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Words that describe me...

happy

nice

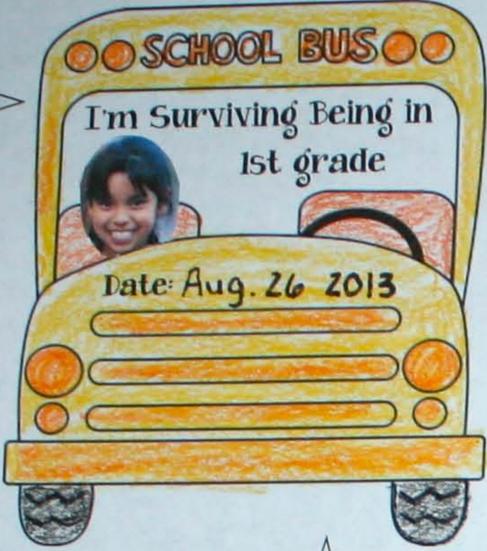
caring

silly

smart

good

fun



Me... Rachel

I like...

My teacher Mrs. H. and recess.



I don't like...

getting up in the morning.

Favorite subject...

reading

I feel...

happy



I learned...

addition, subtraction, new spelling words and stuff about apples.

2 new friends...

Mia and Kelsey

I like...

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Me...

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Favorite food...

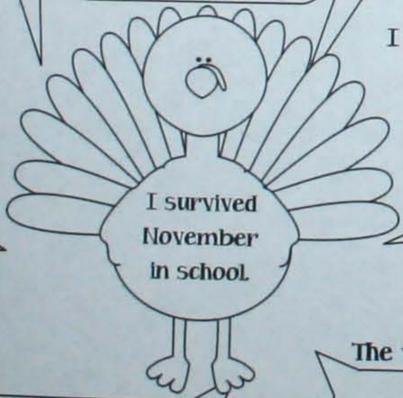
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Favorite activity...

[Blank box]

I feel...

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New things I learned...

[Blank box]

Date:

The weather is...

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The thing I enjoyed the most...

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Me...

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Over the summer I want to...

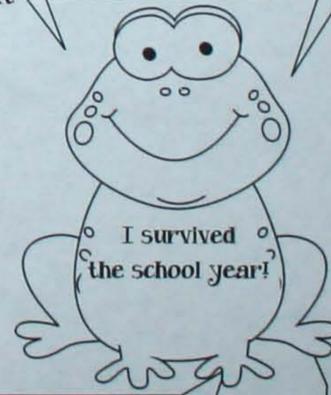
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Feelings about leaping to the next grade:

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3 words that describe this year...

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Favorite thing I learned...

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Date:

My best friend...

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I'm Surviving In School is a quick, easy and fun way to get students to practice their writing skills.

Graphic organizers are extremely beneficial for visual learners and help students organize their thoughts and think succinctly.

Doing a page at the end of each month, is a terrific Daily 5 activity, or independent writing center. Alphabetize the booklets and number them, so students can quickly and easily find theirs to work on. These are a great addition to a portfolio or file, to share with parents, during conferences, as they should show marked improvements along the way. Completed books make an outstanding keepsake.

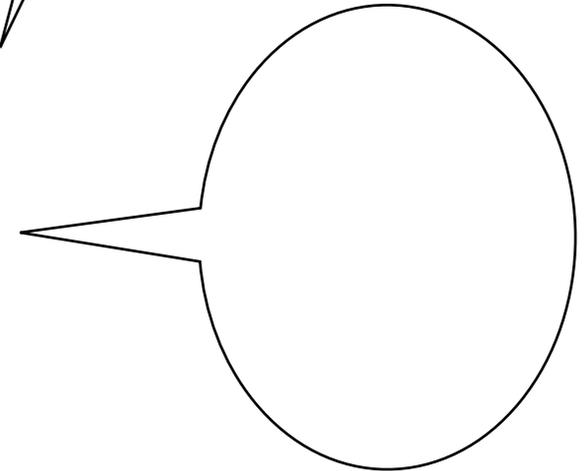
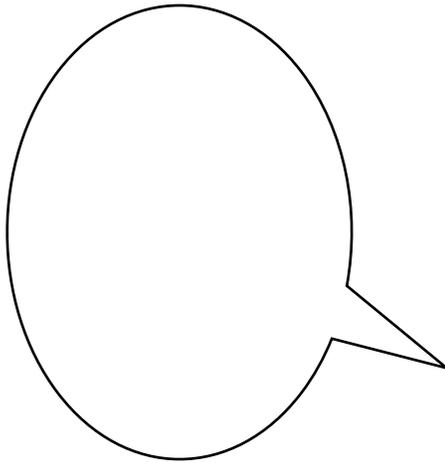
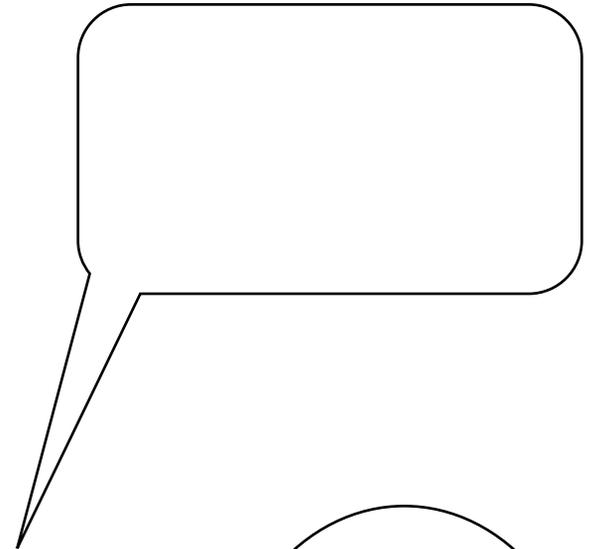
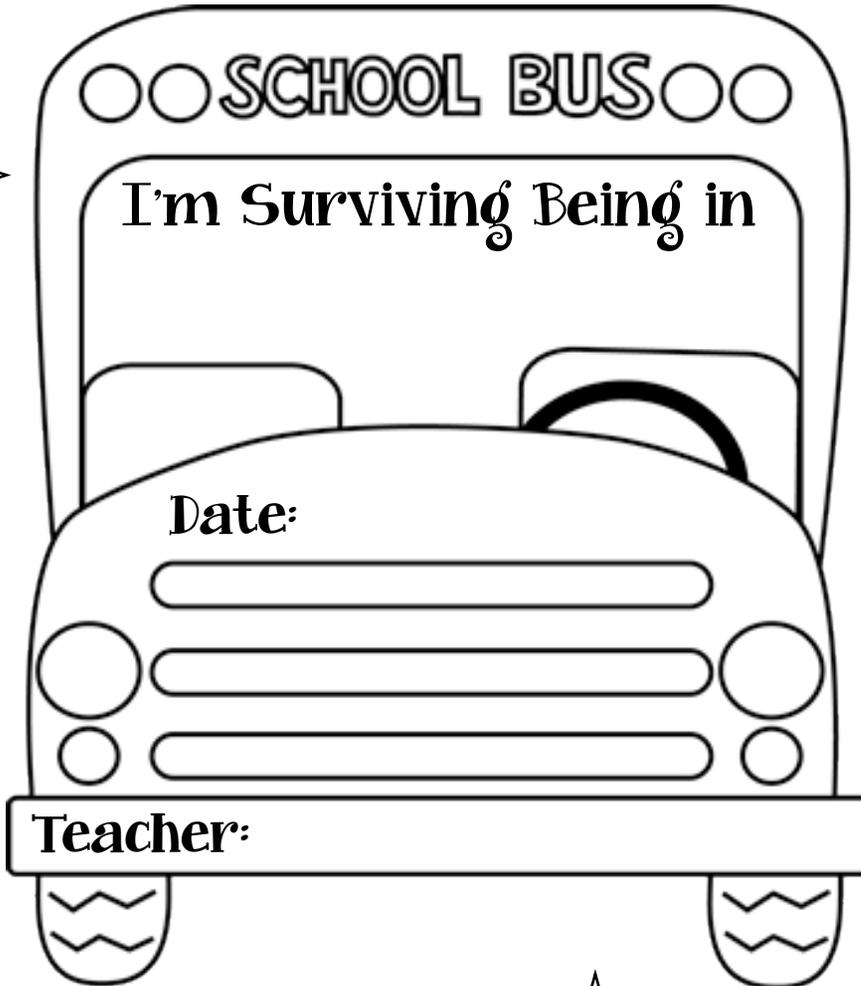
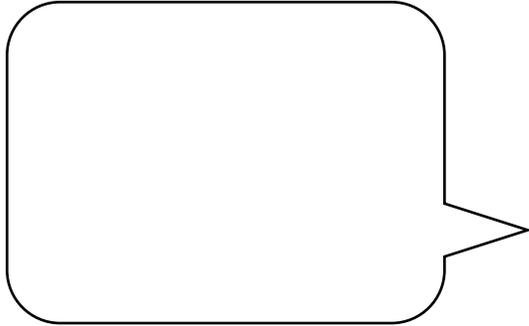
Encourage students to use proper capitalization, punctuation, spaces, adjectives etc. and you have covered a lot of Common Core State Standards as well. There's a generic cover as well as covers for preschool through 6th grade. Define what an adjective is and why using describing words are important. Pass out markers and have students write adjectives that describe themselves, in each bubble box on their cover. Explain that they can add more words as the year progresses. To make this extra special, have students glue their school picture inside the bus. You may want to make a booklet yourself, to use as an example to help explain things each month. Students really enjoy learning about their teacher.

