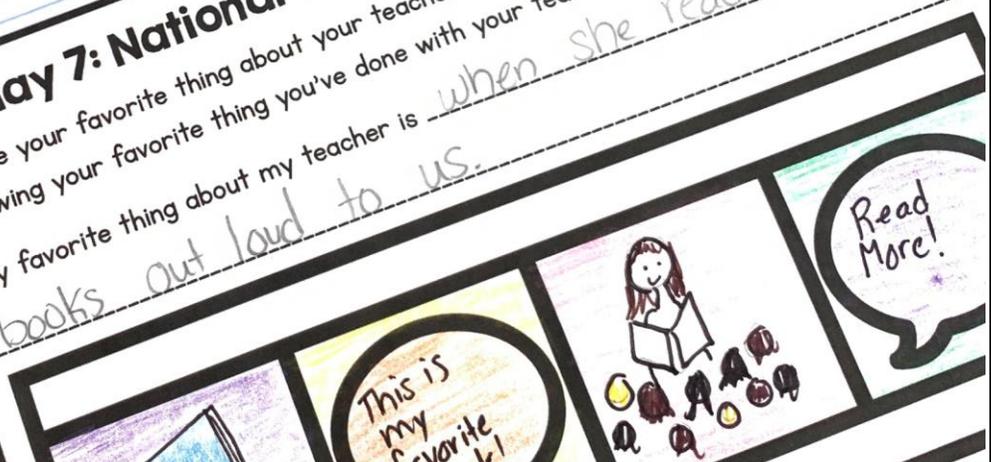
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how much you care about them, too.



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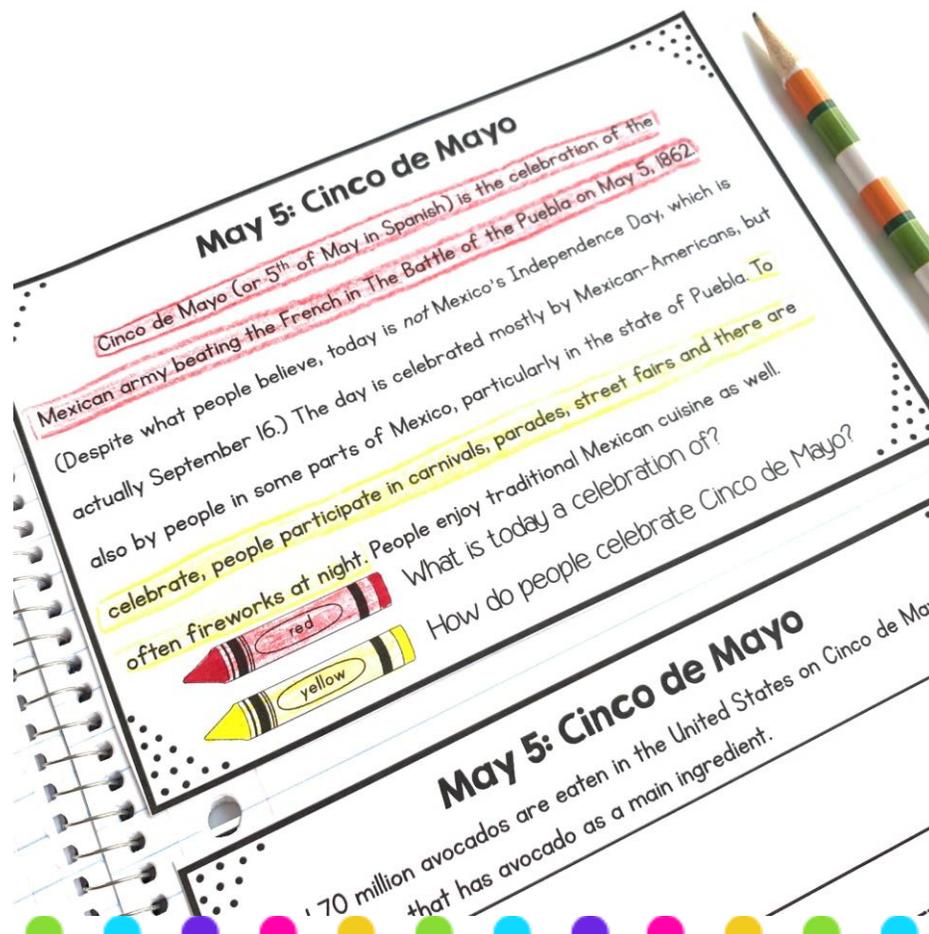


