

# CELEBRATE EVERY DAY

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## September 5: National

Some people believe that pizza started long ago with the Romans. They would put herbs, oils, and cheeses on their breads. The Romans also used to top dough with cheese and honey before flavoring it with bay leaves. Pizza as we know it was started as a flatbread by the Neapolitans in Italy. They needed a cheap, or inexpensive, food that could be eaten quickly. Critical Italian authors used to say that pizza was disgusting! Of course, we know that that couldn't be further from the truth. People believe that pizza is the first English word for a pizza. What does cheap mean?

## September 5: National Cheese Pizza Day

The cheese pizza has been turned into many unique recipes, including a "Ballpark (hot dog) pizza" or a "Big Mac pizza". Create your own rare pizza recipe with toppings that you think would make for a winning combination.

Ingredients:

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

the pizza dough. Next, spread  
on top of the dough.

# 2nd & 3rd Grade Morning Work



# ABOUT THIS RESOURCE

Dear Teacher,

I know mornings can be crazy, so I decided to put together this free resource to share with you.

Personally, I tried several different strategies over the years. I found that providing students with a structured morning work routine with consistent materials and expectations led to the best results.

This resource contains five complementary morning work resources. They are excerpts from month long resources that are available in my store. There is one for each month of the school year, or you can bundle up.

These resources are not busy work. They are designed to provide engaging and productive exercises for students to perform when they arrive at school each day. Students practice key reading, writing, and graphing skills – while learning a little bit about why each day is special.

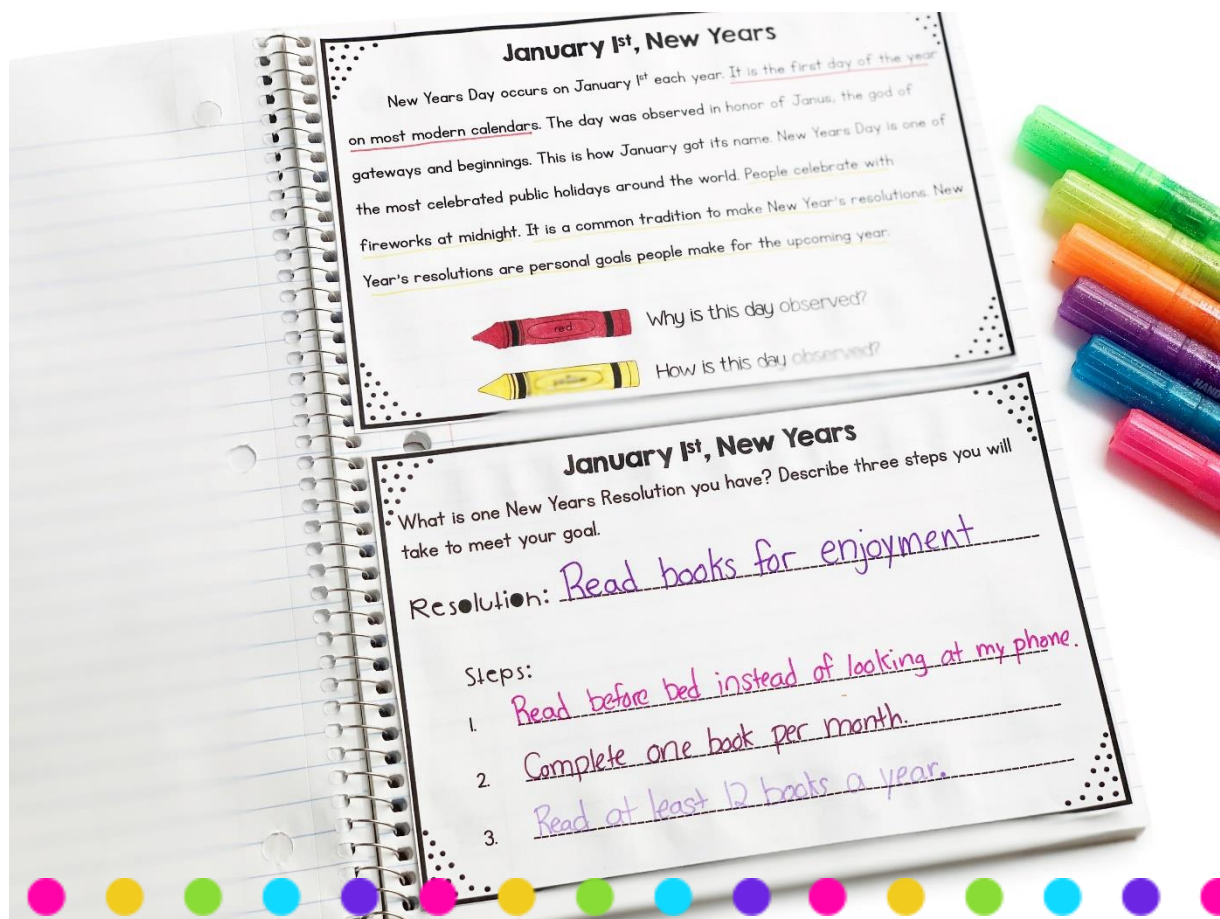
These resources also empower teachers by providing structure to each morning – giving you a little more time to get together for the day or handle those early morning issues.