The pages are geared from easy to more difficult as students advance. Later, explain to them that instead of just a list, you want them to write sentences. You can also have them start with the header, so that they are working on a complete sentence with proper capitalization, instead of just answering the topic. i.e. Favorite food: My favorite food is pizza. Later, have them expand their thoughts even more, by explaining why and adding adjectives: i.e. My favorite junk food is pizza, because I like spicy pepperoni.

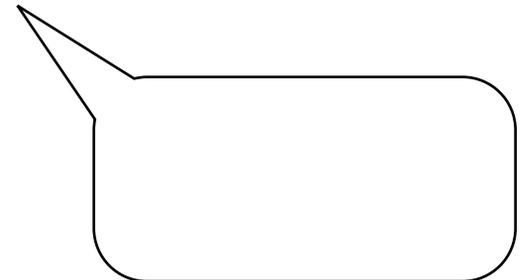
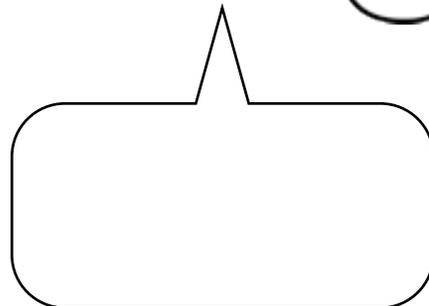
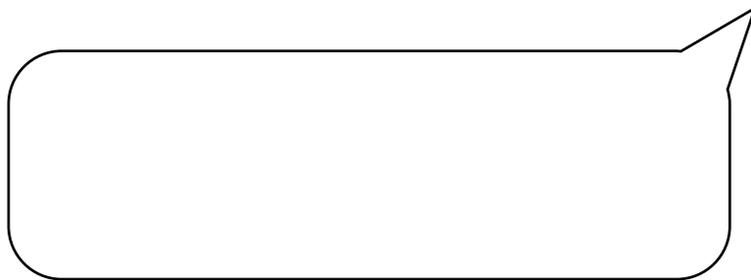
To get in more fine motor practice and add some pizzazz to the pages, have students use colored markers, pencils and crayons. In the Me...section, students practice writing their name and drawing a self-portrait. This is especially important for preschool and kindergarten students. In the beginning younger kiddo's can draw a picture of how they feel, with a happy or sad (etc.) face. They will be limited to probably 1-word answers in the boxes. You can also opt to have students do these 1-on-1 with a helper, who writes down their answers, or send a page home as homework to be returned in a week.

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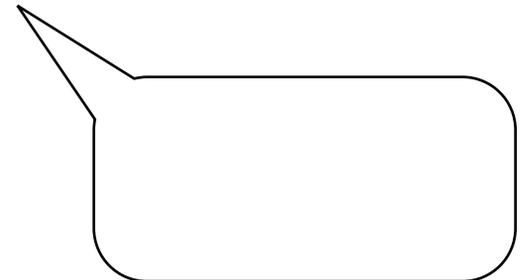
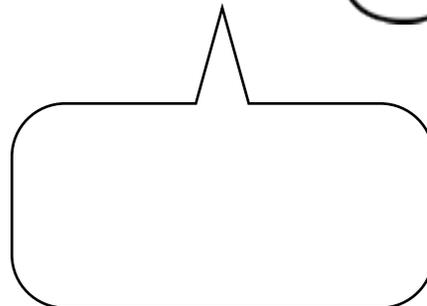
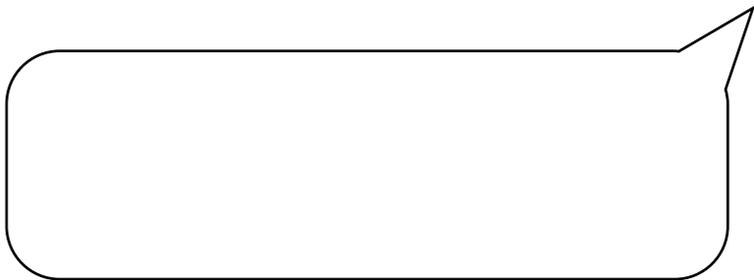
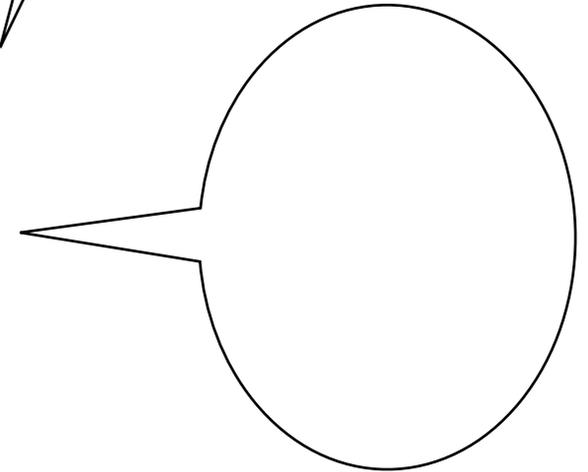
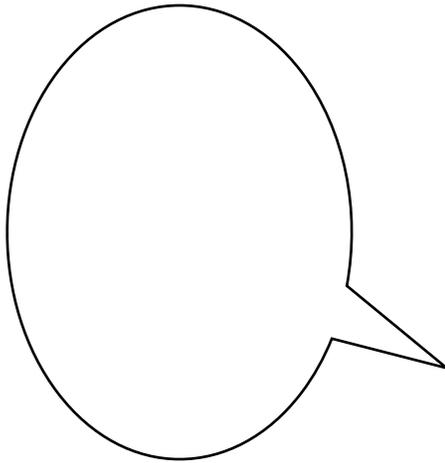
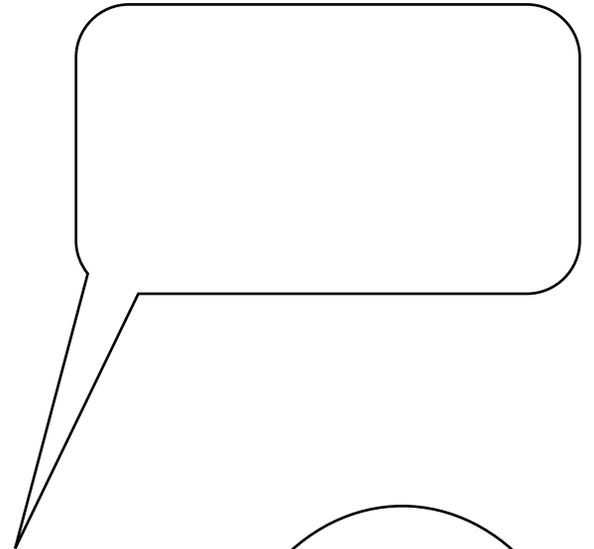
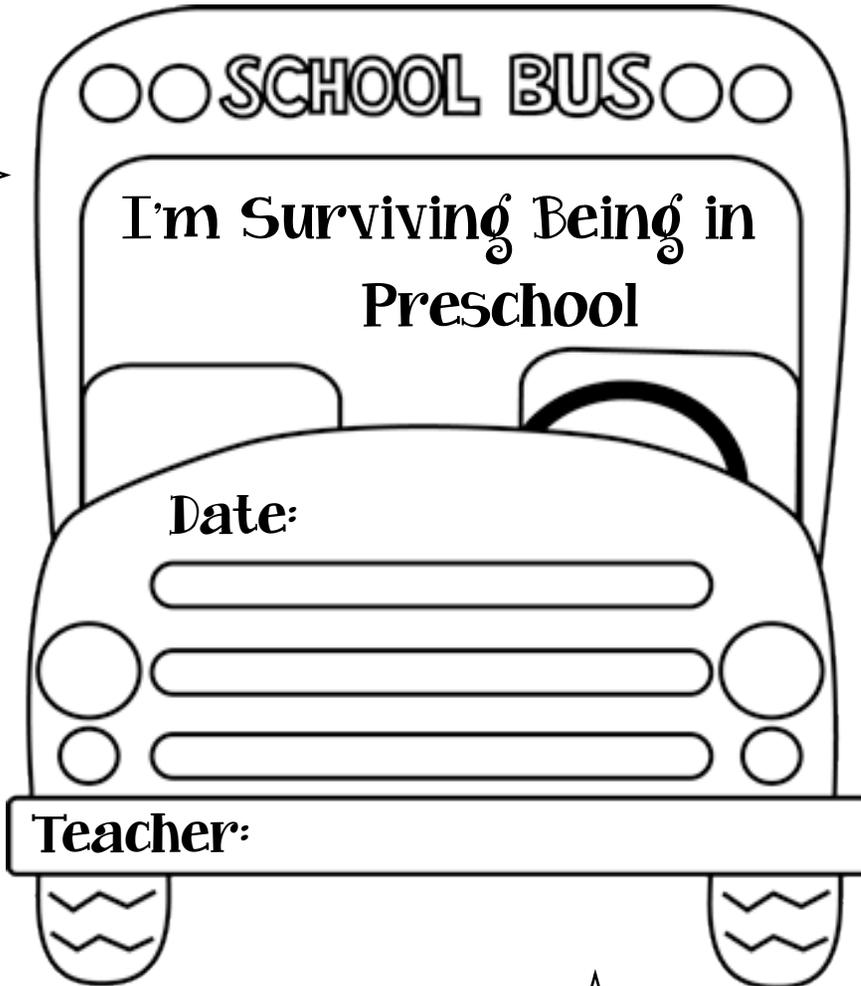
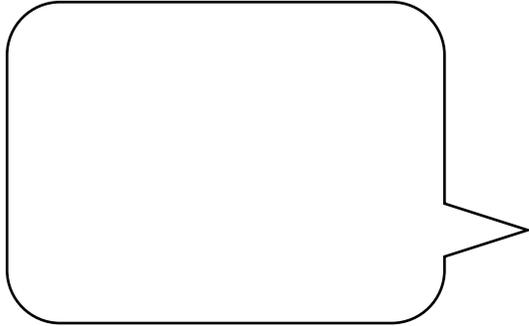


