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Ingredients:

- Fruit Pizza
- Strawberries
- Kiwi
- pineapple
- blueberries
- Nutella
- Pizza dough

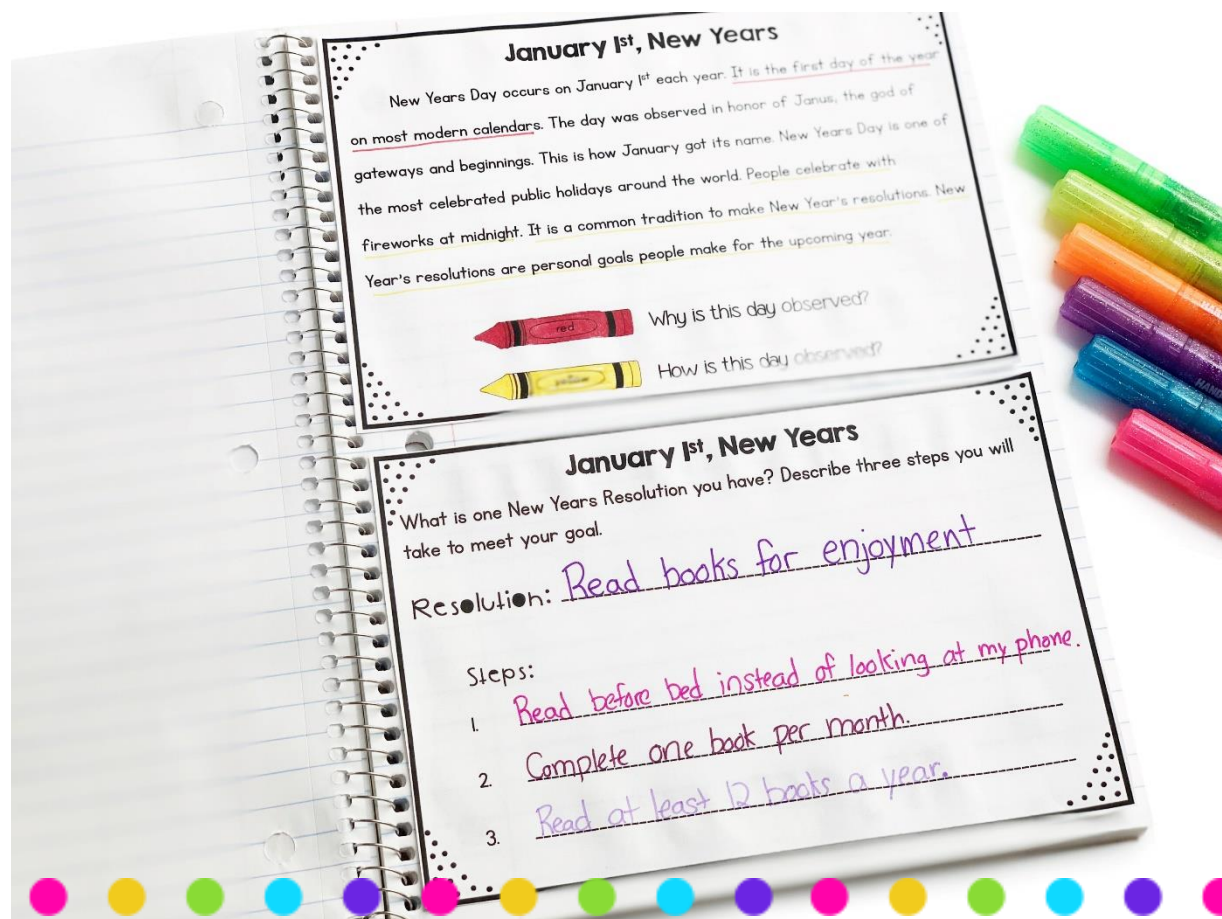
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2nd & 3rd Grade Morning Work



