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• Annie
• Harley

• Jump through
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• bone eating
contest

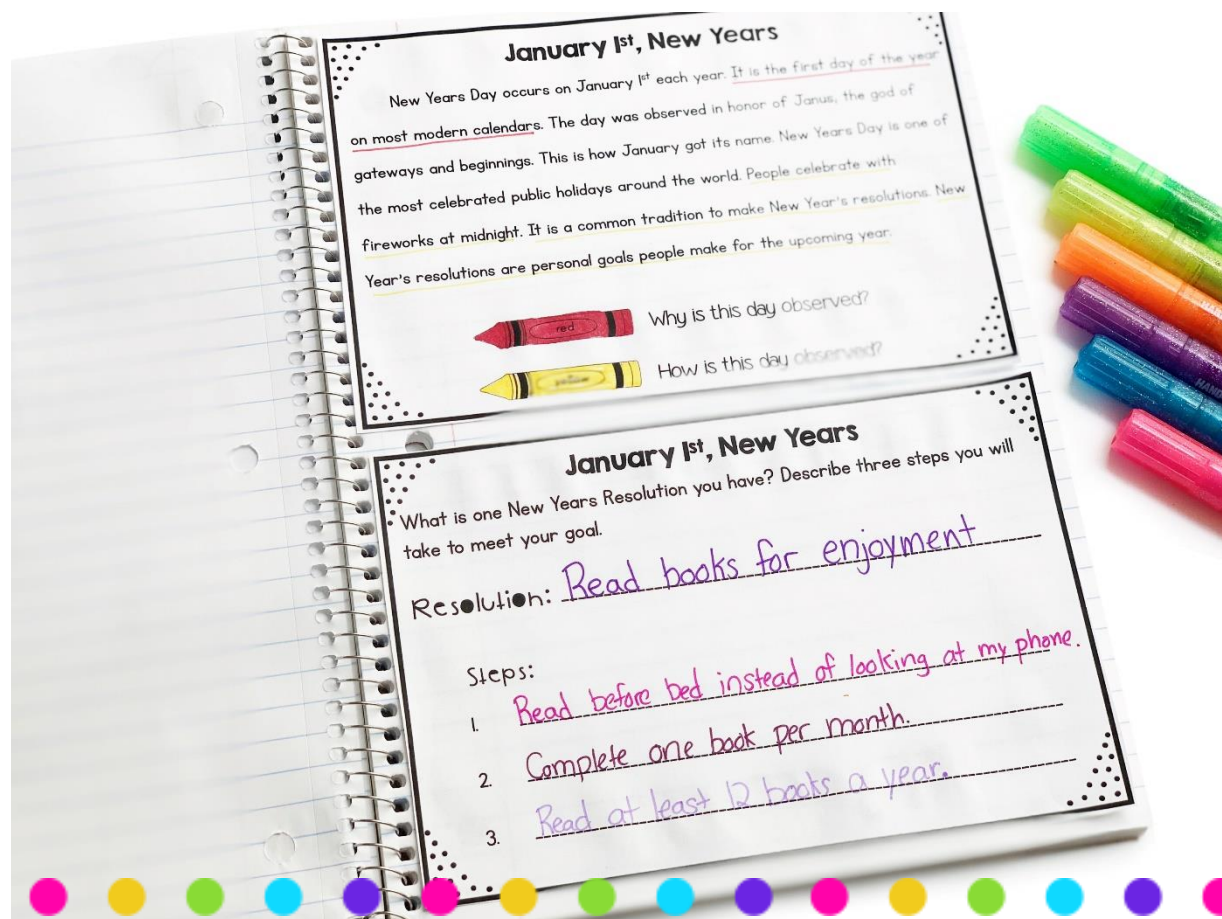


2nd & 3rd Grade Morning Work



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AUGUST 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 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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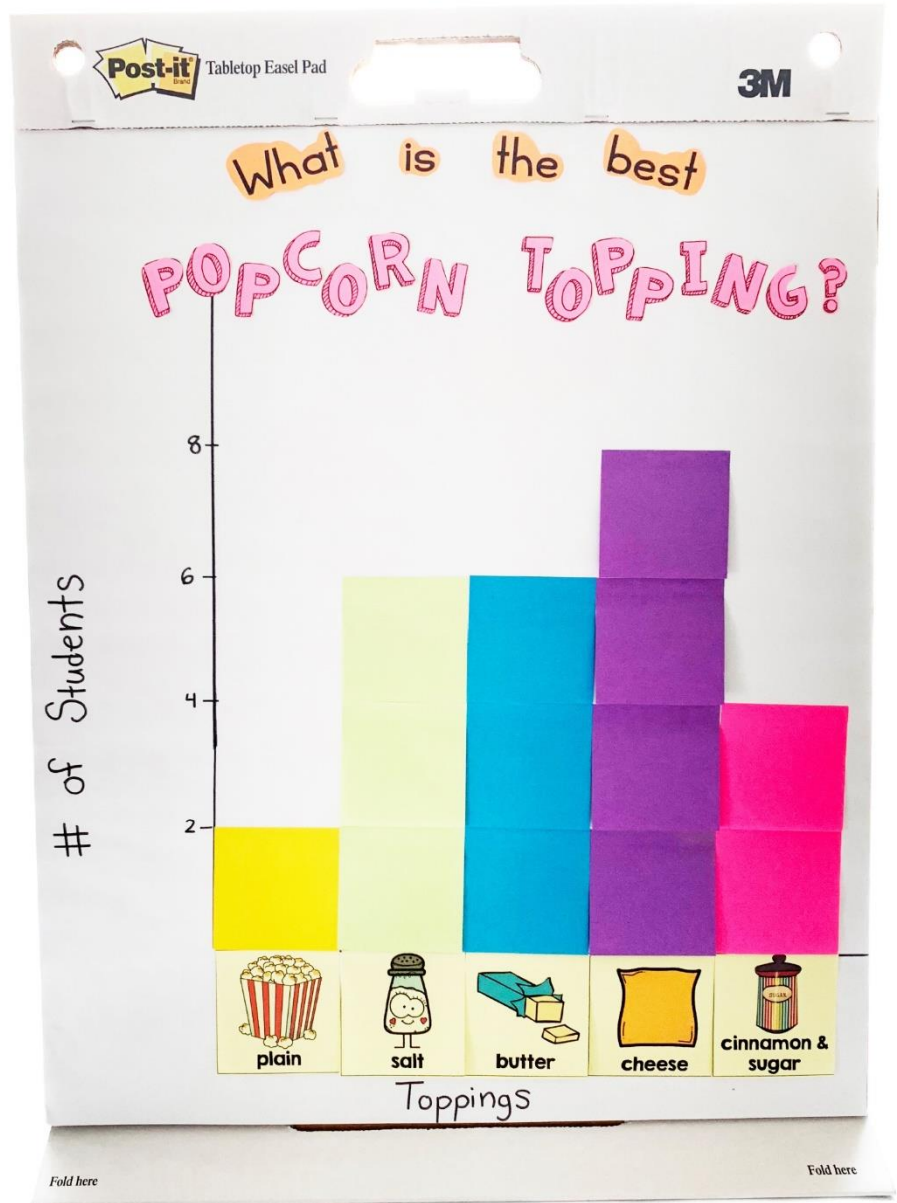
Date	Holiday
1	DOGust Universal Birthday for Shelter Dogs
2	National Coloring Book Day
3	National Georgia Day
4	National Friendship Day
5	National Underwear Day
6	National Fresh Breath Day
7	National Lighthouse Day
8	World Cat Day
9	National Book Lovers Day
10	National Connecticut Day
11	National Sons and Daughters Day
12	International Youth Day
13	International Left-handers Day
14	National Financial Awareness Day
15	National Relaxation Day
16	National Tell a Joke Day
17	National Massachusetts Day
18	National Fajita Day
19	National Aviation Day
20	National Bacon Lovers Day
21	National Senior Citizens Day
22	National Tooth Fairy Day
23	National Sponge Cake Day
24	National Maryland Day
25	National Banana Split Day
26	National Women's Equality Day
27	National Just Because Day
28	National Power Rangers Day
29	National Chop Suey Day
30	National College Colors Day
31	National South Carolina 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 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.



