

# CELEBRATE EVERYDAY

january



How much popcorn do Americans eat per year?  
What are some of the different ways you can eat popcorn?

## January 19th, National Popcorn Day

Draw a short comic about a popcorn kernel that is alive.

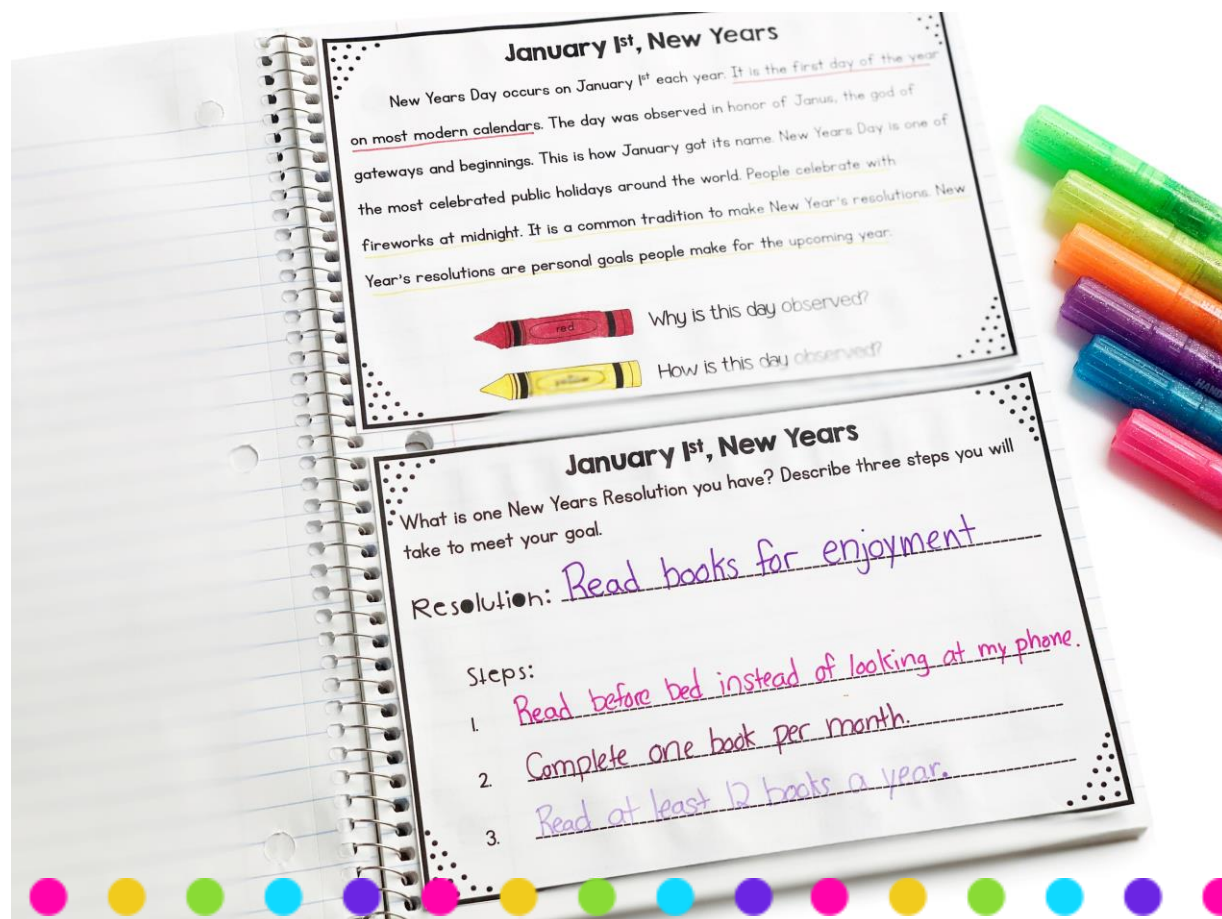


## 2nd & 3rd Grade Morning Work



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January 31<sup>st</sup>



# JANUARY 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.



# January



| Date | Holiday                                 |
|------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1    | New Year's Day                          |
| 2    | Science Fiction Day                     |
| 3    | Festival of Sleep Day                   |
| 4    | World Braille Day                       |
| 5    | National Bird Day                       |
| 6    | National Bean Day                       |
| 7    | Old Rock Day                            |
| 8    | Earth's Rotation Day                    |
| 9    | National Take the Stairs Day            |
| 10   | Cut Your Energy Costs Day               |
| 11   | International Thank You Day             |
| 12   | Work Harder Day                         |
| 13   | Make Your Dreams Come True Day          |
| 14   | Makar Sankranti                         |
| 15   | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day             |
| 16   | International Hot and Spicy Food Day    |
| 17   | Kid Inventors Day                       |
| 18   | Winnie the Pooh Day                     |
| 19   | Popcorn Day                             |
| 20   | Penguin Awareness Day                   |
| 21   | Squirrel Appreciation Day               |
| 22   | National Answer Your Cat's Question Day |
| 23   | National Pie Day                        |
| 24   | National Compliment Day                 |
| 25   | Opposite Day                            |
| 26   | Australia Day                           |
| 27   | National Chocolate Cake Day             |
| 28   | National Blueberry Pancake Day          |
| 29   | Freethinkers Day                        |
| 30   | School Day of Non-violence and Peace    |
| 31   | Backwards 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.

