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## **A note about GRAPHING**

- Graphing is one of my report card standards. It was pretty difficult to find graphs for young children so I made up my own.
- I wanted to cover more than one standard with my graphs so I incorporate colors, shapes, counting, numbers & groups! The consistency of the graphs helps the children catch on quickly.
- My table top graphs are the same through out the year.
- I found that when I did a different format my students were confused and slipping through the cracks. Some caught on, but I was constantly explaining and taking too long giving directions.
- The light bulb clicked on sooner as long as I stayed with the same colorful shape format.
- So that the bar could be raised for brighter students, and so that everyone could see a variety of graphs, they do one each day with me as a whole group during calendar time and often at story time as well. I introduce all sorts of graphs during those times.
- The consistency pays off. No one is ever bored because even though the concept is the same the theme changes so there's variety. The consistency helps the slower child finally catch on, the changing theme keeps the faster student interested.
- I've provided free monthly calendar graphs for you as well as free monthly tooth tally graphs for you too. They can be found in the **calendar** section of the web page.
- The other type of graph you will see through out the units is KINDS of things. This is also easy for a young child to grasp and fits in well with the changing themes.