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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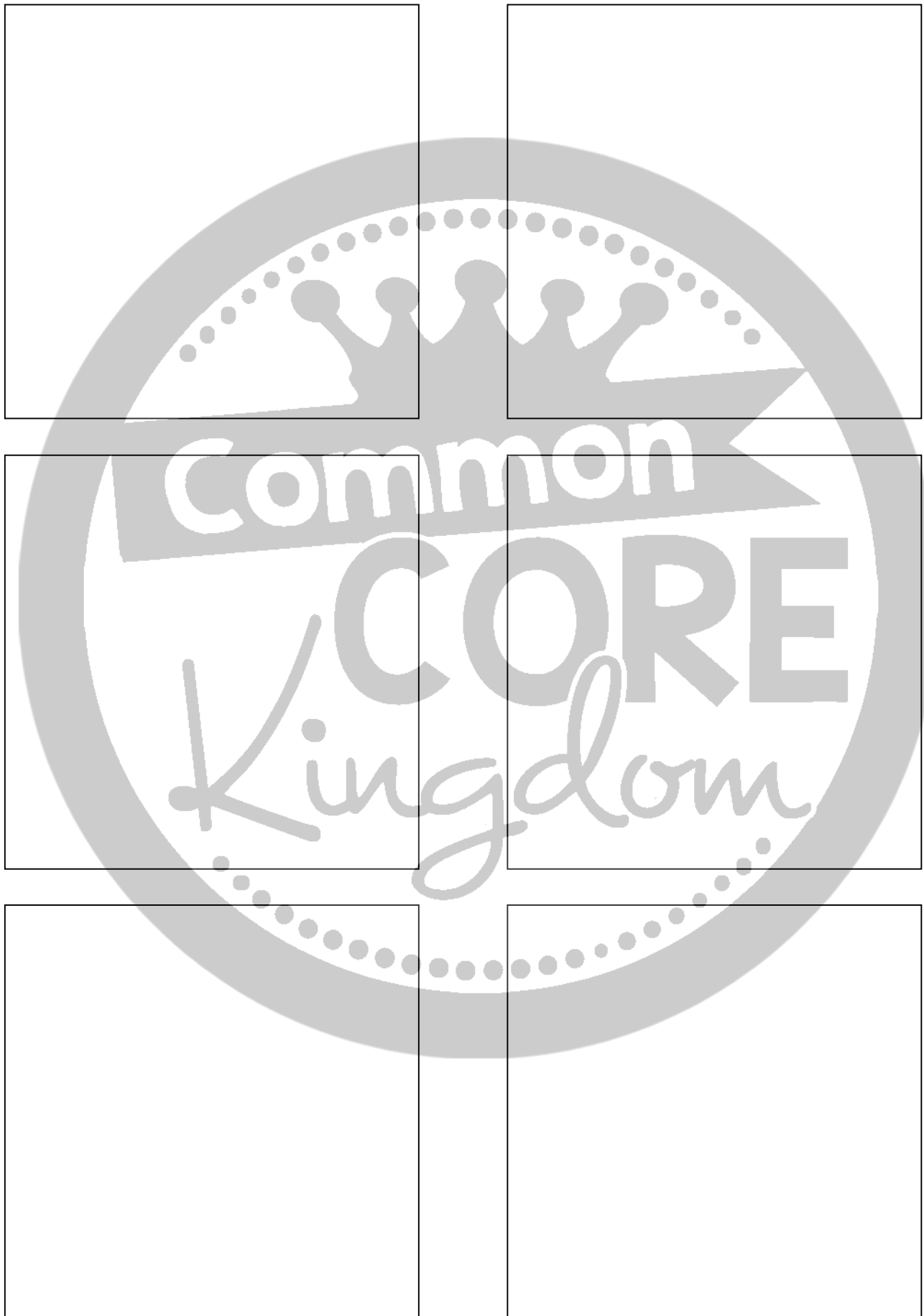
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Sticky Note Template:

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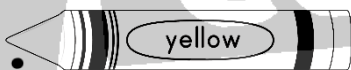
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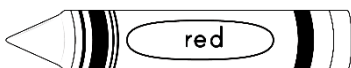