**Teacher:**



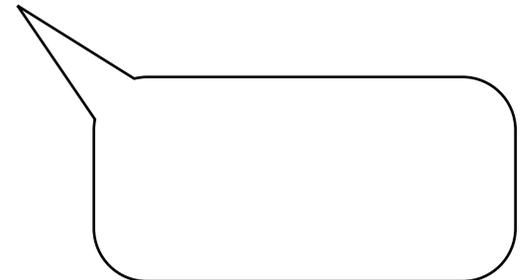
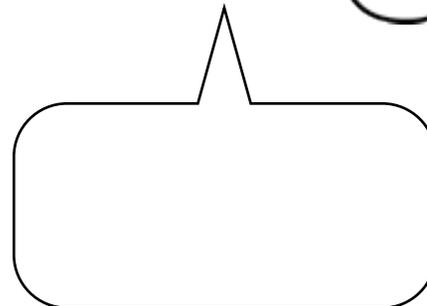
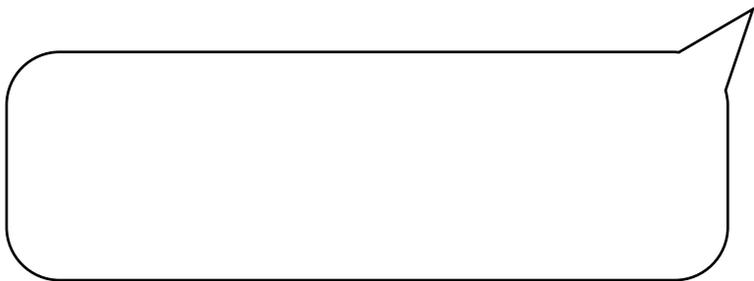
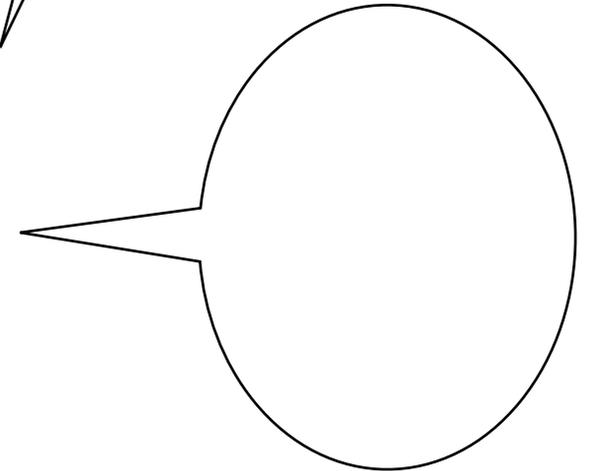
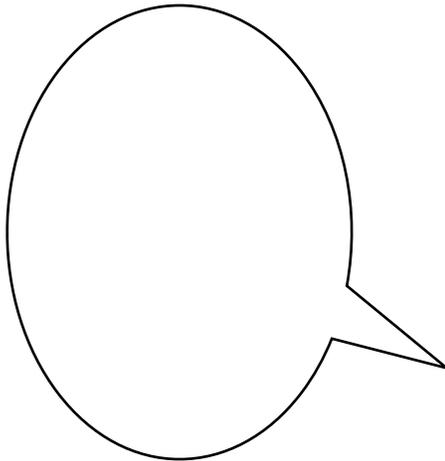
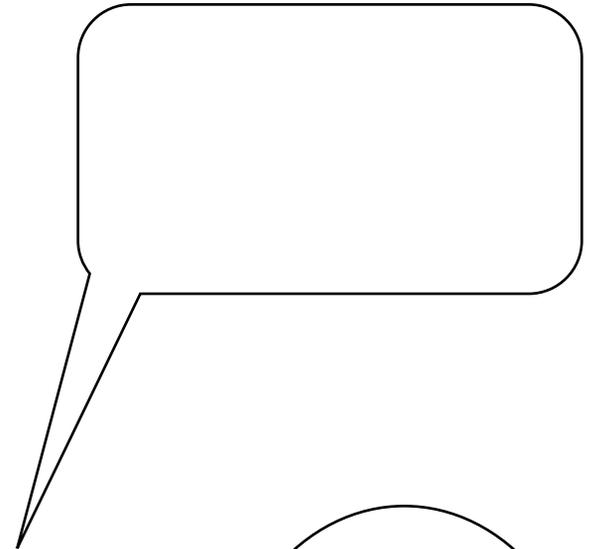
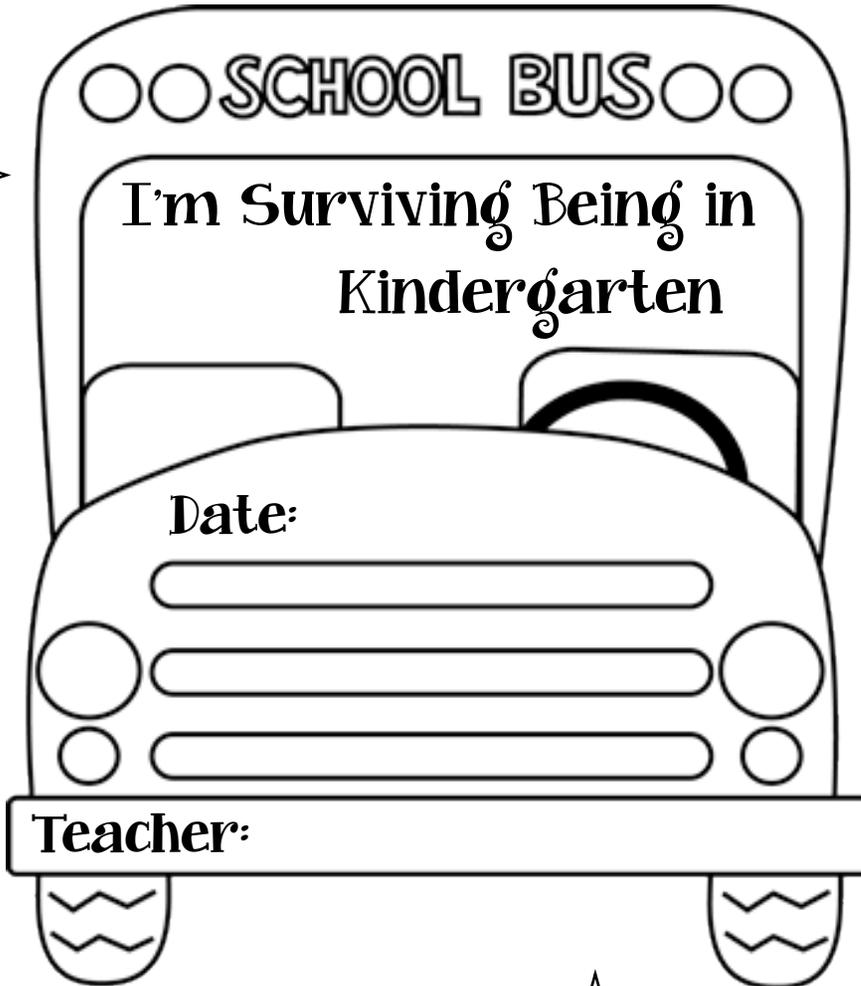
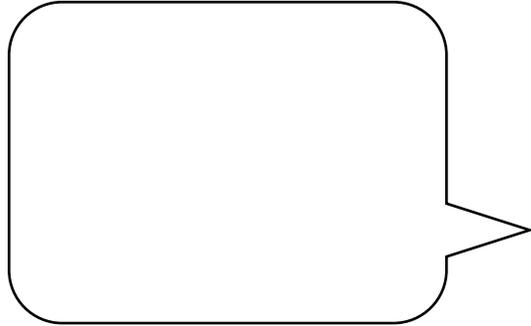
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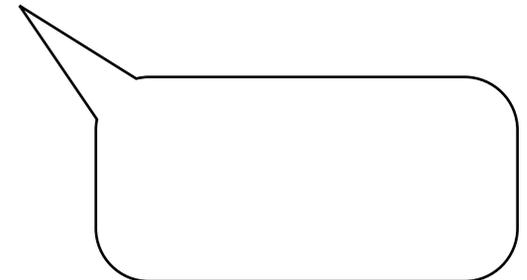
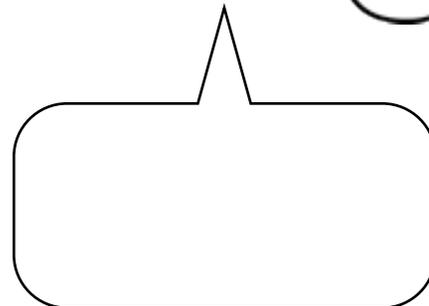
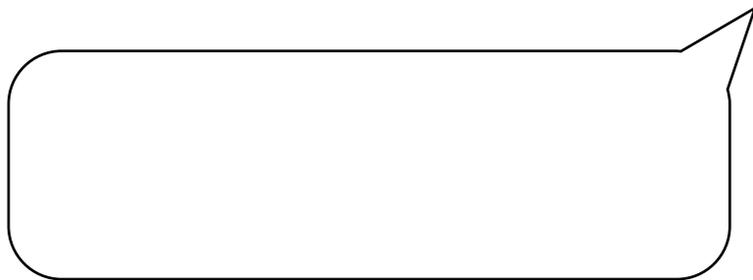
