

May Brainwork

"Education is not a product...it is a process, a never-ending one." Bel Kaufman, author

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Analyze May is "Be Kind to Animals Month". French author Antoine de Saint-Exupery wrote "You become responsible forever for what you have tamed." What does this mean to you?</p>	<p>Analogies How is a teapot like a cricket? How is a coffee pot like a butterfly?</p>	<p>Fluency May 1 has been celebrated by many different cultures for thousands of years. List things you hope someone will tell you that you "may" do this month.</p>	<p>Evaluation Quote from 17th century English poet John Milton: <i>"Hard are the ways of truth, and rough to walk."</i> What did he mean? Do you agree or disagree? Why?</p>	<p>Vocabulary While discussing current events in social studies, your teacher commented on your <i>sagacious</i> mind. What did s/he mean?</p>
<p>Fluency & Flexibility List things which should <u>only</u> be done on a Monday. List things which should <u>never</u> be done on a Monday.</p>	<p>Originality Who might want to get rewarded with each of the following: * 1000 dill pickles * 3,694 paper clips * 130 gallons of green paint</p>	<p>Was it possible for... * Thomas Edison to have cleaned his laboratory with an electric vacuum cleaner? * Thomas Jefferson to have written the Declaration of Independence with a pencil?</p>	<p>Fluency & Evaluation Make a list of "a-MAY-zing" things. What criteria did you use to decide what you put on your list?</p>	<p>Persuasion In 1908 Anna Jarvis had the idea for a day to honor mothers. Why should your mother be declared "Mother of the Year"? Write a persuasive paragraph.</p>
<p>Vocabulary When the green oobleck began dropping from the sky, Bartholomew Cubbins decided he must <i>absquatulate</i> from the Kingdom of Didd. What did he do?</p>	<p>Analyze May 14 is "Admit a Mistake Day". Is there a situation in which making a mistake could be considered a plus? Why is it so difficult for people to admit to making a mistake?</p>	<p>Color Your World What color is laughter? Which is quicker – orange or green? Why? Is yellow more like a circle or a triangle? Why?</p>	<p>Evaluation On May 17, 1900, <i>The Wizard of Oz</i> by Frank Baum was published. Why is this book still being read and made into movies 113 years later?</p>	<p>Fluency & Flexibility On May 18, 1830, engineer Edwin Budding patented a push-type lawn mower. Think of ways to cut the grass without using a mower of any kind.</p>
<p>Create Celebrate "National Pickle Week". America was named after pickle peddler Amerigo Vespucci. Create a silly pickle story such as "The Pickle Prince" or "The Magic Pickle".</p>	<p>Originality If April showers bring May flowers, then what do May flowers bring? (Don't say "pilgrims"!)</p>	<p>Personification Personify the letter noodles in alphabet soup. Which letter is the best swimmer? Which letter is the best diver? Which letter can't swim at all?</p>	<p>Vocabulary If you were a <i>campanologist</i>, which is a person practiced in <i>campanology</i>, where might you spend your time?</p>	<p>Visualization Close your eyes and visualize your idea of a perfect Friday afternoon in the month of May. Draw what you saw in your mind.</p>
<p>Analyze The Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, CA was opened on May 27, 1937. What does it mean for a friend to be "a bridge over troubled water"?</p>	<p>Evaluation "National Shoe Week" is the last week in May. Out of all the shoes in the world, whose do you think would be the most difficult to fill? Why?</p>	<p>Analyze May 29, 1917 – birthday of Pres. John F. Kennedy. How would you respond to his famous quote? "Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country."</p>	<p>Create On May 30, 1922 the Lincoln Memorial was dedicated. Design a new monument to honor our 16th president.</p>	<p>Vocabulary When the dismissal bell rang on the last day of school, all of the students began to <i>ululate</i>. What did the teachers do?</p>

Million dollar words for May: marmoreal – mendacity – minatory – multifarious