

# PRIME TIMES



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## Lent Poem

**L**iving these 40 days  
**E**ntering the journey  
**N**ew life is coming  
**T**ime to prepare



## The Germ Stopping Song

Tune: Row Your Boat

Cover when we cough, cough, cough.  
Cover when you sneeze.  
Use a tissue. Wash your hands.  
Let's keep our own germs, please!

## Washing Hands Song

Tune: Row Your Boat

Wash, wash, wash your hands,  
Soap will make them clean.  
Scrub the germs till they are gone,  
Germs go down the drain.

## I Love You Mommy (Daddy)

Tune: You Are My Sunshine

I love you mommy  
My dearest mommy  
You make me happy  
When I am sad  
I want to tell you  
I really love you  
When I'm with you  
I'm so glad



## Using Wikki Stix in Math

Wikki Stix are great for hands on math activities like creating angles or shapes. They are soft and pliable. They can be used for different kinds of fine motor skills such as forming numbers, letters, shapes and even art activities.



For angles, create a work sheet with 6 large squares. At the top of each square put the angle degree you would like the students to make using Wikki Stix. If you go on the Wikki Stix website you will see the many ways you can use Wikki Stix. They are reusable and fun to use.

## The Verb Song

Tune: The Ants Go Marching

A Verb can make your body  
move, hurrah, hurrah!  
It tells what boys and girls  
can do, hurrah, hurrah!

We jump, we spin, we roll, we fall,  
It's action verbs that move us all.

If you need an action,  
Verbs,  
Are the words,  
Have you heard?

### Monthly Primary STEM Centers

- **February:** Going for the Gold! In honor of the Winter Olympics this month have an Olympic themed STEM center. Using a short video or book, introduce the students to the sport of bobsledding. Students will then use legos, paper towel rolls, popsicle sticks, tape, and a matchbox car (pretend bobsled) to create a course.
- **March:** Leprechaun Traps: Have the students read a book about Leprechauns. Challenge them to create a Leprechaun trap using pipe cleaners, tack, and egg cartons.
- **April:** What is the Value of Your Raft?: Challenge students to create a raft out of foil, straws, construction paper, and tape. When completed they will place the raft in a bucket or large bowl of water. On top of the raft will be placed a small bowl or cup. The students place one coin at a time in the cup to see how many coins their raft can hold before sinking. The highest value of coins wins.
- **May:** May Mystery Bags! Choose a variety of items such as coffee filters, popsicle sticks, cardboard, etc... and create three different bags. Students will then choose a card which will read either structure, weather, animals, transportation (list could go on). They will have to choose one of the three bags and create something according to the card they picked.

### The Art of Making a Heart

Use this poem to help students make hearts:

First you make a "V".

Then, turn your paper and make a "3".

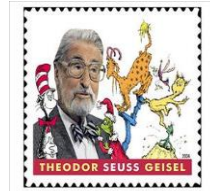
Cut me out very carefully.

And... a Valentine heart you'll see!

### Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss

#### Dr. Seuss on the Loose

Tune: Old MacDonald



Dr. Seuss is on the loose,  
And this is how we know.  
Cats, hats, eggs, and ham,  
Cats, hats, eggs, and ham,  
Cats, hats, eggs, and ham,  
We love his fun book so!

#### Have You Ever Seen a Cat?

Tune: If You're Happy and You Know It

Have you ever seen a "cat" in a "hat?"  
Clap 2x and repeat.

No I've never,

No I've never,

No I've never, never, never,

No I've never seen a "cat" in a "hat."

"fox" wearing "socks."

"fish" make a "wish."

Have fun creating your own rhyming verses.

#### Leprechaun

A Leprechaun is small and green,  
He hides where he cannot be seen.  
But if you catch one oday,  
He must give his gold away.



#### March 17<sup>th</sup> – don't be seen

Unless you're wearing a touch of green  
A shirt, a skirt, a button or sock;  
A splash of green from the old shamrock  
If you don't wear green so the Irish say  
You deserve a pinch on St. Patrick's Day!

After teaching these poems have students find the nouns, pronouns, verbs, synonyms, rhyming words, and contractions.

### Leprechaun Writing Ideas

How to trick and trap a leprechaun! What happened first, next, then, finally.

If I found a pot of gold, I would.....

Who is worth more to you than gold?

### Parts of Speech Poem

From: Teacher's Notebook

This poem may be used when you are teaching or reviewing a particular part of speech.

A **noun** is called,  
A person, place or thing.  
Some examples include,  
Teacher, desk, and ring.



A **verb** is an action,  
Something you can do.  
Run, jump, and walk,  
Are examples you can use.

**Adjectives** are descriptions,  
Like black, red, and blue.  
Old, young, and large,  
Are good examples too.

**Adverbs** are words  
Used to modify,  
Other verbs and adjectives,  
And mostly end in "ly".

**Pronouns** are special  
They replace nouns  
He, she, and they  
Are some that are found.

### Quotation Marks

Tune: This Old Man

Quotation Marks come two by two.  
Use two before, to when you're through.  
Enclosed are words said by another.  
Like "Clean this messy room," yelled mother.