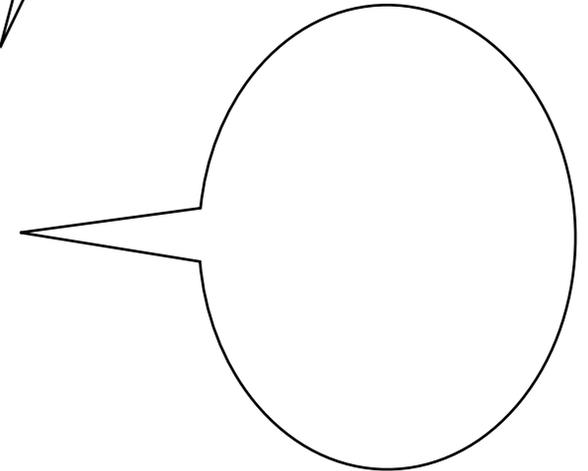
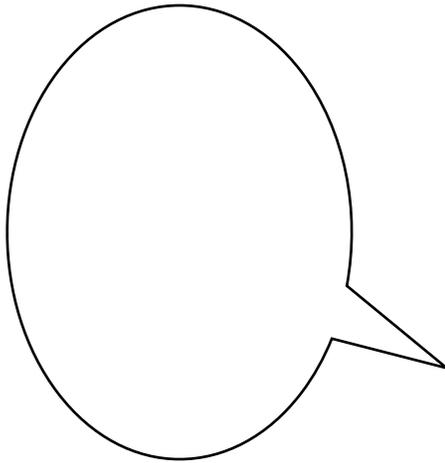
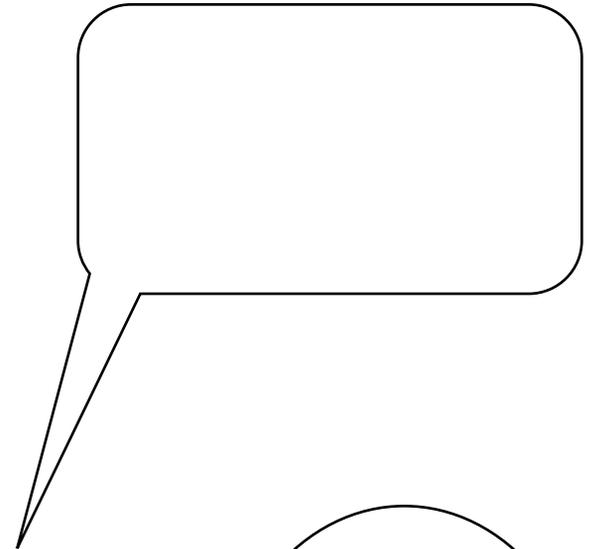
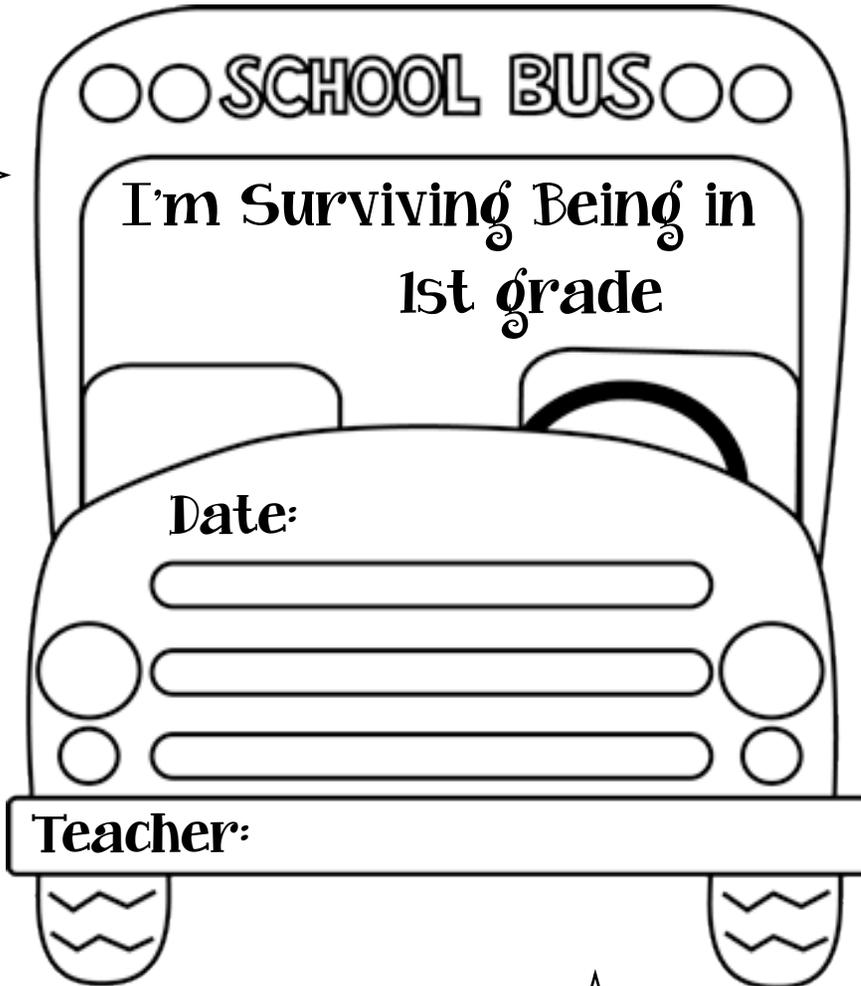
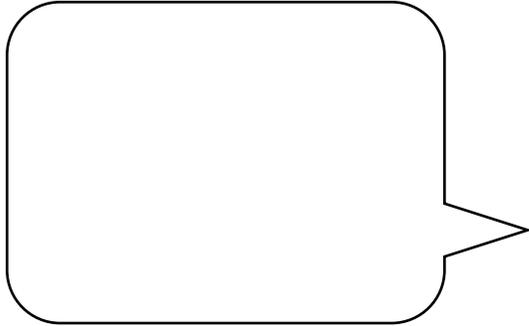
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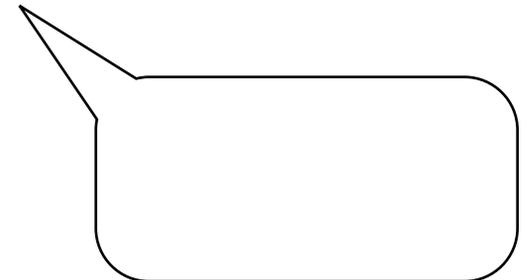
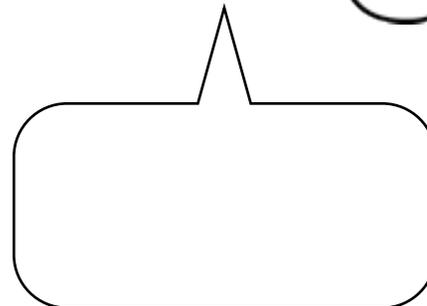
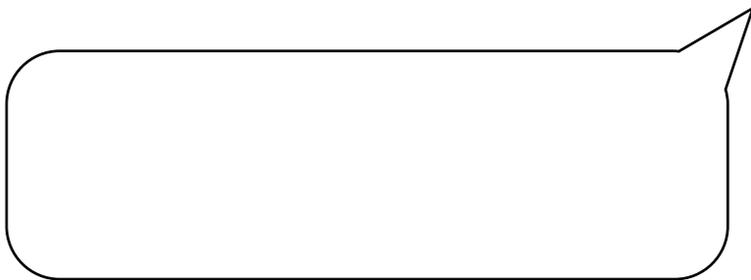
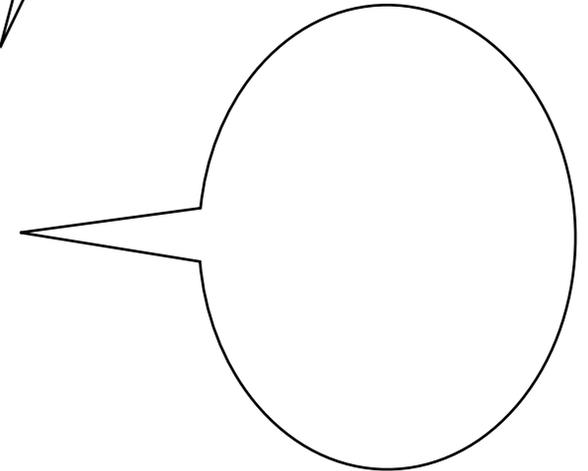
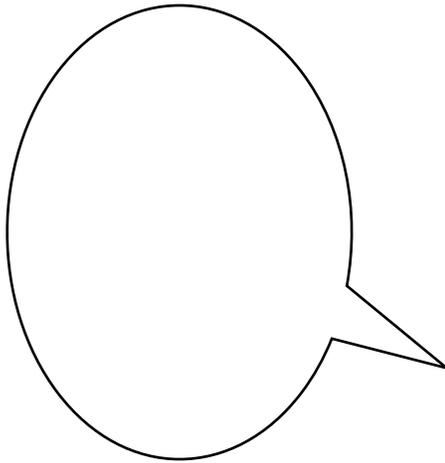
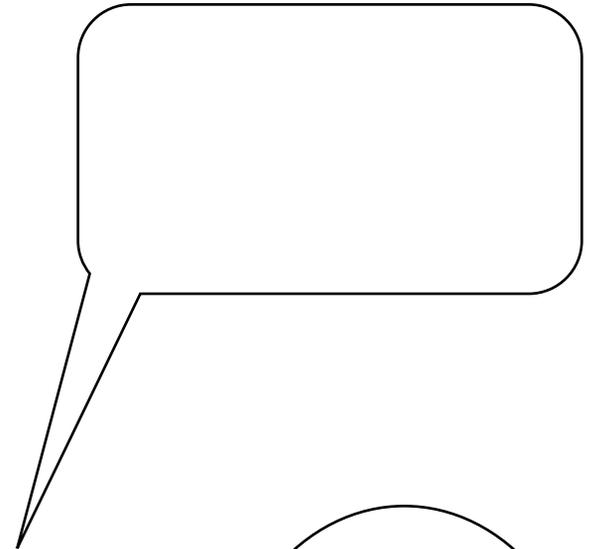
