# BACK TO SCHOOL Project Based Learning 

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## FOR THE TEACHER

BACK TO SCHOOL is a project-based learning task that was created for students in fifth grade.
Students assume the role of a classroom teacher and plan a return to school for their students. It reviews fourth grade standards while introducing fifth grade standards. The following standards are addressed:

- 5.NF.A.I Add and subtract fractions with unlike denominators.
- 5.NBT.B. 5 Fluently multiply multi-digit whole numbers using the standard algorithm.
- 5.NBT.B. 6 Find whole-number quotients of whole numbers with up to four-digit dividends and two-digit divisors.
- 5.NBT.B. 7 Add, subtract, multiply, and divide decimals to hundredths.
- 5.MD.A.I Convert among different-sized standard measurement units within a given measurement system.
- 5.MD.B. 8 Make a line plot to display a data set of measurements in fractions of a unit.
- 5.G.B. 4 Classify two-dimensional figures in a hierarchy based on properties.


## DIRECTIONS:

I. Decide whether to have students complete the activities as a class, independently, or in small groups.
2. Preview the activity with your students.
3. Allow students class time to complete the activity. This can span several days.
4. Allow students an opportunity to complete extra challenge activities (Optional).
5. Allow students to complete the self-reflection and evaluation rubric.
6. Allow students an opportunity to share their completed projects.

## BACK TO SCHOOL

It's the most wonderful time of the year: time to go back to schooll You are a fifth-grade teacher, and you are getting ready to welcome your students to a new school year! Fill out the nametag below with your teacher name so your students can get to know you. You will be organizing your classroom, planning your class schedule, and making sure everything is ready for your fifth-grade students!

Here are your tasks:

- Read through the entire packet before beginning.
- Create seating charts for your students.
- Plan your class's daily schedule.
- Organize your classroom supplies.
- Help your students complete a fun measurement activity on their first day of school.
- Analyze textbook lengths.
- Complete the challenge pages. (Optional)
- Complete the self-reflection and evaluation rubric.


## SEATING CHART

Before your students arrive, you need to make a seating chart. The diagram below shows the tables that are in your classroom.

I. What is the shape of each table? Write the shape name in the space under each table.
2. You want to partition Table I into sixths so that six students can sit there. Draw lines to partition Table I into sixths.
3. You know that $\frac{1}{3}$ of the seats at Table I will be occupied by girls. How many girls will be seated at Table I?
4. The remainder of the seats at Table I will be occupied by boys. What fraction of the seats at Table I will be boys? Show as two equivalent fractions.

## CLASS SCHEDULE

Next, you need to plan your class schedule. The clocks below show the times your class does certain things.


School starts

I. You arrive at school 35 minutes before school starts to prepare for the day. Use the number line to show at what time you arrive.

2. How much time elapses between recess and when school ends? Show on the number line.


## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

You have lots of supplies for your students to use to help them learn this year. The table below shows how many of each school supplies item you have. Use the data to answer the questions.

| Supply | Paperclips | of Scissors | Glue Sticks | Crayons | Pencils |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number | 825 | 24 | 35 | 384 |  |

I. There are 6 times as many pencils as there are glue sticks. Fill in the number of pencils on the table.
2. The crayons come in packs of 24 . How many packs of crayons do you have?
3. There are an equal number of red, green, and yellow paperclips. How many paperclips are there of each color?


## PENCIL LENGTHS

It's the first day of school, and your students have arrived at the classroom! For your first math class, you want your students to practice using a ruler. You have each student take out their pencils and measure them. Cut out the ruler and use to measure each student's pencil from the end of the eraser to the tip of the point. Record the pencil length to the nearest quarter inch in the table.


## PENCIL LENGTHS

3. Look at the information on the table you created on the previous page. Use that data to create a line plot of pencil lengths below. Fill in the missing measurements on the line plot. Then, draw an $X$ to plot the length of each pencil. Finally, give your line plot a title in the bottom box.

## TEXTBOOKS

Each student will receive a textbook for math, reading, science, and social studies. The textbooks and the number of pages in each are shown below.

I. The science textbook has 14 chapters with an equal number of pages in each chapter. The remaining pages are a glossary in the back of the book. How long is each chapter? How long is the glossary?
2. In the reading textbook, there are 18 chapters with 15 pages each. There are also 16 more chapters with 16 pages each. How many pages are in the reading textbook in total? Fill in the box below the book.
3. How many more pages are in the math book than the social studies book?


## CHALLENGE \#1: BACKPACK WEIGHTS

As a getting-to-know-you activity on the first day of school, you decide to play a game where students guess the masses of each others' backpacks. Below you 'can see some students' names and the contents of their backpacks. Guess the mass of each student's backpack in kilograms to the nearest tenth. Remember, one kilogram is approximately the weight of one pineapple

| Student Name | Marcms | Alice | Jo | D DJ | Marcia |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Backpack <br> Contents | 3 Books <br> 2 Notebooks <br> Headphones <br> Sweatshirt | \| Book <br> Lunchbox <br> Pencil case <br> I Binder | 2 Books <br> 4 Folders <br> Water bottle <br> Pencil case | 4 Books <br> 3 Notebooks <br> 2 Folders <br> Pencil case | 3 Books <br> 2 Binders <br> Planner <br> Pair of sneakers |
| Mass Estimate <br> (in kilograms) |  |  |  |  |  |

I. Whose backpack do you estimate to be the heaviest?
2. Whose backpack do you estimate to be the lightest?


## SELF-REFLECTION

Write a reflection of your experience with this project. How did you feel about the math problems and activities? Explain what you found easy to do and any difficulties you had while working on this project. Did you enjoy this activity? Why or why not?


## RATE THIS PROJECT

Circle the statement you most agree with.
I am ready for something harder.
This was just right.
I found this very challenging.

## SELF-EVALUATION

Circle one box per row on the rubric that expresses how you rate yourself on this Project Based Learning Activity.

|  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I felt very confident about the math in this project. | I felt pretty good about my ability to complete the math in this project. | I felt a lot of the math in this project was too hard for me to do alone. |
| I understood all of the math and did not need help to complete the problems. | I understood most of the math but needed a little help to solve some of the problems. | I understood some of the math but needed help to complete most of the problems. |
| I easily used many strategies to solve the math problems efficiently. | I needed some help to use the best strategies for solving the math problems. | I had trouble understanding the best way to solve many of the math problems. |
| I feel I am ready for a harder math project. | I feel I would like to spend more time practicing similar math problems. | I feel I need assistance to work on similar math problems |

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