I hope you find this sample useful in your classroom.



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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.

# September

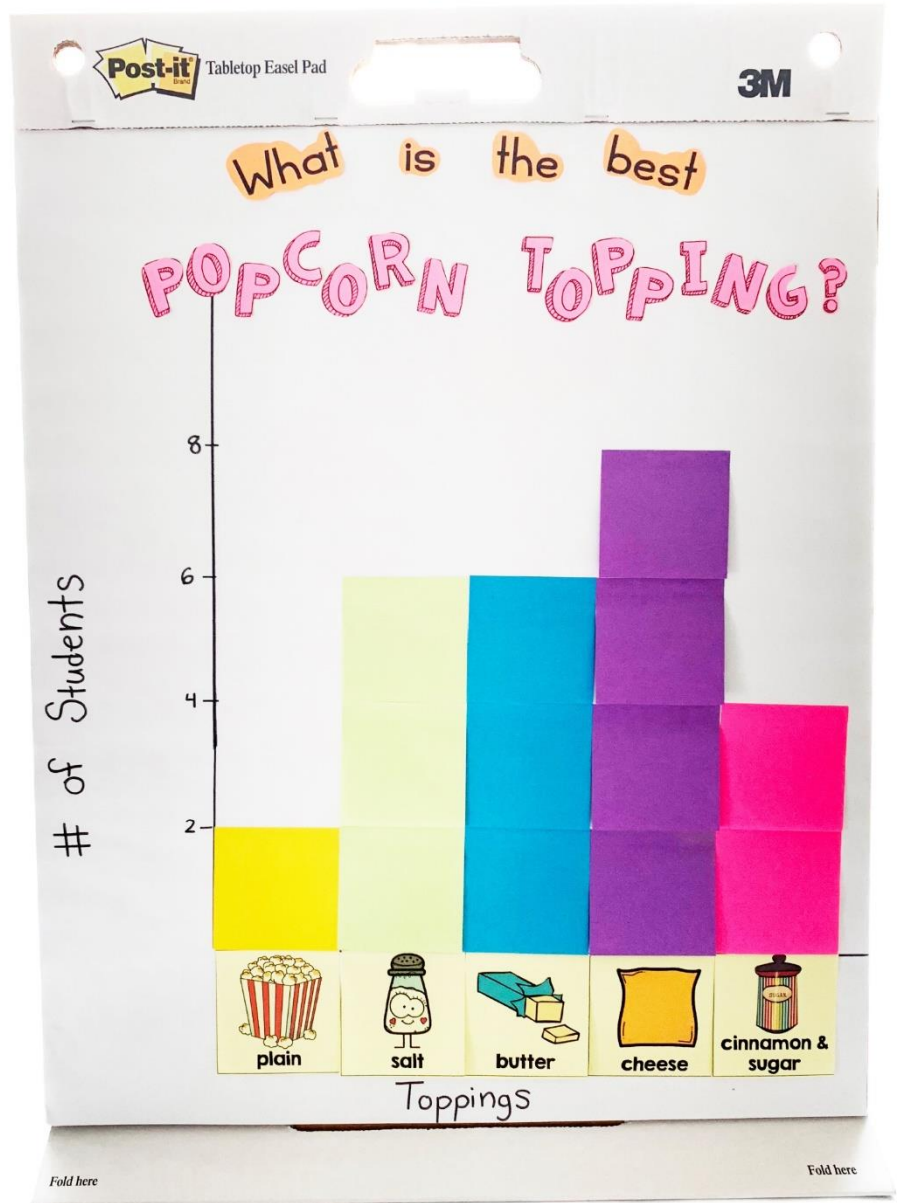
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| 2    | Labor Day                             |
| 3    | National Skyscraper Day               |
| 4    | National Wildlife Day                 |
| 5    | National Cheese Pizza Day             |
| 6    | National Read a Book Day              |
| 7    | 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   | Mayflower 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.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)?

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Graphing Questions (3.MD.B.3– Scaled Graphs)

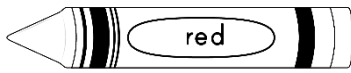
After students have mastered questions in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade category, begin to mix up the graphing scales, and ask the following questions:

- 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)?

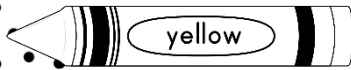


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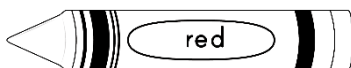
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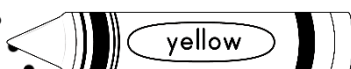
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# Which Famous Teddy Bear Is Your Favorite?