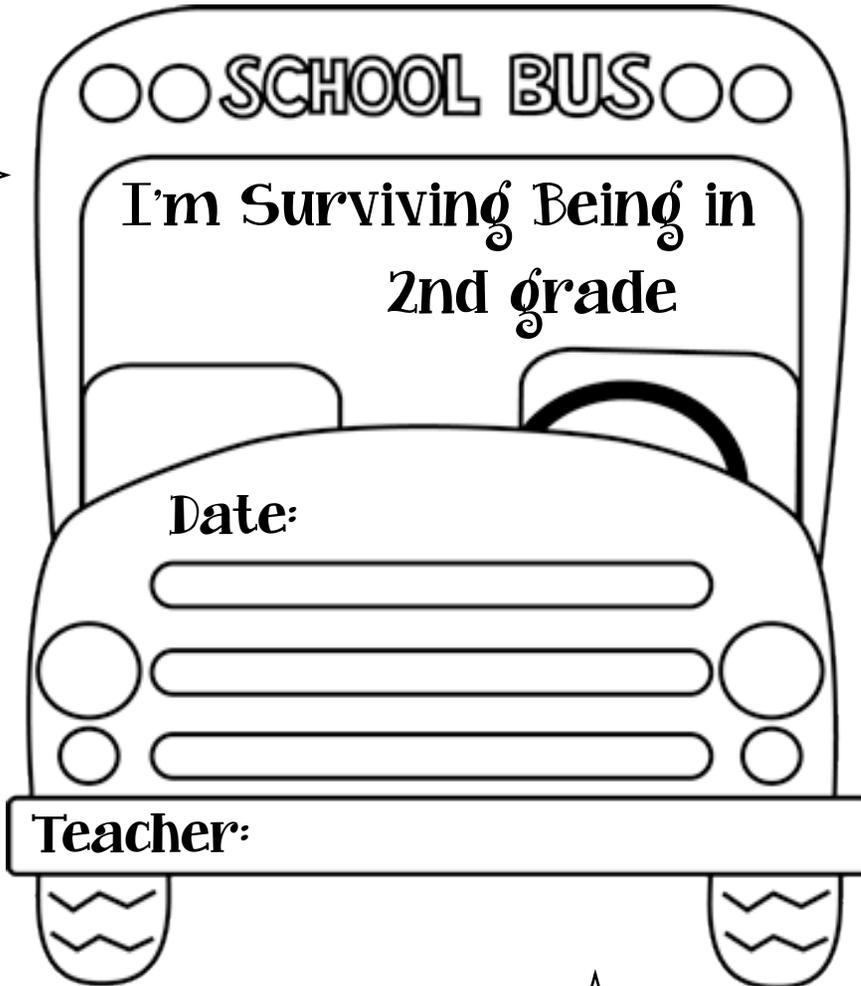
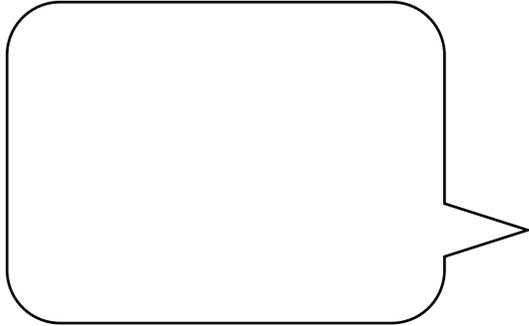
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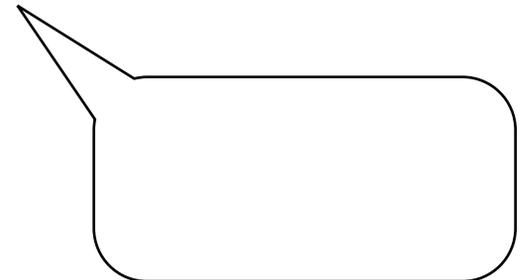
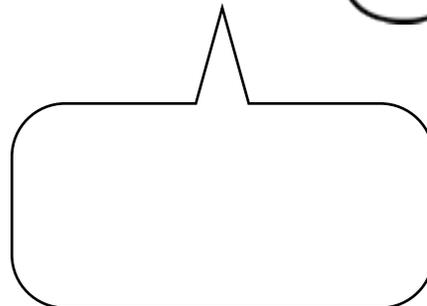
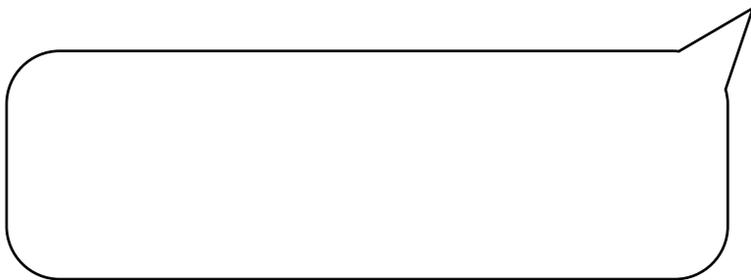
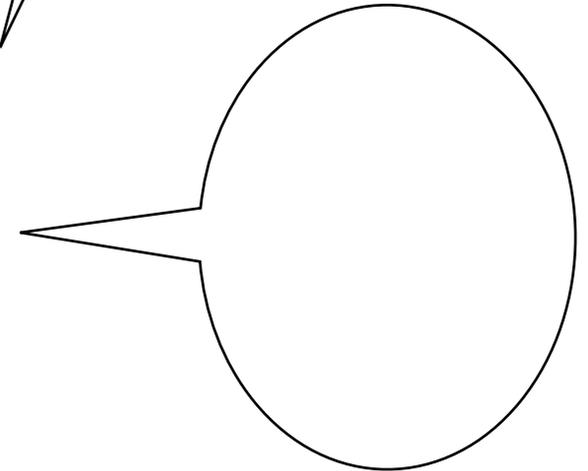
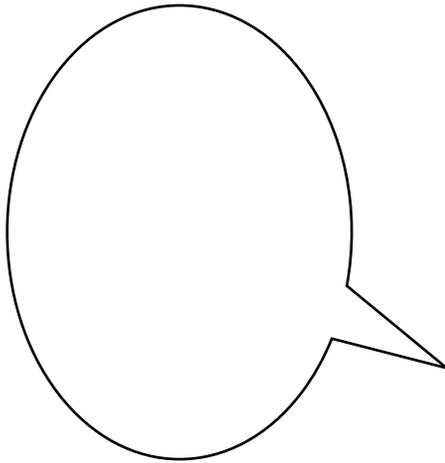
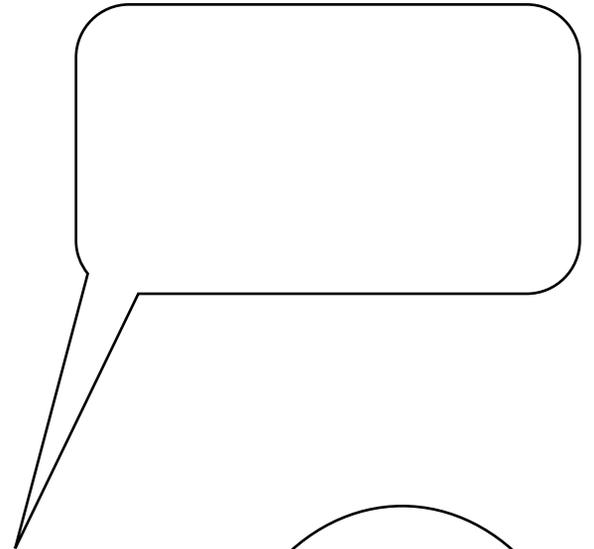
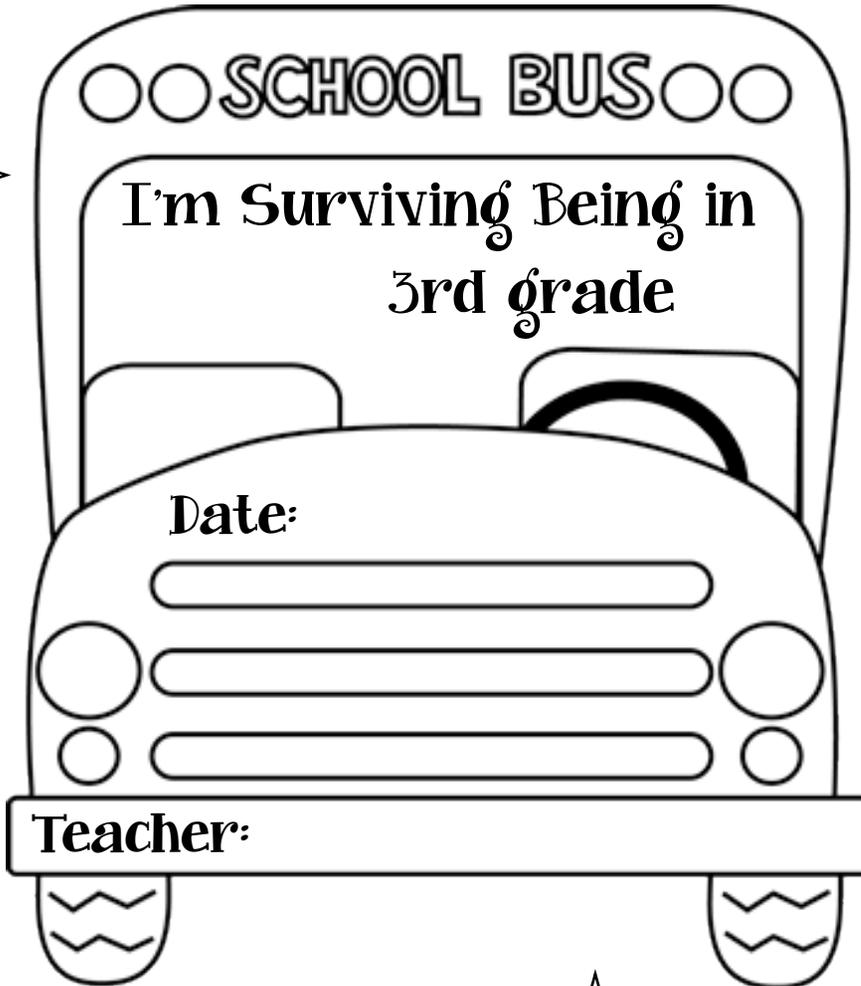
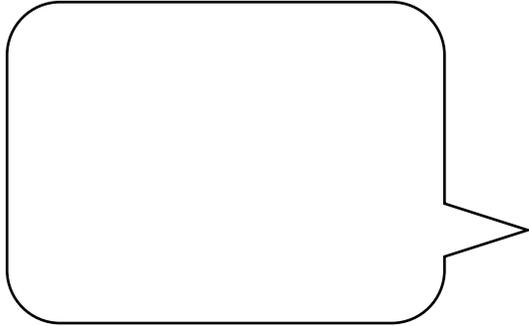
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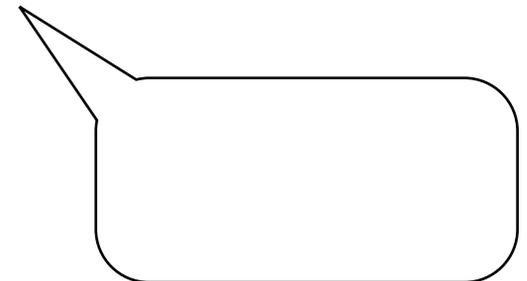
