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Use these pages for a first activity of the day. 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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Today Is May Day!

You may have heard of May Day, but aren't really sure what it is. May Day is an ancient holiday that is mostly celebrated in Europe. It celebrates the beginning of warm weather. The date is chosen because it is about halfway between the spring equinox and summer solstice.

Has warm weather already begun where you live? _____

Here are the most popular May Day traditions:

- ❖ A girl is chosen to be the "May Queen." She walks at the front of a parade or just a large group of people.
- ❖ People tie bright long ribbons to a tall wooden pole called a "May Pole." Everyone takes the end of a ribbon and walks around the pole in a circle until all the ribbons are wrapped tightly around the pole.
- ❖ People used to fill a basket full of flowers and secretly leave it on someone's doorstep without a name.

Does the beginning of May make you feel like celebrating?

_____ What do you like to do to celebrate the start of warm weather? _____

If you were going to have a May Day party, what would the decorations be? _____

What food would you serve? _____

_____ What games would you play? _____

On the back, draw a picture of your May Day Party.

Friday Was National Space Day!

Do you enjoy learning about space? _____ Are you able to see lots of stars from where you live? _____

Can you name all the planets? Here is a trick to help you remember them:

My Very Educated Mother Just Served Us Nachos.
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r n r r p t a p
c u t s i u n t
u s h t r u u
r e n s n
y r e

So far, humans have traveled to the moon, and we have sent machines to Mars and other parts of space.

Would you like to visit the moon? _____

If you could travel to any planet (and not have to worry about how long it takes) which planet would you want to visit? _____

Why? _____

What would be the best part about traveling in space?

What would be the worst part about traveling in space?

On the back, draw a picture of yourself in space.

Tuesday, May 5, 2026



Today Is Cinco de Mayo!

Do you know what Cinco de Mayo means in English?

Cinco = 5 de = of Mayo = May

Do you know what it celebrates? _____

If you guessed Mexico's Independence Day, you're.....wrong! Many Americans assume that it is, but Mexico won its independence from Spain on September 16th, 1810. So then, what is Cinco de Mayo? May 5th is a Mexican holiday, but it's a minor one. It celebrates the Battle of Puebla when Mexico defeated France in 1862. But more Americans than Mexicans celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Why? Much of the southwestern USA used to belong to Mexico. When the battle of Puebla happened, California had recently become a part of America. Many Californians had been born Mexicans, but then the border moved and they automatically became American citizens, whether they wanted to be or not. They used Cinco de Mayo as a way to remember their Mexican heritage. During the Civil Rights movements of the 1960s, Cinco de Mayo became a way for Mexican Americans all over the country to celebrate their culture.

Today, Americans of all backgrounds enjoy celebrating this day with Mexican food, music, and decorations.

On the back, draw a picture of yourself having fun on Cinco de Mayo.

Your Billboard

Have you seen billboards on the side of the road? _____

They are usually trying to convince people to buy something. This can be:

- Clothes
- Watches
- Shoes
- Jewelry
- Furniture
- Video games
- Cars
- Purses
- Toys

If you had your own billboard, what would you sell?

Some billboards try to convince people to spend money on an activity, like go see a movie, enroll in a class, take a vacation, go bowling, learn an instrument, or do an escape room.

What activity would your billboard advertise?

Sometimes, billboards are trying to convince people to do something good, like adopt pets, take better care of the environment or join an organization.

What would your billboard encourage people to do?

On the back, draw a picture of one of your billboards.