**Winnie  
the Pooh**

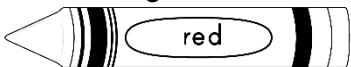
**Paddington  
Bear**

**Care  
Bears**

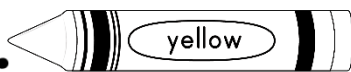
**Corduroy**

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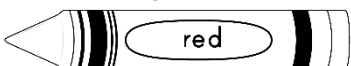
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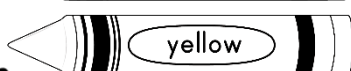
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# Which Is Your Favorite Spread for Ants on a Log?



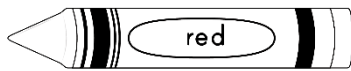
**Peanut Butter**



**Cream Cheese**

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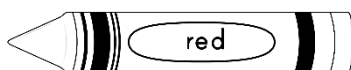
What time was the first Twin Tower hit with an airplane?



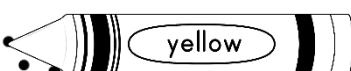
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# Which American Holiday Is Most Meaningful to You?



**Memorial Day**



**Fourth of July**



**Flag Day**



**September 11**



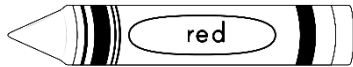
**Veteran's Day**

# September 12: National Video Games Day

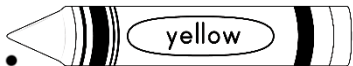
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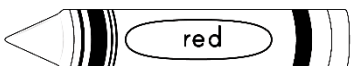
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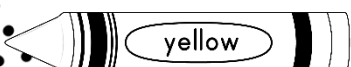
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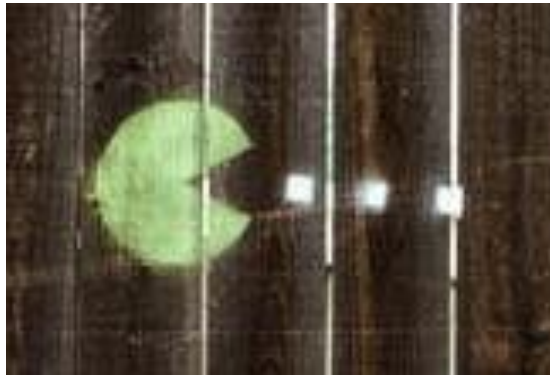
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# Which Video Game Do You Think Is the Best Seller of All Time? (answer: Tetris EA)



***Pac-Man***



***Minecraft***



***Tetris EA***



***Tetris  
Gameboy***

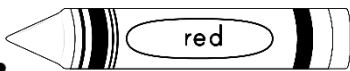


***Super Mario  
Brothers***

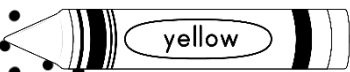
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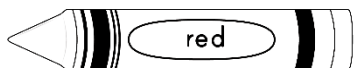


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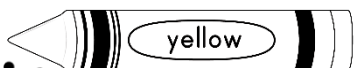
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# About Three Million People in the US Have Celiac Disease. Do You Know Someone with This Condition?



**Yes**



**No**



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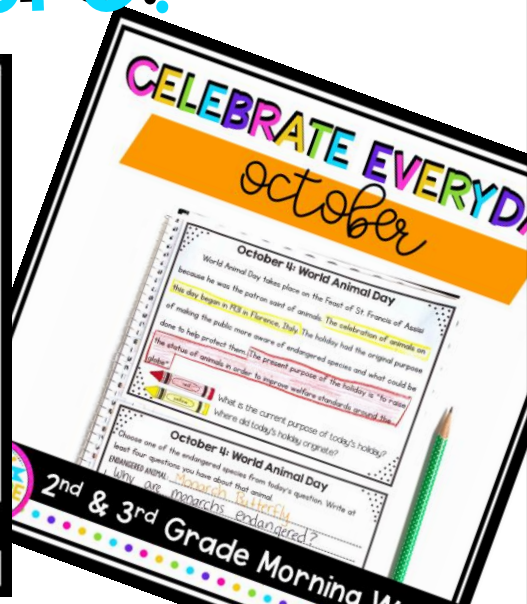
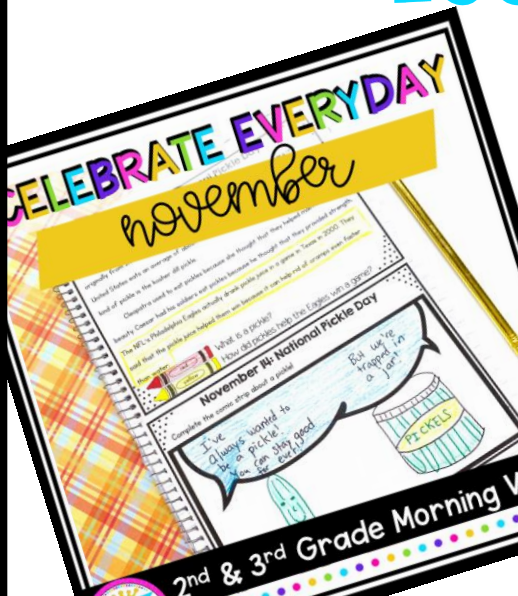


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