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Use these pages for a first activity of the day (aka, “Morning Work”). Each one varies in style a bit to keep students on their toes and is designed to get in just a bit of thinking without overwhelming students with work.

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Monday, March 2, 2026



Today Is Dr. Seuss' Birthday!

Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known by his pen name Dr. Seuss, was born on March 2, 1904, in Springfield, Massachusetts. While at college, he began using the penname, Dr. Seuss.

Geisel illustrated articles in *LIFE* and *Vanity Fair*, *The Saturday Evening Post*, and in advertisements for Standard Oil. During World War II, he drew cartoons for a liberal political magazine, and made posters promoting the war effort. While his cartoons criticized unfair treatments of Jewish Americans and African Americans, they showed mistrustful views of Japanese Americans as the USA was at war with Japan.

He began writing and illustrating children's books, eventually publishing over 60 between the 1930s-1990s. His books received notice because of their whimsical characters, dream-like illustrations, and silly rhymes. The simple style of his writing led his books to become favorites for early readers developing their skills.

Geisel died on September 24, 1991, at the age of 87, in La Jolla, California. Six of his books stopped being published in 2021 because Dr. Seuss had used the ethnic stereotypes popular at the time to depict different groups of people. He also drew criticism for his support of unfair treatment of Japanese Americans during World War II. After visiting Japan in 1953, Geisel had come to regret these early choices. As a means of atonement, he dedicated his book, Horton Hears a Who!, a political allegory about treating others equally, to a Japanese friend in 1954. He also went on to publish *The Sneetches* in 1961, which is an allegory for racism.

Life Lessons



Theodore Seuss Geisel supported bad decisions about how Japanese-Americans were treated during World War II. The people he agreed with on other issues made these decisions, so he went along with them. Just because you agree with someone on many things, does that mean you have to support everything they do? _____

Just because some people from a group are your enemies, does that mean everyone from that group of people is your enemy? _____

Can you think of a friend who is different from you in many ways?

Exaggerated cartoons of ethnic minorities were popular and accepted when Theodore Geisel began his career. He used many of these stereotypes in his early works.

Just because something is popular and accepted, does that make it right? _____

What can you do to stand up for what is right? _____

How did the choices he made when he was young impact Geisel's life later on? _____

How did they impact his legacy after he died? _____

What did Geisel do to try and make up for his earlier choices?

Do you think he did enough? _____

What would you have done? _____

Have you ever offended someone? _____

How can you try to make amends to them? _____

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H O R T O N H E A R S A W H O

ONE FISH TWO FISH

THE CAT IN THE HAT

HORTON HEARS A WHO

THE LORAX

THE GRINCH

CHRISTMAS

GREEN EGGS AND HAM

THE SNEECHES

HOP ON POP

FOX IN SOCKS

PLACES YOU'LL GO

Tuesday, March 3, 2026



Today Is National Anthem Day!

The Star-Spangled Banner was written in 1814 by Francis Scott Key. He wrote it as a poem first, not a song.

Have you ever written a poem? _____

Would you like someone to turn it into a song? _____

From 1812-1815, Britain and the United States were at war for a second time. It would become known as the War of 1812.

Key was a lawyer who was serving in the Georgetown Light Artillery during the war. He had travelled to Baltimore, Maryland to negotiate the release of Dr. William Beane, who had been taken as a prisoner on a British ship.

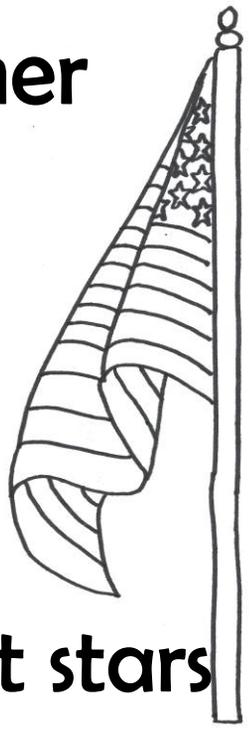
While he was there, the British navy began attacking Fort McHenry, just across the river from Baltimore. While still on board the ship, Key watched the battle from a distance.