### Feast of St. Joseph – March 19<sup>th</sup>

Good St. Joseph  
Help me grow  
To live and love  
As Jesus did.



You know the ways  
To guide this child  
Guide my heart  
To do my part  
In every day  
In every way.

Good St. Joseph  
Help me grow  
To always know  
Jesus loves me so!

### Thank You Poem

We thank You, Lord  
For a hundred things  
For flowers that bloom  
For the birds that sing  
For the sun that shines  
For the rain that drops  
For ice cream and raisins and lollipops

### Feast of the Annunciation – March 25<sup>th</sup>

The Angel came to Mary  
Hoping she'd say yes  
To be the mother of  
Heaven's Son-come to earth.  
Mary's yes to God's own plan  
Sent Jesus to us as a Man.  
Her yes was open to God's will!



Mary teach us every day  
To echo yes and do our best  
For Jesus comes  
In every place  
In every face  
With so much grace.



Using **math songs** may help some students who find math difficult. Sometimes singing keeps it ringing in the brain. Try these two math songs.

### ***The Doubles Song***

Tune: The Farmer in the Dell

One and one is two,  
And two and two is four,  
Three and three is six,  
So now let's try some more!

Four and four is eight,  
And five and five is ten,  
Six and six is twelve,  
So now let's start again.

One and one is two,  
And two and two is four,  
Three and three is six,  
So now let's try some more!

Four and four is eight,  
And five and five is ten,  
Six and six is twelve,  
And now we reached the end!

### **Perimeter Song**

Tune: The Farmer in the Dell

Perimeter is around.  
Perimeter is around.  
Oh, oh, don't you know,  
Perimeter is around.

You add up all the sides.  
You add up all the sides.  
Oh, oh, don't you know.  
You add up all the sides.

### **Mrs. J's Resource Creations and Math Mysteries**

On "Mrs. J's" website, you will find a number of books at grade levels that you may use to encourage math thinking skills. There are a few that can be downloaded for free.

Here are three cool activities found on her website.

#### **Cool Math Trick 1**

- Step 1: Choose any digit below 10
- Step 2: Multiply your number by 2
- Step 3: Add 6 to your multiplied number
- Step 4: Divide the number by 2
- Step 5: Subtract the first number you picked in step 1 from the latest number you have come up with in step 4.

**AND THE ANSWER IS .....3**

#### **Cool Math Trick 2**

- Step 1: Think of any number
- Step 2: Double it
- Step 3: Add 10
- Step 4: Halve it
- Step 5: Take away the number you originally thought in Step 1.

**AND THE ANSWER IS.....5**

For younger children you might limit step 1 to any number 10 or below.

#### **Cool Math Trick 3**

- Step 1: Think of a number
- Step 2: Multiply by 3
- Step 3: Add 6
- Step 4: divide by 3
- Step 5: Subtract the number chosen in Step 1 from you answer in Step 4

**AND THE ANSWER IS.....2**

## March Madness Tournament of Books

Here's the game plan.... Choose 16 books (mix of non-fiction and fiction). Each Friday in March, your students vote for their favorite books bracket-style, from Sweet Sixteen all the way to the Championship round. Each week divide your students into groups to read both books in their assigned "game". They will then have until Friday to read and vote on the book to advance to the next round. For example, the first week you would have eight groups each reading two different books. The next week you will have four different groups and so on each week.



## Easter Bunny Poem or Song

Tune: A B C

Easter Bunny soft and white  
Hopping quickly out of sight.  
Thank you for the eggs you bring  
At Easter time to welcome spring.  
Yellow eggs and blue and red  
In the grass and flower bed  
We will hunt them everywhere  
Did you really put them there?



## April Showers

A little black cloud is passing by  
And from it tumbles rain  
You may get wet  
And perhaps upset,  
But the sun will shine again.

And please remember these showers  
That fall throughout the day  
Are April showers  
For thirsty flowers  
That you will pick in May.

## Five Little Bunnies

Five little bunnies hopping on the floor,  
One hopped away,  
And then there were four.  
Four little bunnies, sweet as can be,  
One hopped away,  
And then there were three.  
Three little bunnies, I once knew,  
One hopped away,  
And then there were two.  
Two little bunnies, oh what fun!  
One hopped away,  
And then there was one.  
One little bunny, playing in the sun,  
One hopped away,  
And now there are none

## Earth Day Activity

Create a worksheet with the words

### **Earth Day - Growing Words**

at the top. Set up 3 columns. The first column numbered 1 to 10 with lines next to each number for students to write on. Second column number 11 to 20, third column 21 to 30. At the bottom of the paper print the words **PLANET EARTH** in block form so the students can cut them out.

### **Directions under Earth Day – Growing Words.**

Cut out the letters at the bottom of the page. Put your initials on the back of each letter. Make as many real words as you can. Print the words next to the numbers. Have students share their words. Offer a prize to the students that have the most real words.

## Butterfly Poem or Song

Tune: ABC

First comes a butterfly  
Who lays an egg  
Out comes a caterpillar  
With many legs  
Oh see the caterpillar  
Spin and spin  
A little chrysalis to sleep in  
Oh, oh, oh, me oh my.  
Out comes a pretty butterfly