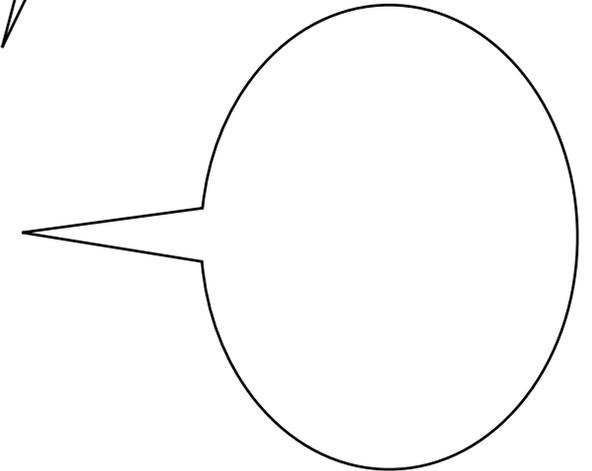
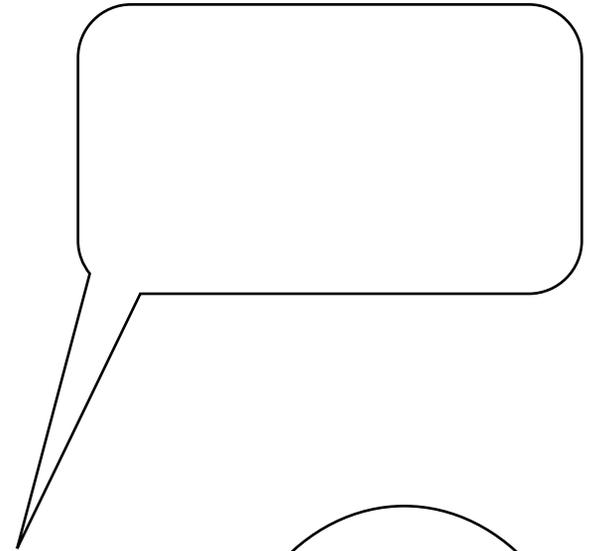
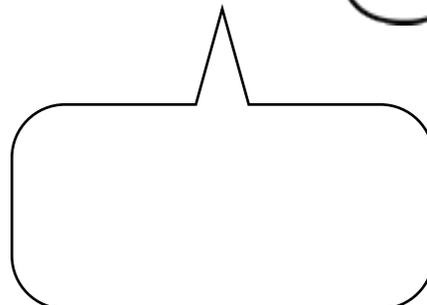
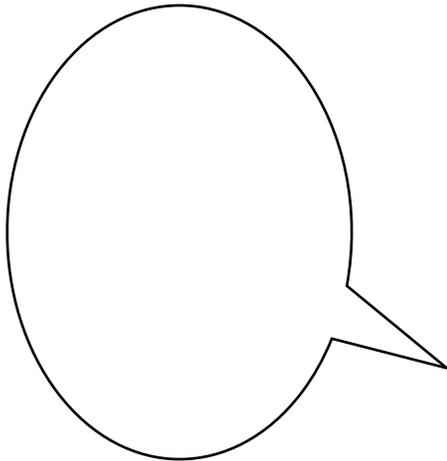
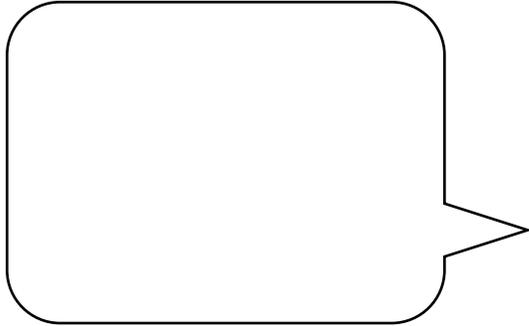
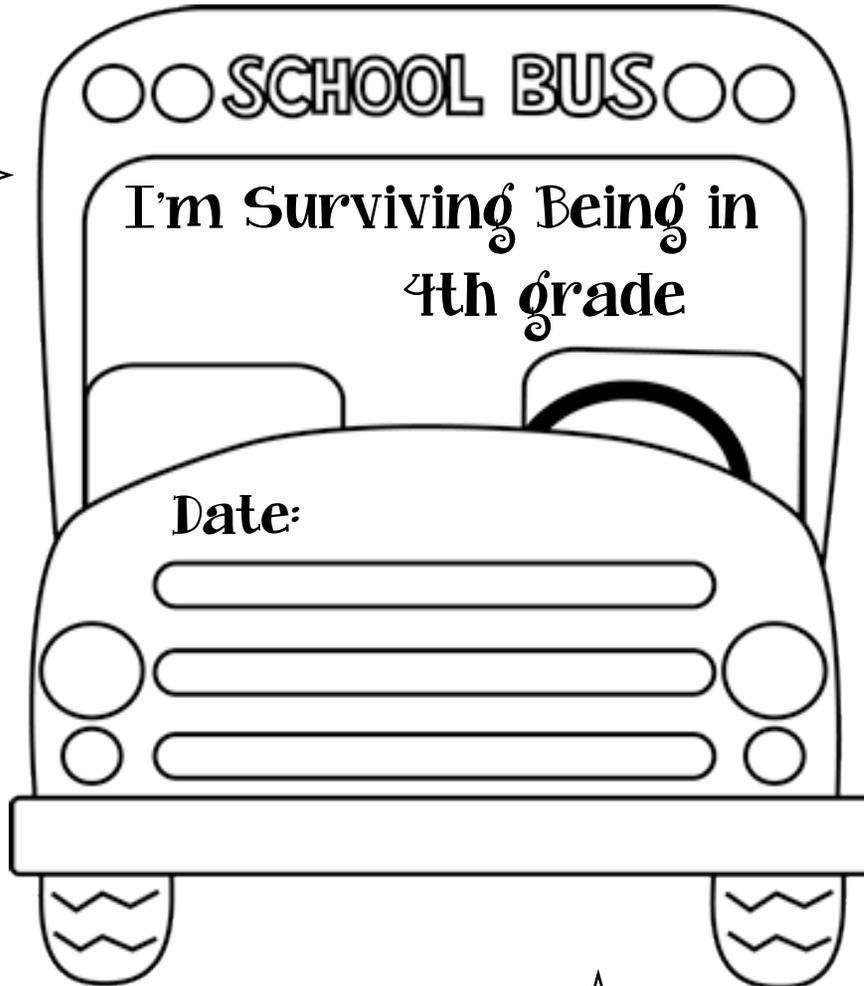
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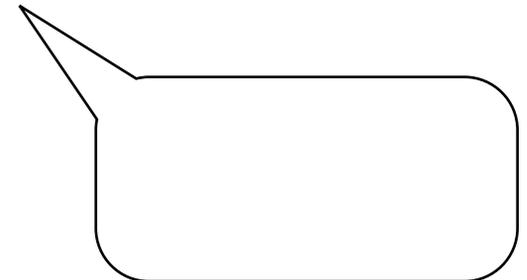
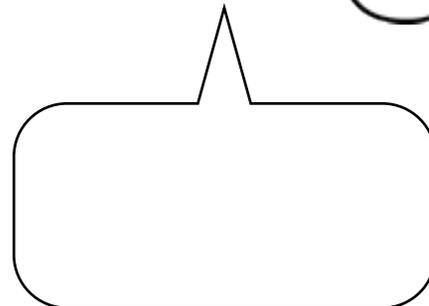
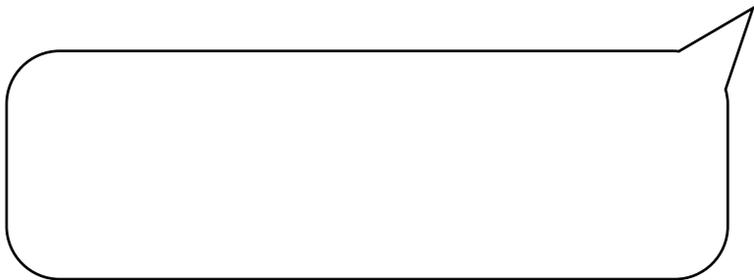
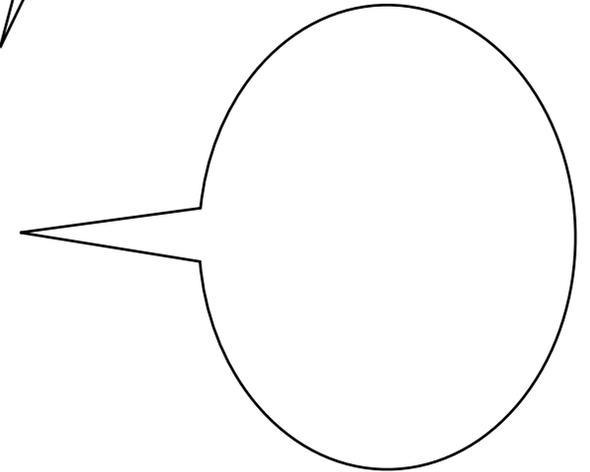
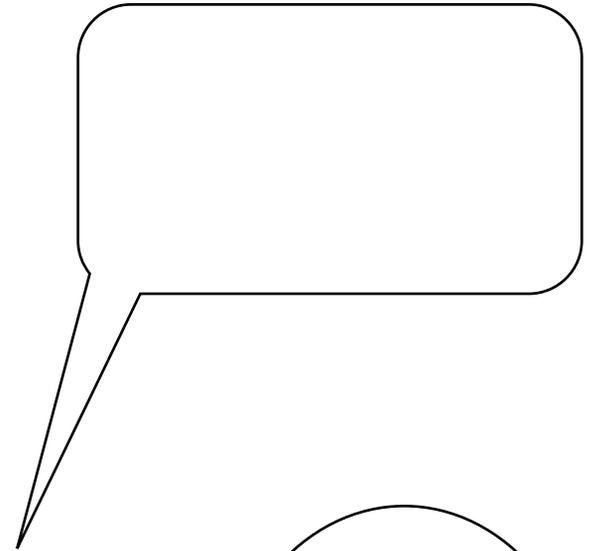