2nd & 3rd Grade Morning Work



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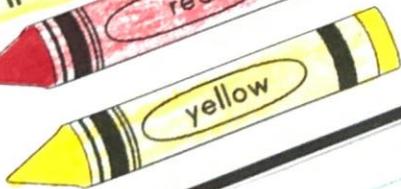
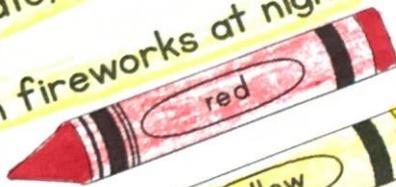


May 5: Cinco de Mayo

Cinco de Mayo (or 5th of May in Spanish) is the celebration of the Mexican army beating the French in The Battle of the Puebla on May 5, 1862.

Despite what people believe, today is not Mexico's Independence Day, which is actually September 16.) The day is celebrated mostly by Mexican-Americans, but also by people in some parts of Mexico, particularly in the state of Puebla. To celebrate, people participate in carnivals, parades, street fairs and there are

often fireworks at night.



People enjoy traditional Mexican cuisine as well. What is today a celebration of? How do people celebrate Cinco de Mayo?

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Around 70 million avocados are eaten in the United States on Cinco de Mayo.

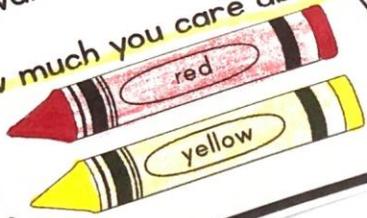
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Your teacher loves you. Your teacher thinks about you, and the type of learner you are, and plans lessons just for you. Yes, you! He or she goes home and answers emails and phone calls, corrects papers and stays up late thinking about you and your classmates every day. Today is the day to tell your teacher how much you enjoy them. Give your teacher an unsolicited compliment. Thank them for wanting what is best for you, or give them a hug for no reason to show them how much you care about them, too.

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This is my favorite book!



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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 (oral 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.