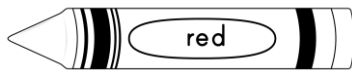
## Setting up the Graph

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.



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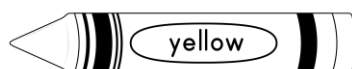
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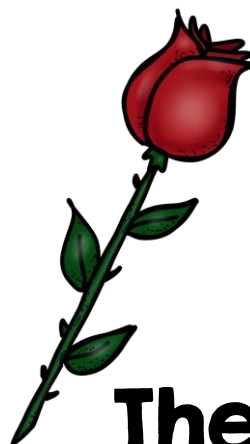
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# What Is the Best Part About New Year's Day?



**No School**



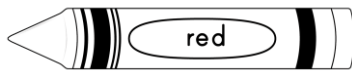
**The Rose  
Parade**



**Playing with  
Gifts**

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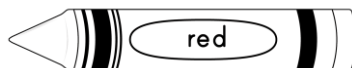
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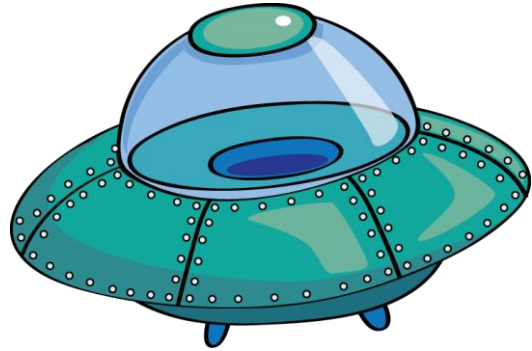
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2. \_\_\_\_\_

# What Is Your Favorite Science Fiction Topic?



**Space and  
Aliens**



**The Future**



**Experiments**



**Time Travel**

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Black beans, red beans, garbanzo beans, and lima beans...there are about 40,000 varieties of beans. Did you know that beans are one of the longest cultivated plants? Beans are a healthy addition to any meal. They are high in fiber and protein and low in fat. In fact, vegetarians often consume more of the legumes to ensure that they eat a balanced diet.



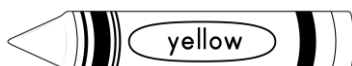
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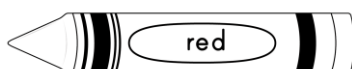
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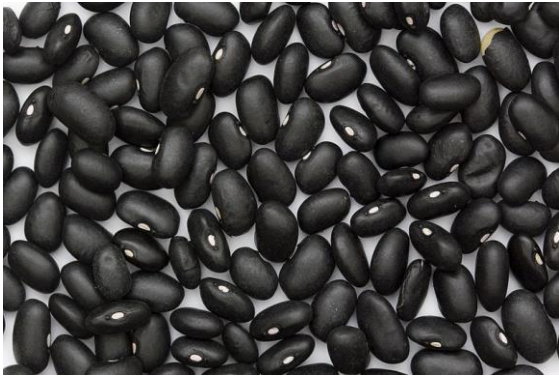
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# Which Is Your Favorite Type of Beans?



**Black Beans**



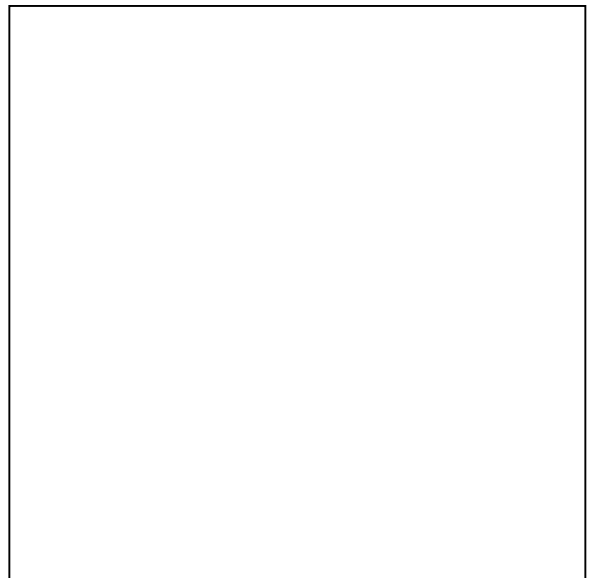
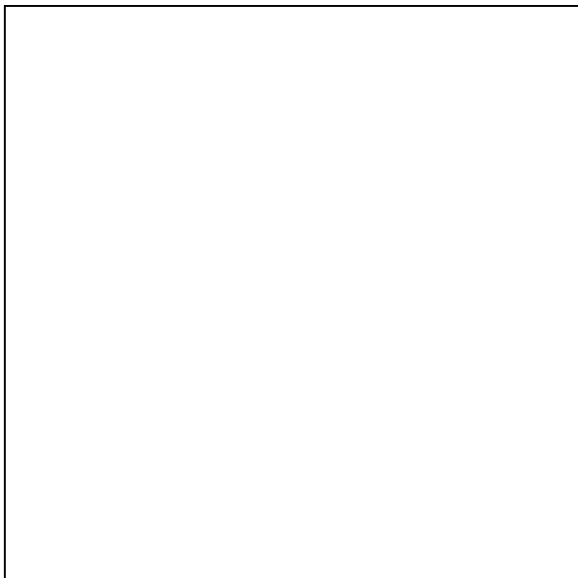
**Garbanzo Beans**



**Red Beans**



**Jelly Beans**



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