Francis Scott Key waited anxiously on the boat all night long to see which side would win. In the morning, as the sun rose, he could see the American flag flying. That meant that the Americans had won the battle.

Have you ever had to wait anxiously for a very important announcement? _____

Key was inspired to write a poem about this incredible moment. It was originally called, "Defence of Fort M'Henry." The poem would later be set to the music of a song written 30 years earlier, "To Anacreon in Heaven," by John Stafford Smith. For the first century and a half, the USA did not have an official national anthem. "Hail Columbia" and "My Country 'Tis of Thee" were popular unofficial anthems. In 1931, President Herbert Hoover made "The Star-Spangled Banner" the official national anthem on March 3rd.

The Star-Spangled Banner



O! say can you see
by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed
at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars
through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd,
were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare,
the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night
that our flag was still there;
O! say does that star-spangled
banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free,
and the home of the brave?

Spring is right around the corner! Create your spring bucket list:

**Holidays and Special Events
I Will Celebrate this Spring:**

**My Favorite Foods to
Eat in Spring:**

**My Favorite Activities to
Do in Spring:**

**This Spring I Want to
Learn How to:**

Message in a Bottle

Imagine you were walking along the beach one day and found a glass bottle with a paper inside it. You open up the bottle and pull out the paper. There is a mysterious message written on it. If this sounds like a scene from a movie, that's because it's a common trope in many adventure stories. A trope is a common or overused theme that makes for an interesting plot.

Can you think of some themes that happen in books or movies very often?

But believe it or not, there have been people who have found a message in a bottle that washed up on shore. Imagine what would happen to make someone write a message in a bottle? _____

What might it say? _____

If you found that message, what would you want to write back? _____

On the back, draw a picture of the person who wrote the message in a bottle that you found.

Tomorrow Is National Cereal Day!

What is your favorite cereal to eat?

What cereal do your parents most often say you *should* eat?

Cereal dates back to at least 1854, when a German immigrant in Ohio started German Mills American Oatmeal Company. It was America's first commercial cereal maker. It would later become Quaker Oats. In 1863 the country's first bran cereal, Granula, was made. It was so hard it had to be soaked in milk overnight to soften it. That's how cereal with milk became a thing!

In the 1890s Dr. John Harvey Kellogg and Charles W. Post, built factories in the same town, Battle Creek, Michigan. They had a famous rivalry.

Imagine you were going to create a brand-new cereal. What would you call it? _____

What ingredients would go in it?

How healthy would it be?

_____ % daily sugar

_____ % daily fat

_____ % daily carbs

_____ % daily fiber

_____ % daily iron

_____ % daily protein

Do some research to see how your favorite cereal compares!

Yesterday Was International Women's Day!

Roughly half of all people on earth are women, but through much of history, and in many places on earth, women have not been treated equally to men. Women did not have the same job opportunities as men, would get paid less when they did do the same job, and had restricted rights for voting, holding government jobs, and owning property.

The end of the 19th century and beginning of the 20th century saw many women organizing together to demand better rights. A group in New York City created the first National Women's Day in February, 1909. In 1911, March 19th was celebrated as an International Women's Day in several European countries. In 1917, a group of Russian women protested on March 8, demanding bread and peace.

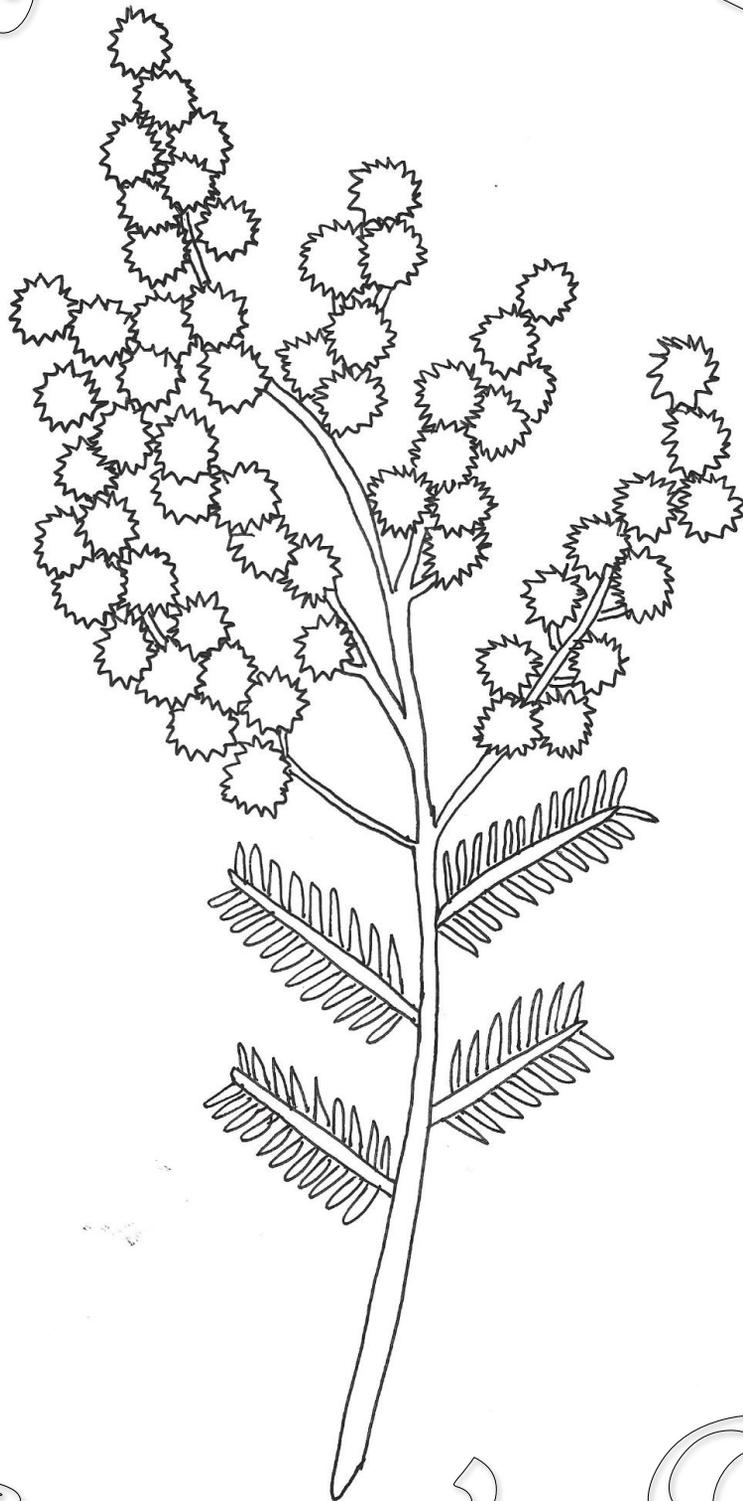
It was not until 1975, though, that International Women's Day was officially recognized by the United Nations. Since then, it has been celebrated around the world each year on March 8th.

Here are some of the more famous women that can be remembered on this day:

- ❖ Susan B. Anthony: gave speeches about women's rights
- ❖ Sojourner Truth: famous for her "Ain't I a Woman" speech
- ❖ Elizabeth Cady Stanton: organized an early women's rights convention and wrote a declaration for it
- ❖ Ida B. Wells: journalist who wrote about equality for women and African-Americans

The yellow mimosa flower has become a symbol for International Women's Day because it blooms in early March and looks delicate, but is actually very strong. On the back, color in the mimosa flower yellow.