Your Dream Garden

Have you ever planted a garden? _____

Gardening can be a great way to have fresh fruits and vegetables. Here are some popular plants to grow:

Vegetables:

Carrots
Peas
Green beans
lettuce

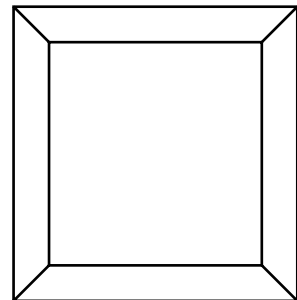
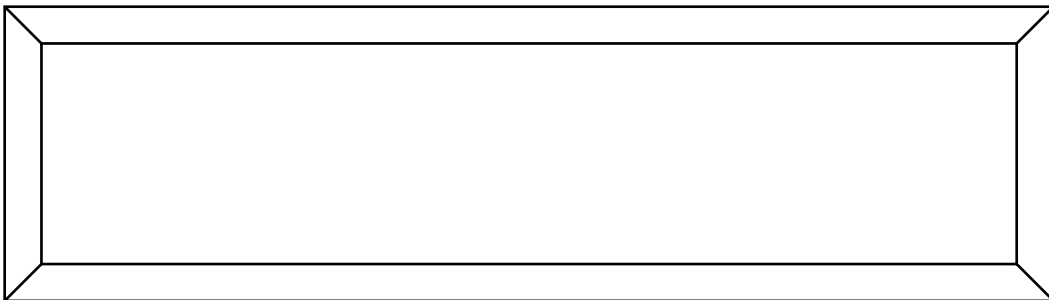
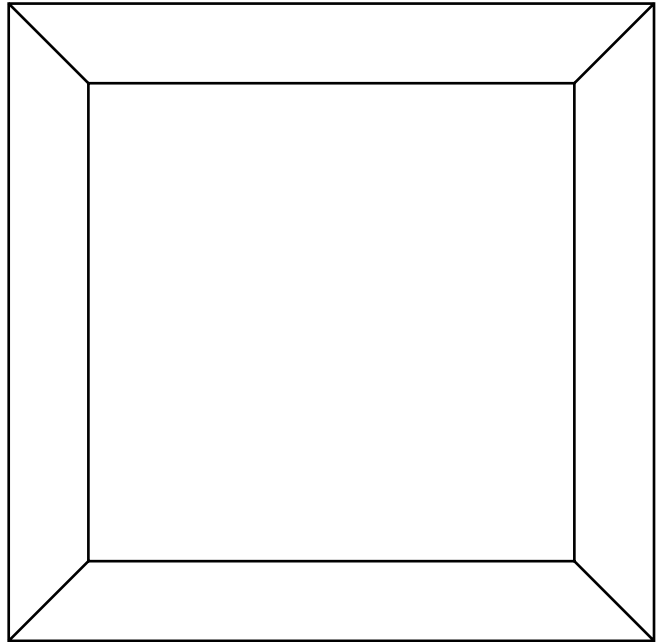
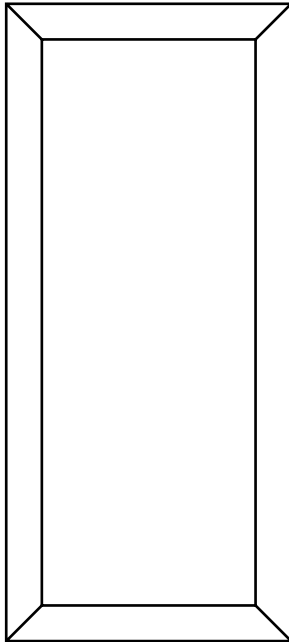
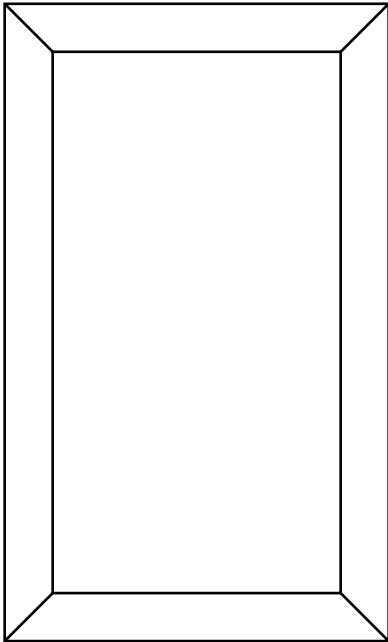
Fruits:

Blueberries
Pumpkins
Tomatoes
peppers

Spices:

Basil
Mint
Parsley
Sage

What would you put in your garden?