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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 students' 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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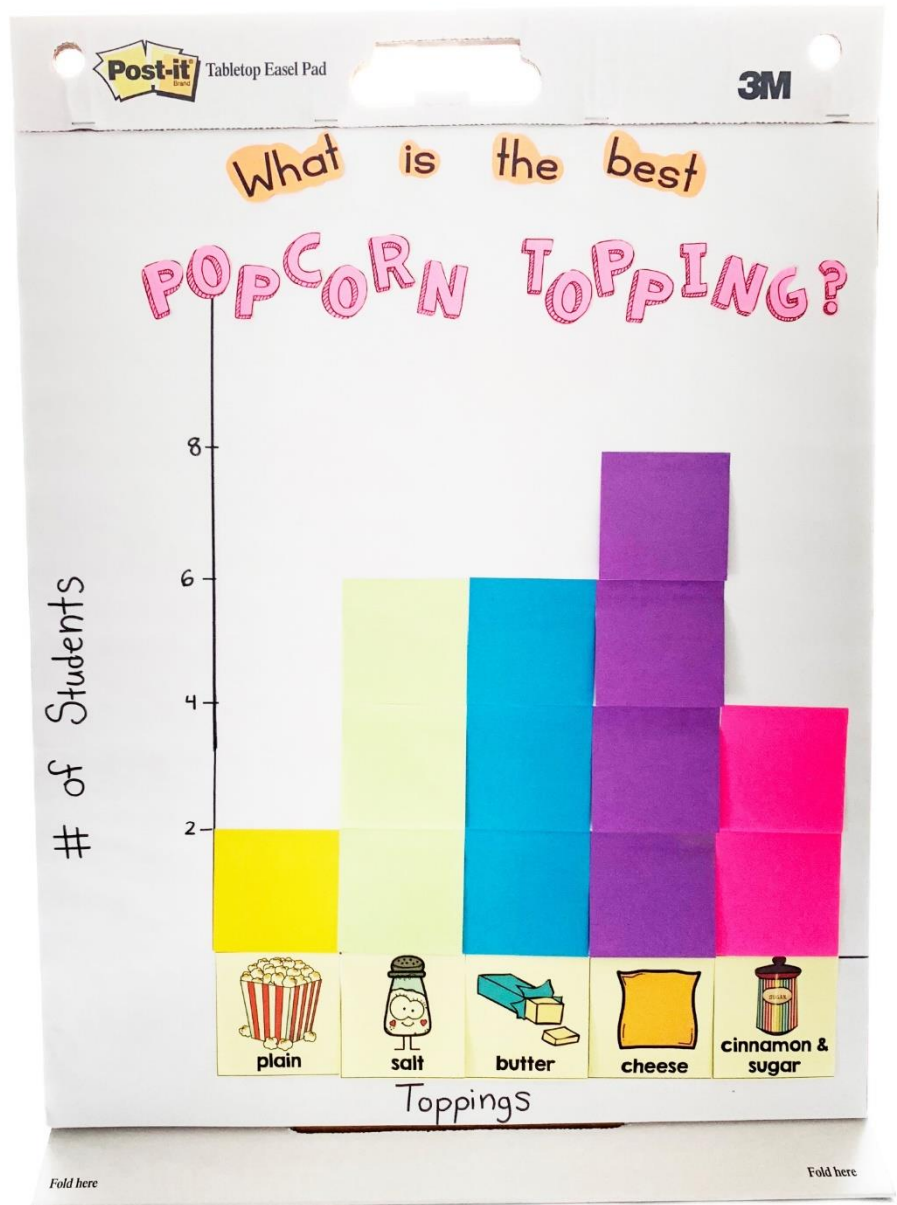
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2	Labor Day
3	National Skyscraper Day
4	National Wildlife Day
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7	National New Hampshire Day
8	National Grandparents Day
9	National Teddy Bear Day
10	National Ants on a Log Day
11	Patriot Day
12	National Video Games Day
13	National Celiac Disease Awareness Day
14	National Virginia Day
15	Batman Day
16	<i>Mayflower</i> Day
17	Constitution Day
18	National Cheeseburger Day
19	International Talk Like a Pirate Day
20	National Tradesman Day
21	National New York Day
22	National Elephant Appreciation Day
23	Autumnal Equinox
24	National Voter Registration Day
25	National Comic Book Day
26	Johnny Appleseed Day
27	National BRAVE Day
28	National North Carolina Day
29	World Heart Day
30	National Love People 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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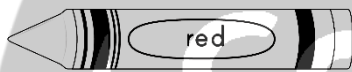
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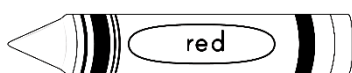


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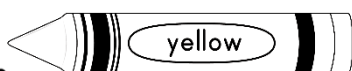
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Which of These choices Is Your Favorite Board Game?



Chess



Checkers



Scrabble



Monopoly

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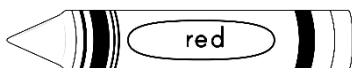


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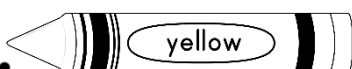
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What Do You Like to Do on Labor Day?



**Get One Last
Beach Trip**



**Kick Off
Football Season**



Grill



Picnic

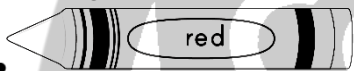


Go to a Parade

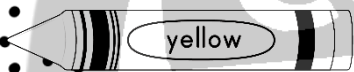
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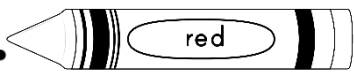


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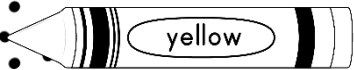
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Which Skyscraper Would You Most Like to Visit?