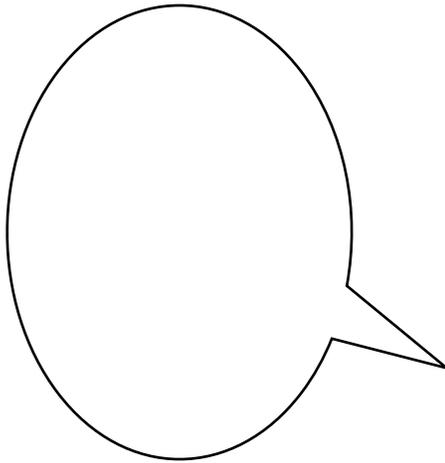
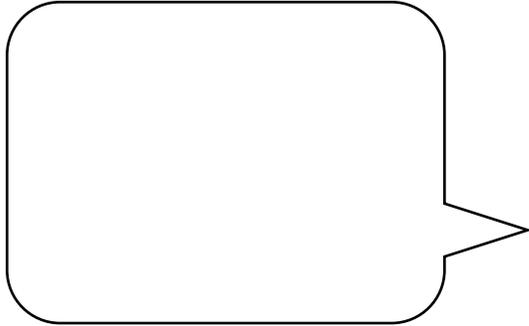
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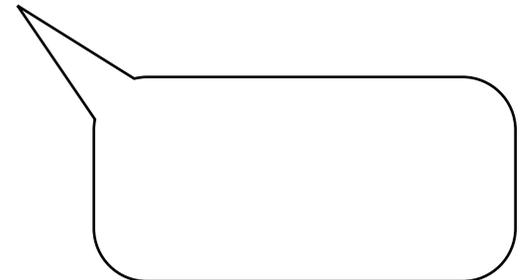
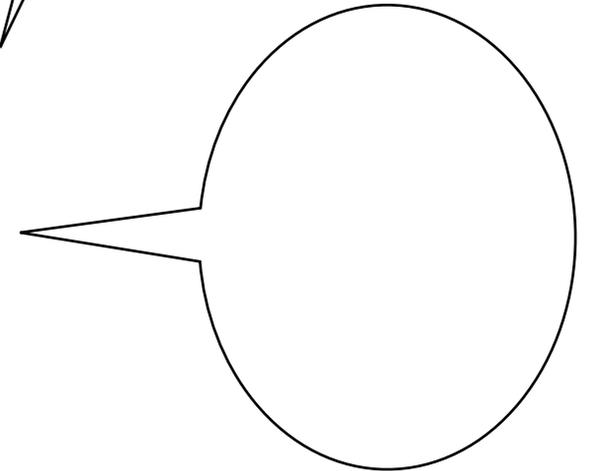
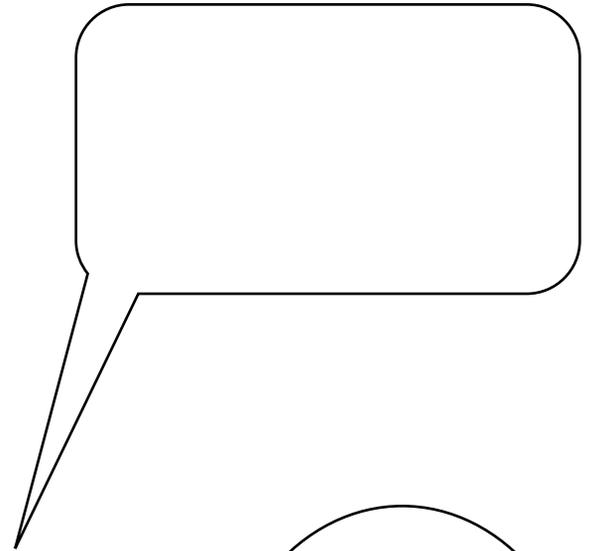
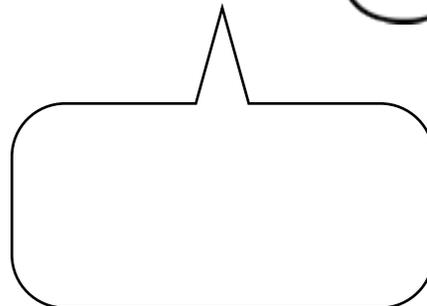
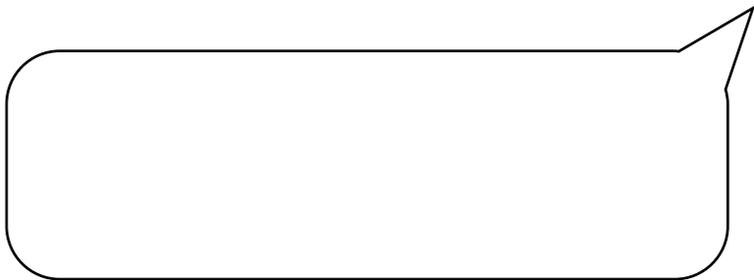
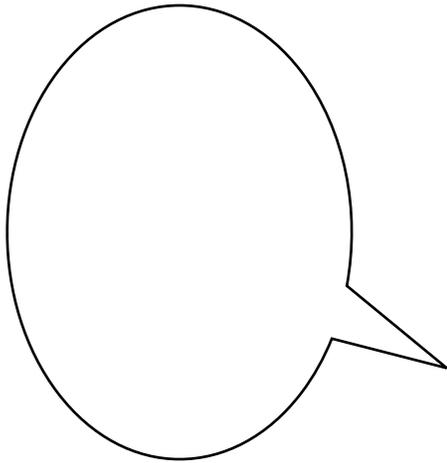
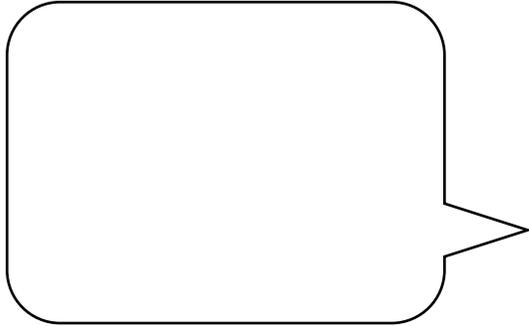
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**I enjoyed . . .**