Friday, May 8, 2026



Choose Your Own Adventure

Have you ever read a choose your own adventure story? Usually, every few pages, you are given a choice to make for the main character. For one choice you are told to go to a certain page number to find out what the result is. For another choice, you are told to go to a different page number to see what happens.

Have you ever wanted to write your own story where the reader can choose their adventure? Check out the template attached. You can use this to come up with options for your main characters choices and consequences. To get some ideas, read the sample template. You could even flip a coin to decide which even the sailor chooses.

If you like your template, consider turning it into a full story.

Have fun writing your Choose Your Own Adventure Story!

The sailor walked into a cave	he saw bats and followed them into their cavern	he followed the tunnel to the right, which sparkled	he saw a room full of diamonds and stuffed them into his pockets	when he swam back to his ship, the diamonds fell out and down to the bottom of the sea
			he saw a room full of diamonds and decided to make it a museum	he became rich and famous
	he followed the tunnel to the left, which had beautiful music coming from it	he saw a room full of singing fish and tried to capture them	he saw a room full of singing fish and asked to join them	the fish fought back and he was chased out of the cave
			he saw a room full of singing fish and asked to join them	the fish taught him how to sing as beautifully as them
	his ship was missing so he walked along the coast	he thought he saw a mermaid, so jumped in the water	he thought he saw a mermaid and ran inland in fear	he reached a magical underground city
			he thought he saw a mermaid and ran inland in fear	he got lost in a jungle
	his ship was missing, so he called for help	soldiers came and he told them what happened	soldiers came and he challenged them to a swordfight	they helped him catch the thief who took his ship
			soldiers came and he challenged them to a swordfight	he lost and was thrown into the dungeon
	he chose to follow the north star	he sailed for an hour	he passed another ship and called out to it	he joined the ship's crew and became a sailor in the queen's navy
			he passed another ship and attacked it with his canons	he was captured as they thought he was a pirate
he chose to follow a shooting star	he sailed all night	he threw his map in the sea out of frustration	he was never seen again	
		he studied his map carefully	he discovered a new island and it was named after him	
The sailor set out to sea	he sailed until he couldn't see the shooting star anymore	he got lost and caught a ride with some friendly dolphins	the dolphins showed him many new things in the ocean	
		he got lost so sailed back in the direction he came from	he returned home and never sailed again	
he chose to follow a shooting star	he kept sailing in the direction of the shooting star, even after he could no longer see it	he reached an island and decided to explore it	he was chased away by the local chief	
		he reached an island and stayed on his ship	he was invited ashore by the local chief	

Dropped Ice Cream

Have you ever dropped an ice cream cone on the sidewalk?

_____ How did you feel when it happened?

Imagine if the ice cream could talk. What would it say when it first lands on the ground?

Would the ice cream feel sad for you? Or would it feel glad that it wouldn't get eaten?

After you walk away, what would the ice cream be thinking?

What little creatures might come by for the ice cream? What would it think of them?

On the back, draw a picture of your spilled ice cream.

Portals

Have you ever read a story about a closet that leads to another world? Or a phone booth that time-travels? People often imagine something with a door, or any kind of opening, as being a possible way to travel beyond our world. Here are some options of portals in your home:

<input type="checkbox"/> Front door	<input type="checkbox"/> Window	<input type="checkbox"/> Closet door
<input type="checkbox"/> Refrigerator door	<input type="checkbox"/> Attic trap door	<input type="checkbox"/> Shower door
<input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet door	<input type="checkbox"/> Fire escape	<input type="checkbox"/> Washer/dryer door

Choose four of them and write numbers next to each one.