International



Women's Day

Time Capsule

You have been chosen to send a time capsule into the future. Perhaps it won't be opened up for a hundred years. What do you put in it to show the best things from your time? Choose one for each category.

The music that best represents my time:

The book that best represents my time:

The movie that best represents my time:

This is what clothing looks like in my time:

This is what buildings look like in my time:

Night Zoo Guard

Imagine you had a night job as a guard at a zoo. All the humans have left the zoo except for you. What strange things are each of the animals up to?

Lions: _____

Zebras: _____

Tigers: _____

Monkeys: _____

Penguins: _____

Giraffes: _____

Pandas: _____

Snakes: _____

Bears: _____

On the back, draw a picture of yourself dealing with the animals' weird behavior.

Thursday, March 12, 2026



A Magic Door to Another Place

Imagine one morning you woke up and discovered your bedroom door was a magical portal that would lead you to another place.

Where would it lead you? _____

What would you do there? _____

Who or what would you see there? _____

How long would you be capable of staying before you have to go back? _____

How often would you visit? _____

Would you tell other people about it, or would you keep it a secret? _____

Why? _____

On the back, draw a picture of where the door takes you.

Friday, March 13, 2026



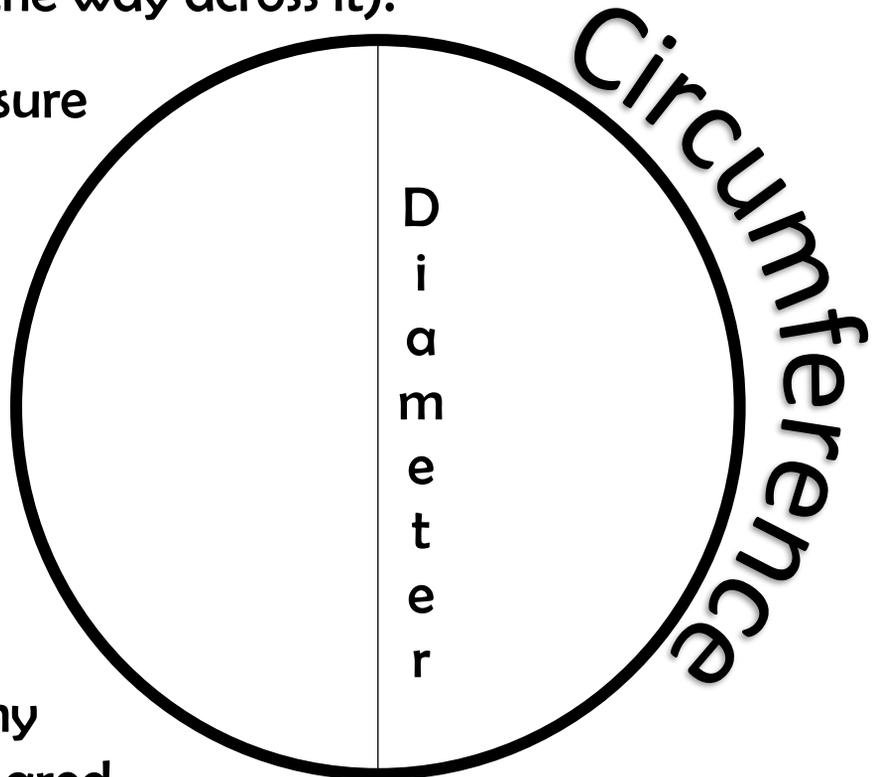
Tomorrow is Pi Day!

Do you know what Pi without the E is? It's 3.141592654. Actually, there are even more numbers than that, but usually Pi is shortened to just 3.14...get it? March 14th is 3-14! That's why it is called Pi Day. But why is this number important?