**Me . . .**

**I ate . . .**

**Feelings:**



**I survived  
my 1st day  
of school**

**3 words that  
describe  
today . . .**

**I'm looking forward to . . .**

**New friends . . .**

**Date:**

**I like...**

**Me...**

**I don't like...**

**Favorite subject ...**

**I feel...**

**I survived my  
1st month of  
school.**

**Date:**

**I learned...**

**2 new friends ...**

**I like...**

**Me...**

**I don't like...**

**Favorite activity...**

**I feel...**

**I survived  
October  
in school.  
Date:**

**New things I learned...**

**2 new friends...**

**I like . . .**

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**Me . . .**

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**Favorite food . . .**

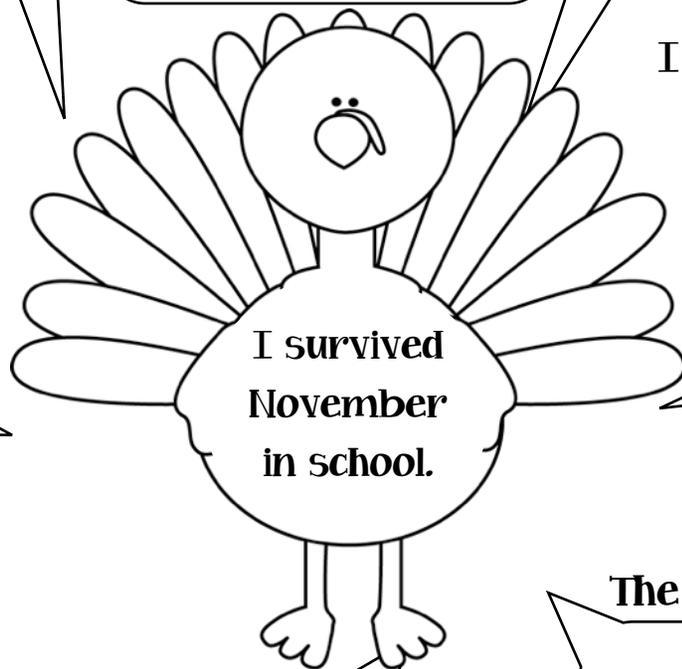
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**Favorite activity . . .**

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**I feel . . .**

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**I survived  
November  
in school.**

**New things I learned . . .**

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**The weather is . . .**

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**Date:**

**I like . . .**

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**Me . . .**

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**A goal for the new year . . .**

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**Favorite after school activity . . .**

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**I feel . . .**

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**I survived  
December  
in school.**

**New things I learned . . .**

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**The weather is . . .**

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**Date:**

**I like . . .**

**Me . . .**

**Favorite book . . .**

**Favorite activity . . .**

**I feel . . .**

**New things I learned . . .**

**Date:**



**I survived  
January  
in school.**

**The weather is . . .**

**I like . . .**

**Me . . .**

**News to share . . .**

**Favorite sport . . .**

**I feel . . .**

**I survived  
February  
in school.**

**New things I learned . . .**

**Date:**

**The weather is . . .**

**I like . . .**

**Me . . .**

**I wish . . .**

**Favorite TV show . . .**

**I feel . . .**

**I survived  
March  
in school.**

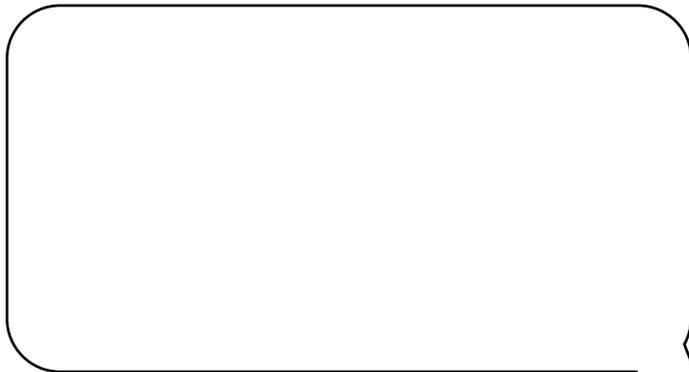


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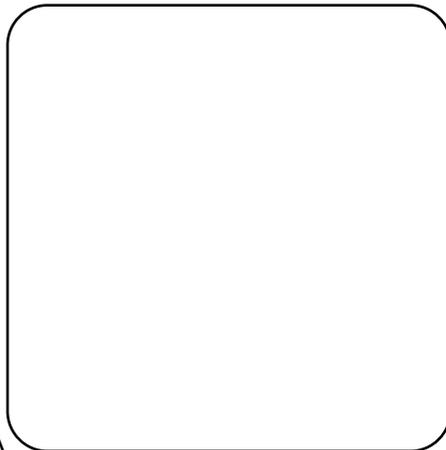
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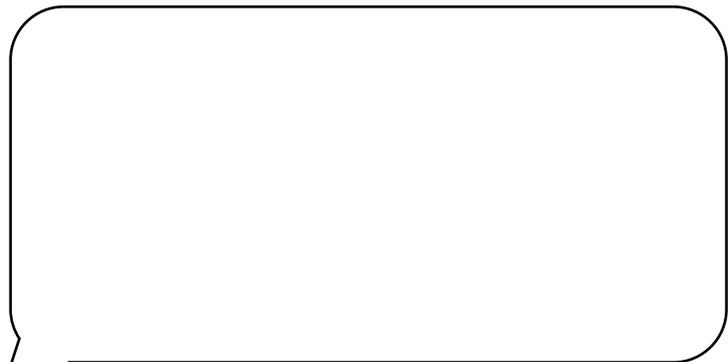
**I like . . .**



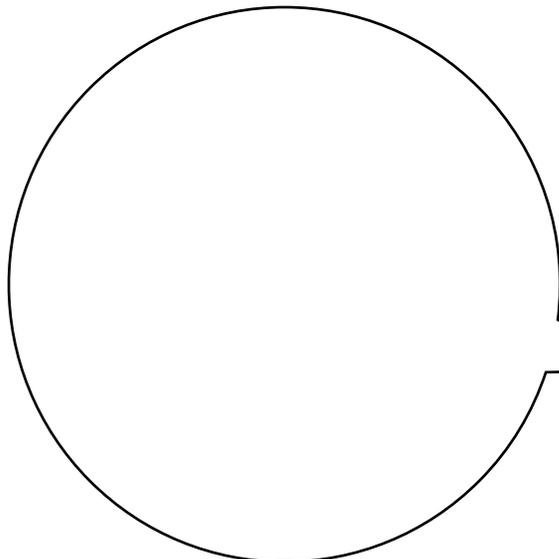
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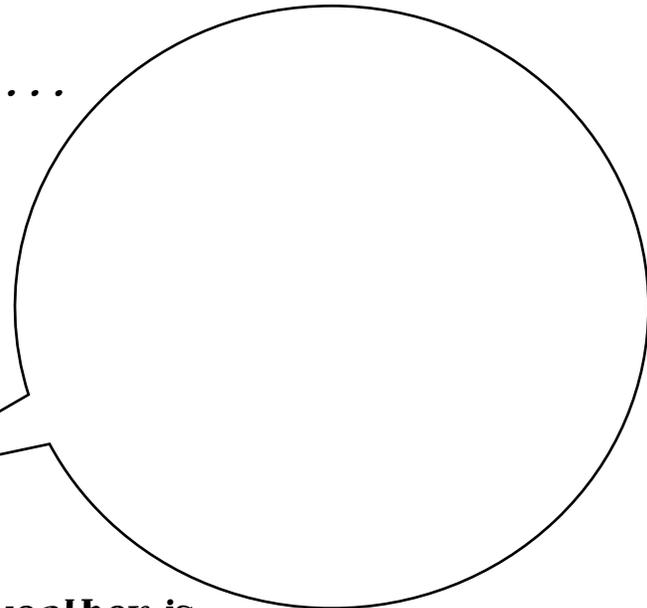
**Storms are . . .**



**Favorite kind of music . .**



**I feel . . .**



**I survived  
April  
in school.**

**New things I learned . . .**



**The weather is . . .**



**Date:**



**I like...**

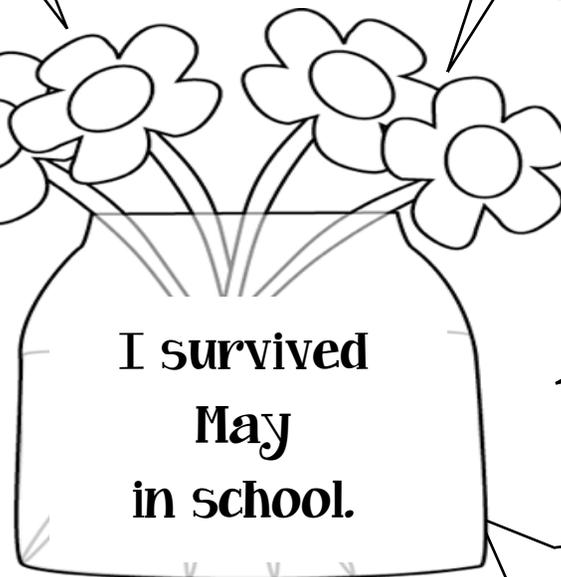
**Me...**

**Something new I'd like to try:**

**An animal I'm most like...**

**I feel...**

**New things I learned...**



**The weather is...**

**Date:**

The thing I enjoyed the most ...

Empty rounded rectangular box for writing.

Me ...

Empty rounded rectangular box for writing.

Over the summer I want to ...

Empty rounded rectangular box for writing.

Feelings about leaping to the next grade:

Large empty circular speech bubble for writing.

3 words that describe this year ...

Large empty circular speech bubble for writing.



Favorite thing I learned ...

Large empty rounded rectangular box for writing.

My best friend ...

Large empty rounded rectangular box for writing.

Date: