

## December Brainwork

*“The great thing in this world is not so much where we are, but in what direction we are moving.” Oliver Wendell Holmes*

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Visualization</u></b></p> <p>Visualize the first snowfall of the year: you're standing at the window... it's dark outside...there's not a sound... the first snowflakes begin to fall... Finish writing the visualization.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Originality</u></b></p> <p>Celebrate "Aardvark Week". They live in African grasslands, are 4 ft. long with a 12" tongue to catch ants and termites. Write a poem or compose a song to celebrate this unique animal.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Plus, Minus, Interesting</u></b></p> <p>Choose a person you have studied in social studies. Complete a PMI chart about having him/her as a substitute teacher for a week.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Put to Other Uses</u></b></p> <p>List 10 unusual ways in which to use a toothbrush.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Be a Math Whiz</u></b></p> <p>Candy canes cost \$0.89 per dozen. How much will it cost to buy candy canes for 850 students?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Design</u></b></p> <p>Dec. 9, 1969 – Doug Englebart of Calif. invented the computer mouse. His employer got the patent; he didn't make a penny from his invention! Design a new mouse for young children.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Verbal Intelligence</u></b></p> <p>Mr. Johnson warned his students that just because winter break was about to start that was no excuse for any <i>susurratio</i> during working time. What did he mean?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Point of View</u></b></p> <p>Imagine a conversation between your snow boots and your bedroom slippers. What things would they find they have in common? What differences would they discover?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Justify</u></b></p> <p>Dec. 13, 1577 – Sir Francis Drake set sail around the world. List 5 characteristics you believe a successful explorer should exhibit. Justify your choices.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Point of View</u></b></p> <p>Dec. 14, 1911 – Roald Amundsen, his 4 companions and 52 sled dogs, discovered the South Pole. Consider the trip from different points of view: the men; the dogs; the South Pole</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Predict</u></b></p> <p>Dec. 16, 1903 – first meeting of the "Men Will Never Fly Society" to protest the Wright brothers' test flight. What "Men Will Never _____ Society" might be formed in 2103?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Random Acts of Kindness</u></b></p> <p>It's "Tell Someone They're Doing a Good Job Week". Surprise 5 people this week with anonymous notes telling them why you think they are doing a good job.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Verbal Intelligence</u></b></p> <p>You are walking down a deserted country road at midnight and you see several <i>coruscations</i>. What might be causing them?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Originality</u></b></p> <p>Draw and describe a new invention for walking on snow.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Metacognition</u></b></p> <p>When doing a project, I would rather: *be in charge *be part of a team *be by myself Why?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Fluency</u></b></p> <p>The answer is: "a group of snowmen" What are the questions? Make a long list.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Evaluate</u></b></p> <p>How do parents decide which toys to buy for their children? List several criteria for evaluating a toy. Then select 5 toys you have seen recently and evaluate them using your criteria.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Point of View</u></b></p> <p>Draw your house at holiday time from the point of view of a mouse.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Be a Math Whiz</u></b></p> <p>Macy's has hired 400 store Santas. Each Santa sees 120 children each day from Nov. 25 through Dec. 24. How many children in all will be seen?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Verbal Intelligence</u></b></p> <p><i>Tintinnabulation</i> is a great word for the month of December. Why? Make a guess as to what it means then look it up in the dictionary.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Decisions and Outcomes</u></b></p> <p>Frosty the Snowman has decided it's just too cold to stay outside! He wants to come in and spend the day with you. What are possible outcomes of your decision to let him in?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>What Time Is It?</u></b></p> <p>To what periods of time do these words refer? * diurnal * novennial * quindecennial * sesquicentennial</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Originality</u></b></p> <p>Compose a new song: "On the first day of winter my teacher gave to me..." Try to complete at least 10 verses.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Questioning</u></b></p> <p>What questions might the year 2013 have for the year 2012? Compose at least 5 thoughtful questions.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Reflect</u></b></p> <p>Make a list of things you have accomplished this year of which you are proud.</p>

*Million Dollar Words for December: dactylonomy – decamerous – dendrophilous – dromophobia*