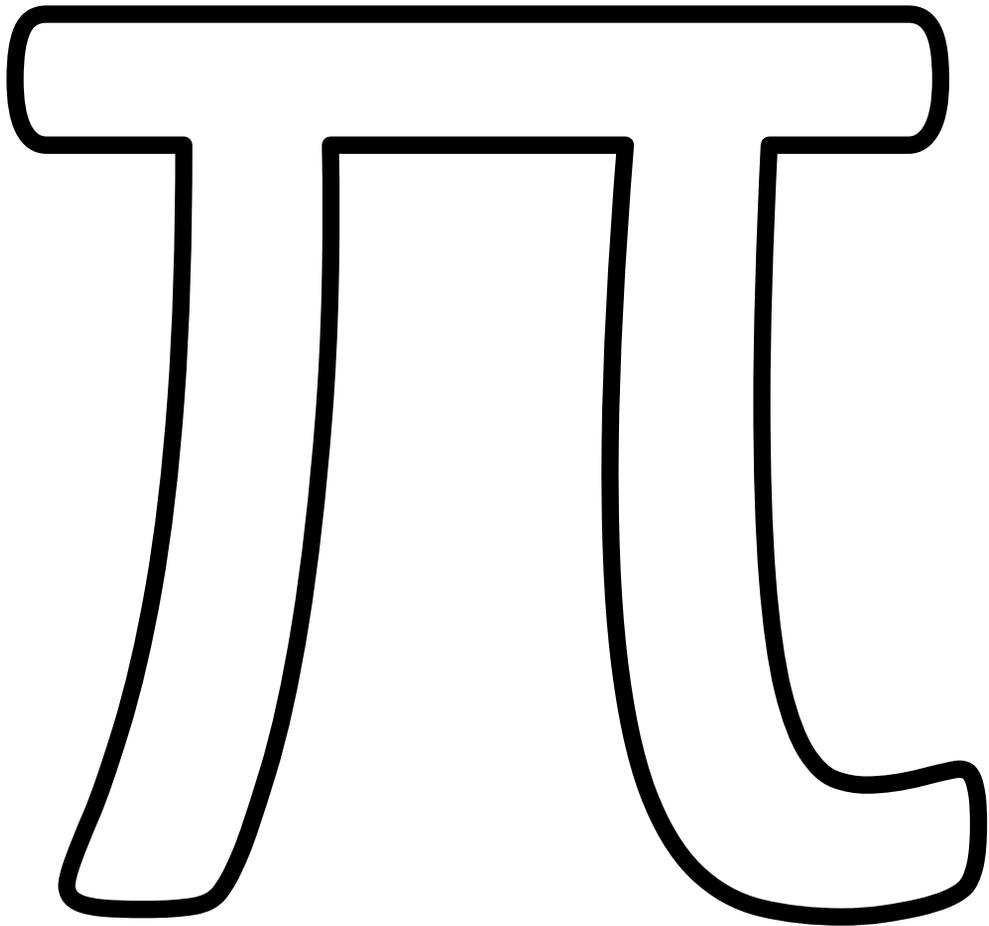
Pi, which can also be written π is the number you get when you divide the circumference of a circle (all the way around it) by its diameter (all the way across it).

Take a string and measure around this circle. Now measure from one end of the circle to the other.

The longer string is almost exactly three times longer than the shorter string. That's why the two numbers compared to each other (the ratio) is just a little bit over 3 (3.14). It might not seem like a big deal, but knowing this number makes it possible to do a lot of awesome things in math and construction.



On the back, color in the Pi symbol.



Handing Out Superpowers

Imagine if you couldn't have superpowers for yourself, but you were able to give them to your family and friends. Which people in your life would you choose for each of these superpowers?

I would give _____ the
power to fly because he/she _____

I would give _____ the
power to see through things because he/she _____

I would give _____ super
strength because he/she _____

I would give _____ the
power to move things with his/her mind because he/she _____

I would give _____ the
power to read minds because he/she _____

On the back, draw a picture of your superhero squad.

Tuesday, March 17, 2026



Today Is Patrick's Day!

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parades, Britain

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If You Were a Farm Animal

Imagine you were an animal living on a farm. What type of animal would you want to be:

- Pig
- Horse
- Cow
- Chicken
- Goat
- Sheep
- Duck

This is what my living space would look like:

What would you spend most of your day doing?

What would you eat? _____

What would your job be? _____

What would be the best part of being a farm animal?

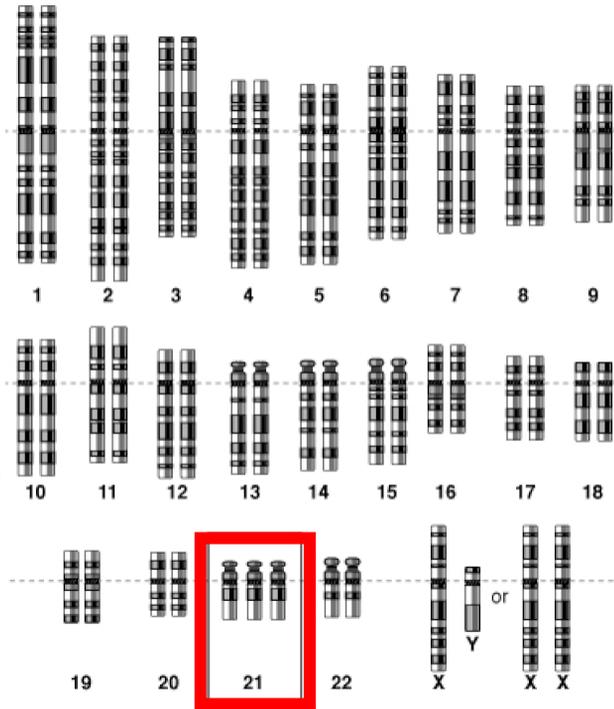
What would be the worst part of being a farm animal?

On the back draw a picture of yourself as a farm animal.

Saturday Will Be World Down Syndrome Day!

Down Syndrome is also called Trisomy 21. Most people have 23 pairs of chromosomes.

Chromosomes are where your DNA is stored. This determines many things about you, such as how you look, and which health situations are most likely. People with Down Syndrome have a third chromosome on the 21st pair (that is why they are celebrated on 3-21). Just like everyone else, their DNA affects how they look, and their health.

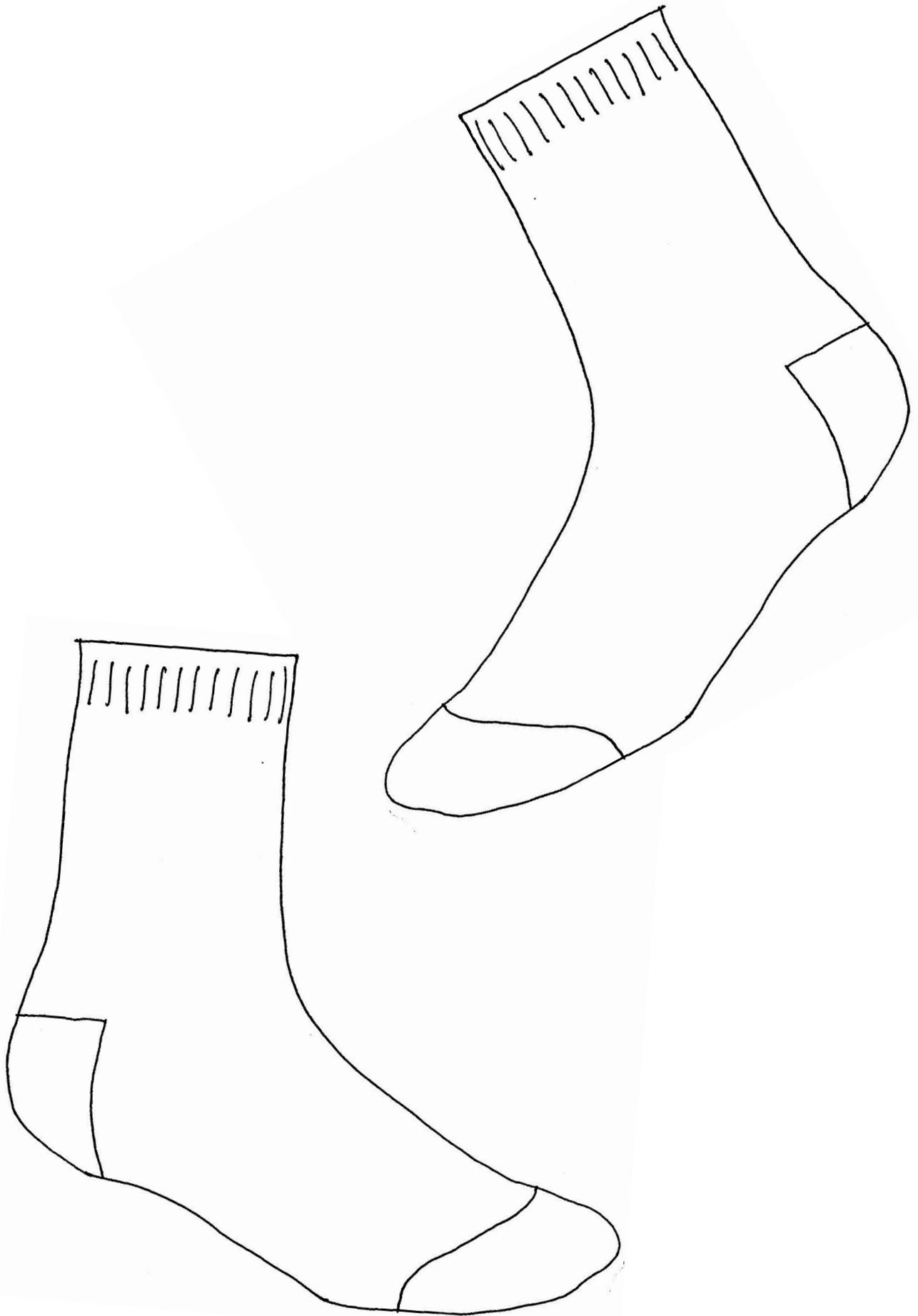


Thanks to research and education, people with Down Syndrome are getting more opportunities than ever before. Today there are actors, athletes, entrepreneurs, artists, political activists, musicians, and designers with Down Syndrome. Do you know anyone with Down Syndrome?

If not, remember if you see someone with Down Syndrome, just smile and treat them like any other person.

Many people celebrate World Down Syndrome Day by wearing mismatched socks.

Give the pair of socks on the other side of this page mismatched colors.



Friday, March 20, 2026

Today Is the First Day of Spring!

The first day of spring, also known as the Vernal Equinox, is always March 20th or 21st. It is the day when the Sun is directly hitting the equator. Earth has two equinoxes each year: one in spring and one in fall.

What is your favorite season?

- Winter
- Spring
- Summer
- Fall

On the back draw a picture of yourself doing your favorite spring activity.

An easy way to remember the difference between a solstice and an equinox, is that equinox sounds like the word equal. On the vernal equinox, the earth gets about 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of darkness. What do you like more, longer days, or longer nights? _____

How do you feel about the days getting longer?

What if spring lasted all year? What would you like most?

What would you like the least if spring lasted all year?

Your Substitute Teacher Is a Giraffe!

Imagine if when you walked into your classroom this morning, you discovered that your teacher was out sick and you would have a substitute instead. But instead of a human substitute teacher, you have a giraffe!

How does your substitute teacher take attendance?

How does your substitute teacher sit at the rug?