Imagine one day you noticed a strange sound coming from #1 _____ . Curious, you opened it and were shocked to see _____ on the

other side. Despite knowing it was a bad idea, you

walked crawled dove head-first

through it. When you came out on the other side, you discovered that you had actually exited through the

#2 _____ of

a parallel universe the year _____

Before you could explore any further, the door of

#3 _____ burst open and

your mom your dad _____

dragged you back to your own home, exiting through the

#4 _____ door. Sadly,

your great adventure was over before it even began.

On the back, draw a picture of your story.

Robot Recipes

Imagine you are a robot. You can only eat things that are inorganic. That means you cannot eat any plants, dairy, or animals. You can only eat things made out of metal, rock, or chemicals.

Create some recipe cards for your fellow robots:

Soup:

Salad:

Sandwich:

Pie:

On the back draw a picture of one of your dishes.

Thursday, May 14, 2026

If You Were a Superhero

Imagine that you were a superhero. Do you know what type of superhero you would be? What if you could only pick two powers:

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flying | <input type="checkbox"/> Super speed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> X-ray vision | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading people's minds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Super strength | <input type="checkbox"/> Memorizing everything |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Time travel | <input type="checkbox"/> Moving things with your mind |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Super stretchy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

What would your superhero name be:

What would be the titles of the books about you?

What would your alter ego be? _____

What would you do to disguise yourself? _____

On the back draw a picture of yourself wearing your superhero costume.

A Story of Random Things

What is your favorite fruit?

A. _____

Name a sea animal:

B. _____

What is your favorite season?

C. _____

Name a popular song:

D. _____

Now, write a story about a child who only ate A.

_____ until it made them turn into
a B. _____. They are finally cured when someone
sings D. _____ to them. But they still turn
back into a B. _____ every C. _____

On the back, draw a picture of the adventure.

Your Weekend as a Penguin

Tell all about your real activities this weekend...but imagine you had turned into a penguin for the weekend.

Friday Night: _____

Saturday Morning: _____

Saturday Afternoon: _____

Saturday Evening: _____

Sunday Morning: _____

Sunday Afternoon: _____

Sunday Evening: _____

On the back, draw a picture of penguin-you's favorite part of this weekend.

If You Had Your Own Planet

Imagine if you had your own planet. What would you call it? _____

Would it be a rocky planet or a gas planet? _____

If it would be rocky:

How many continents would it have? _____

What would be the colors of:

the land _____

the ocean _____

the sky _____

How would your planet's gravity compare to Earth's?

On my planet, I would be

lighter

heavier

How many moons would your planet have? _____

Would your planet have any rings? How many? _____

What color sun would your planet orbit? _____

On the back, draw a picture of your planet from space.

Growing and Shrinking

In the book *Alice in Wonderland*, Alice eats and drinks things that make her extremely large and extremely small.

What is the last thing you ate? _____

What is the last thing you drank, other than water?

Think about five things you did this week. For each one, tell if you would want to be bigger or smaller.

It would have been easier if I had been bigger smaller

It would have been easier if I had been bigger smaller

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It would have been easier if I had been bigger smaller

On the back, draw a picture of yourself doing one of these things while big or small.

What's in a Name?

What is your full name?

First: _____

Middle: _____

Last: _____

How many letters does your name have? _____

How many consonants does your name have? _____

How many vowels does your name have? _____

How many syllables does your name have? _____

Have you ever met anyone with the same first name? _____

The same middle name? _____ The same last name? _____

Does your name ever make you think of a particular color?

_____ An object? _____ A sound? _____

If you could choose any other name to have, what would it be?

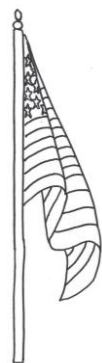
What do you like about that name? _____

On the back, write your name (or alternate name) in
bubble letters and color them in.