May

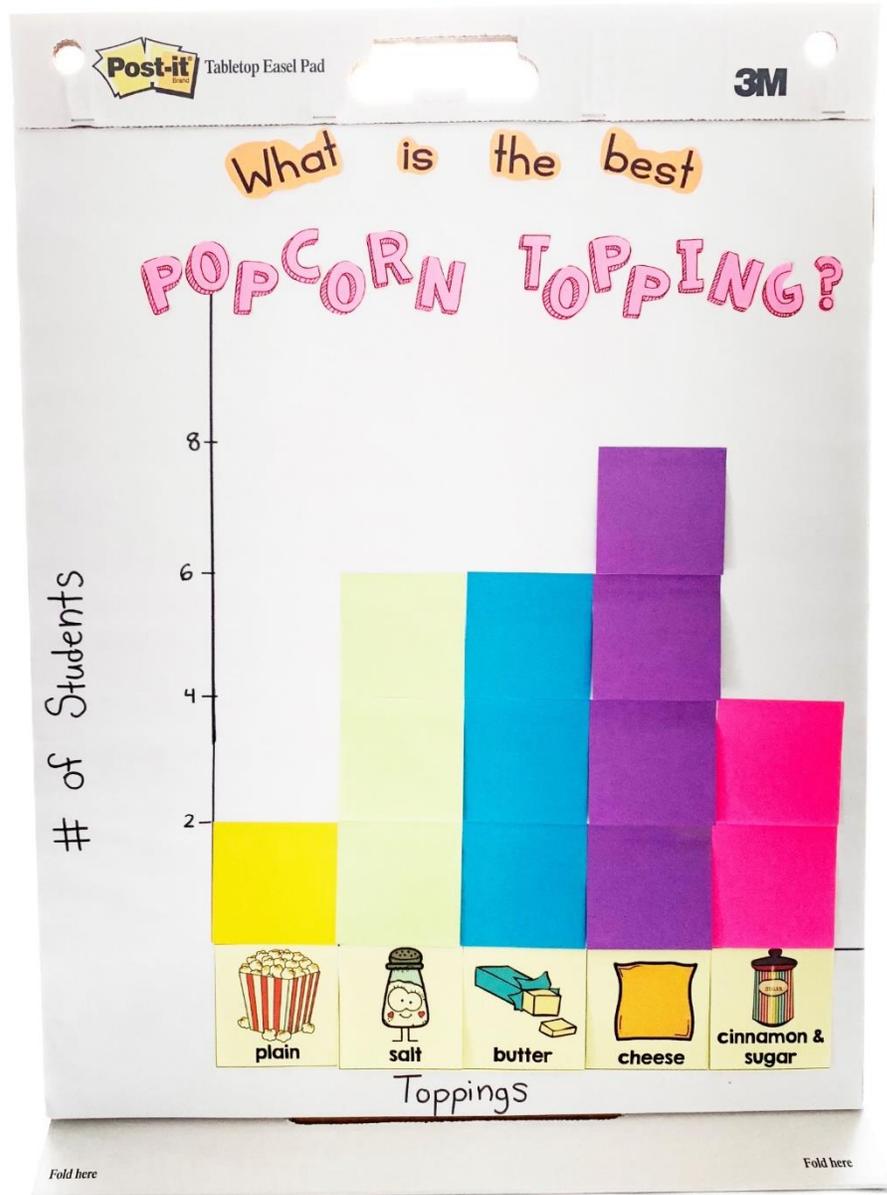
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1	May Day
2	National Truffle Day
3	National Montana Day
4	National Fitness Day
5	Cinco de Mayo
6	National Nurses Day
7	National Teacher Appreciation Day
8	National School Nurse Day
9	National Lost Sock Memorial Day
10	National Washington Day
11	National Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Day
12	Mother's Day
13	National Apple Pie Day
14	National Underground America Day
15	Peace Officers Memorial Day
16	National Do Something Good for Your Neighbor Day
17	National Endangered Species Day
18	National Armed Forces Day
19	National Devil's Food Cake Day
20	National Rescue Dog Day
21	National America Red Cross Founder's Day
22	National Maritime Day
23	National Lucky Penny Day
24	National Wyoming Day
25	National Brown Bag-It Day
26	National Paper Airplane Day
27	Memorial Day
28	National Hamburger Day
29	National Paperclip Day
30	World Multiple Sclerosis Day
31	National Utah Day

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 each 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.



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 how many people selected (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)?

May 1: May Day

May 1st was the first day of summer on many ancient calendars. This was a reason to celebrate! People would grow flowers, put them in cone-shaped baskets and give them to neighbors. These baskets later became known as “May baskets” or “May Day baskets”. Today, people hang the baskets on doorknobs, sometimes with additional treats, ring the doorbell, and run away. In England, people celebrate a May Queen and dance around a maypole. In Finland there is a celebration similar to a carnival and they drink special lemonade. Italians have a seasonal feast. No matter what you do, today is a day to celebrate spring!



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Kingdom

What is your favorite type of flower?



Lilies



Roses



Daffodils



Tulips



Daisies



Hydrangea

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