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Center -
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**Burj Khalifa -
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**Empire State
Building -
New York City**



**Shanghai Tower -
China**

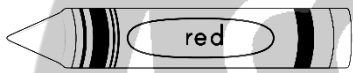


**The Shard -
London**

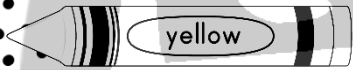
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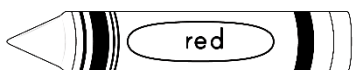


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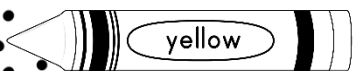
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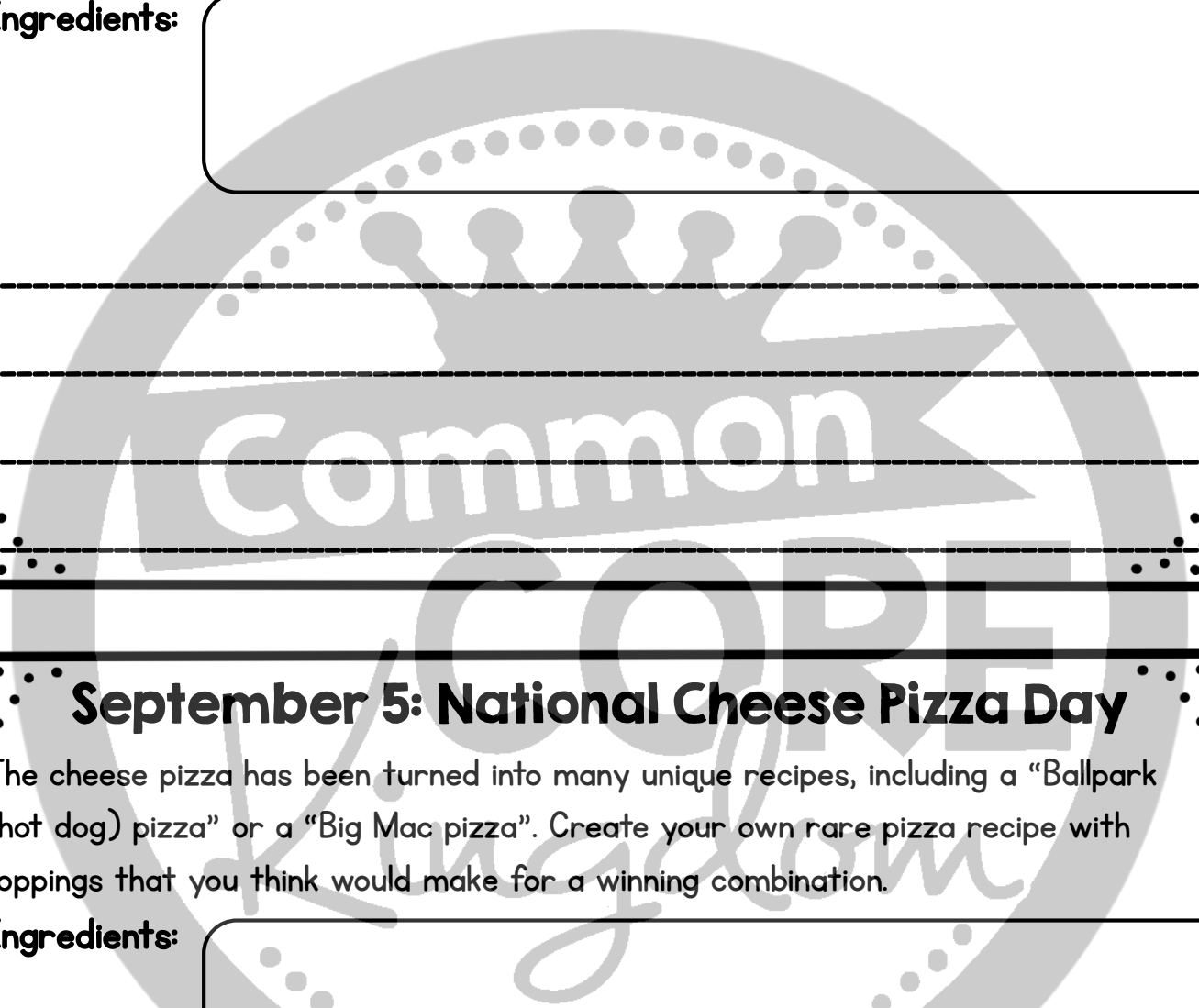


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What Is Your Favorite Type of Cheese Pizza?



Thin-Crust



Deep Dish



Flatbread

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