Friday, May 22, 2026



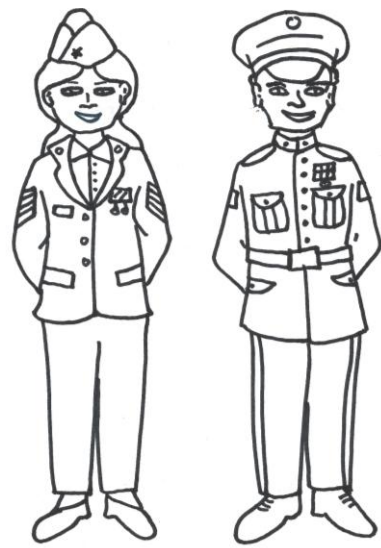
Monday is Memorial Day!



Memorial Day is an American holiday that honors the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. In 1868 an organization of

northern veterans, called The Grand Army of the Republic, wanted a way to honor Union soldiers who had died in the Civil War, and began putting flowers on their graves. This became known as Decoration Day and was celebrated on May 30. At the first Decoration Day service, President Garfield gave a speech at Arlington National Cemetery while the 20,000 Civil War graves were decorated with flowers by 5,000 participants. The commemoration on May 30th was continued each year in the North, with states making it an official state holiday. In the South states had their own days of remembrance, each on separate days of the year.

Over time, the holiday became known as Memorial Day, and after World War 1 ended in 1919, people began observing the holiday as a way to honor all soldiers who were lost in battle from any American war. In 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act in order to create three-day weekends for federal employees. This moved Memorial Day to the last Monday in May each year. When the law took effect in 1971, Memorial Day also became an official federal holiday. Today, many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, flying flags, holding family gatherings and participating in parades, which often involve military processions by veterans. Memorial Day weekend has also come to be considered as the unofficial start of summer.



Monday, May 25, 2026



Today Is Memorial Day!

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Garfield
Union Army
Civil War
Arlington
Federal

Military
Memorial
Decoration
American
Soldiers

Tuesday, May 26, 2026



Yesterday Was Memorial Day!

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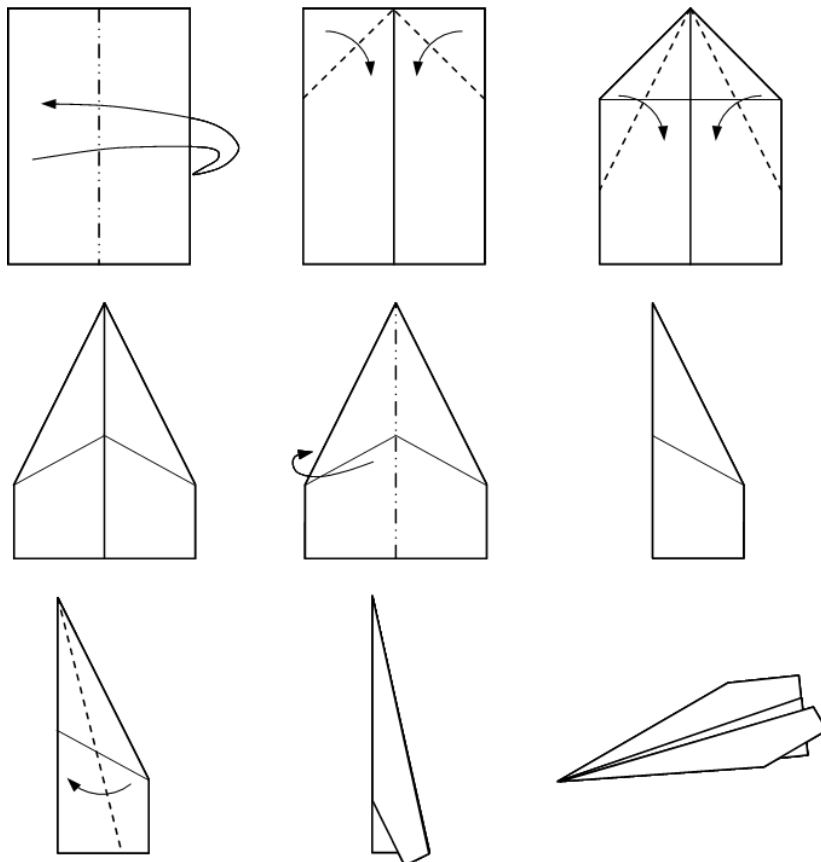
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Yesterday Was Paper Airplane Day!