How does your substitute teacher move between desks?

How does your substitute teacher take you outside to recess? _____

How does your substitute teacher pass out papers?

How does your substitute teacher explain math problems?

How does your substitute teacher read aloud to you?

How does your substitute teacher dismiss you at the end of the day? _____

On the back, draw a picture of your giraffe substitute.

A Story of Random Things

What did you eat for breakfast this morning?

A. _____

What color are your socks?

B. _____

What city would you like to visit?

C. _____

How old are you?

D. _____

Now, write a story about A. _____

that suddenly comes to life, grows D. _____ legs,

attacks C. _____ and covers it in a strange,

B. _____ colored goo.

On the back, draw a picture of the devastation.

Today Is National Medal of Honor Day!

Have you heard of the Medal of Honor? It is the highest American military award for valor.

What is valor? Valor means strength of mind and spirit in the face of danger. Do you think you have valor? _____

How do you think a person gets valor?

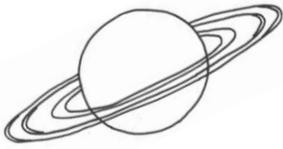
The first Medals of Honor were given out during the Civil War. Today, over 3,000 people have received the Medal of Honor. Theodore Roosevelt is the only president to receive one, although it was almost 80 years after he died.

Imagine that you were going to give out a medal for something very important. What would someone have to do to receive this medal?

What would the name of your medal be?

How would the recipients be chosen?

On the back draw your medal and write its name.



Thursday, March 26, 2026



Space School

Imagine you went to school in outer space. How would your daily routine be different? Draw a picture of your space school on the back of this paper.

Arrival: _____

Morning Meeting: _____

Math: _____

Reading: _____

Science: _____

Social Studies: _____

Lunch: _____

Recess: _____

Dismissal: _____

Homework: _____

Would you like to go to school in outer space instead of here?

Tomorrow Is Something on a Stick Day!



What is your favorite food to eat on a stick?

- Popsicle
- Ice cream bar
- Hot dog
- Cotton candy
- Fruit, veggie, or meat kabob
- Caramel apple

Food on a stick was first invented in the 1920s with the corndog.

Imagine you were going to eat all of your meals on a stick today. What would you have for:

Breakfast: _____

Lunch: _____

Dinner: _____

Now imagine you were going to put food on a stick that might seem strange. What would be the most difficult food you can imagine trying to put on a stick? Draw your concoction here:



A Dessert Island

You would not want to get stuck on a desert island. A desert is a place that gets almost no precipitation (any kind of water from the sky, whether rain or snow or sleet, is called precipitation). Technically, Antarctica is a desert island, because it gets so little precipitation. But what about all that snow? Because it is so cold in Antarctica, the small amounts of snow that do fall each year never melt, so over a long period of time, they have piled up.

You also would not want to get stuck on a deserted island. If a place is deserted, it means there is no one there. If a person gets deserted, it means others have left them alone.

But perhaps you *would* want to get stuck on a dessert island, even if it were a desert that is deserted. You always spell dessert with an extra S because you want more of it. Imagine finding yourself on an island made entirely of desserts. What would make the:

Trees: _____

Sand: _____

Bushes: _____

Seashells: _____

On the back draw a picture of your dessert island and label what desserts are used for each part of the island.

Silent Letter Story

Have you ever noticed how many words in English have silent letters? Here are just a few:

Silent H:

Honest
Hour
When
Where
Why
What

Silent K:

Knee
Knife
Know
Knot
Knight
Knuckle

Silent B:

Comb
Tomb
Debt
Thumb
Lamb
Crumb

Silent W:

Answer
Wrap
Wrist
Who
Whole
Wrench

Silent G:

Gnome
Design

Silent N:

Autumn
Column

Write a short story using as many silent letter words as you can. You may write about whatever you want, or you could make up how silent letter words were invented.

On the back, draw a picture from your story.