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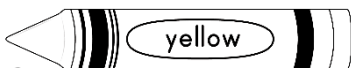
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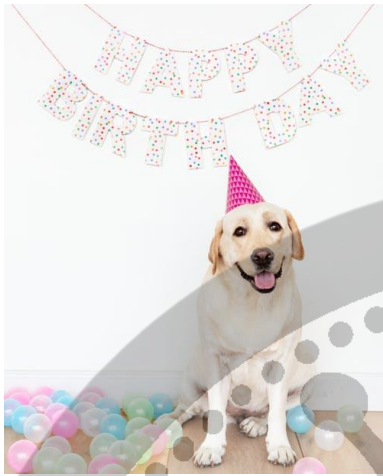
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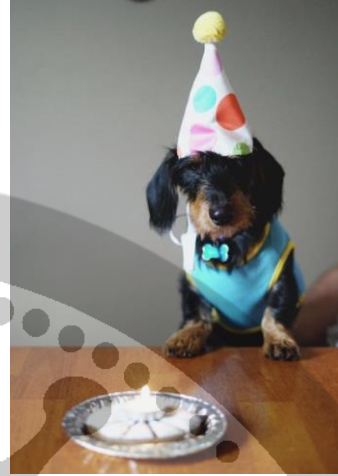
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Which Do You Think Is Most Important to a Dog at Its Birthday Party?



Decor



Dessert



Party Activities



Whoever Else Is Invited

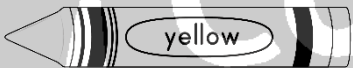
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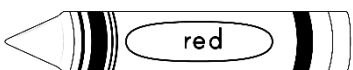


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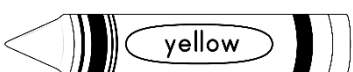
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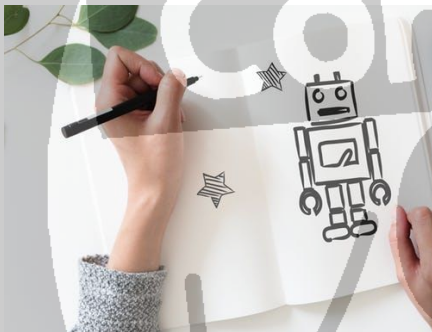
Which Do You Prefer?



**Coloring in a
Coloring Book**



**Drawing and then
Coloring Your Own
Picture**

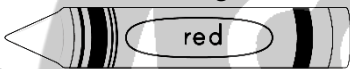


**Sketching Your
Own Picture
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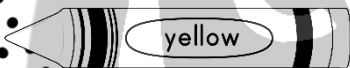
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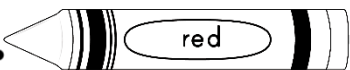


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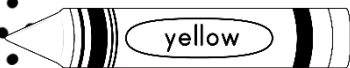
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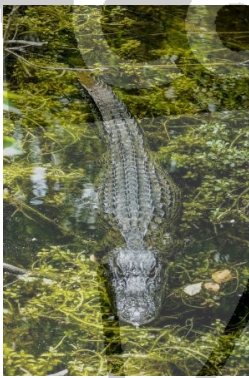
Which Georgia Tourist Attraction Would You Most Like to Visit?



**MLK, Jr. National
Historic Site**



**Ocmulgee
National
Monument**



**Okefenokee
Swamp**



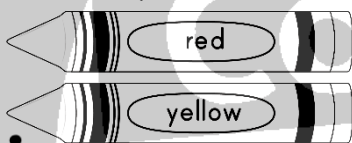
Jekyll Island



**Atlanta Botanic
Garden**

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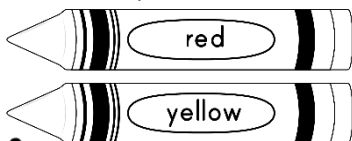


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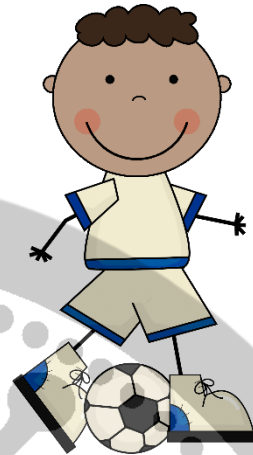
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Where Did You Meet Some of Your Best Friends?



School



Sports



Club



Neighborhood

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