Do you like to make paper airplanes? _____ Do you think you make them well? _____ If not, do you enjoy throwing paper airplanes that other people make? _____

Paper airplanes have been around for at least 64 years before the first airplane flew! In a children's activity book from 1859, there are instructions for how to make a "paper dart." It looks exactly like a modern paper airplane. Orville and Wilbur Wright wouldn't fly their first plane until 1903! That means the word *airplane* hadn't been invented when the first paper airplanes were flown.

Here are instructions for making a paper airplane:



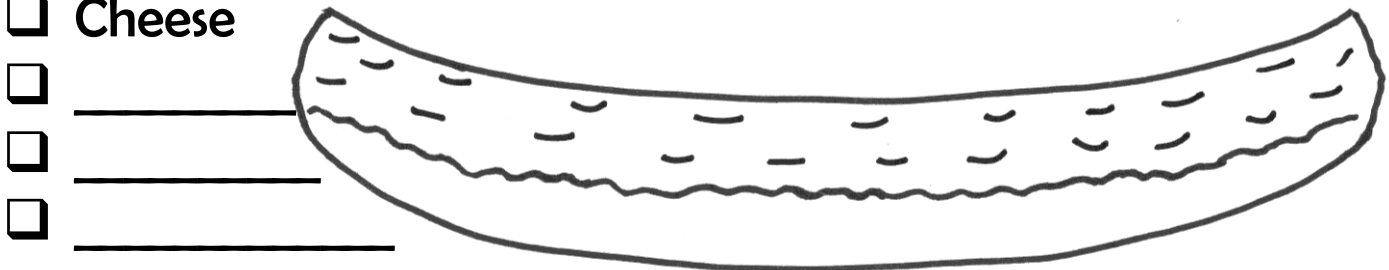
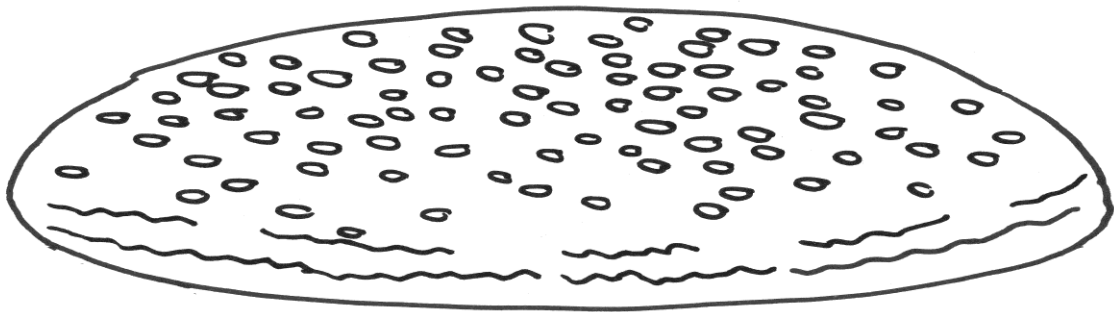
Now go out and make your paper airplane!

Today Is National Burger Day!

Do you like hamburgers? _____ Many people consider it to be an all-American food, but hamburgers are named after the German town of Hamburg (that's why they don't have any ham in them). It was here that minced beef with spices was first mashed up. But it was considered a very expensive meal. German immigrants brought the recipe over in the 1800s. Because many of them in New York and Chicago worked in factories, they needed an easy way to eat their lunches by hand. So, two slices of bread were added and a few years later they were swapped for a bun.

So, what do you like on your hamburger? Draw it in!

- Bacon
- Lettuce
- Egg
- Pickles
- Onions
- Mushrooms
- Avocado
- Chilli
- Ketchup
- Cheese



Summer is right around the corner! Create your bucket list for this summer.

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

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

**My Favorite Outdoor
Activities to Do in Summer:**

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