



Dear Families,

Welcome to a new school year!

As a fun icebreaker I thought the children would enjoy sharing a cookie glyph about themselves so we can get to know each other.

Would you please read the enclosed directions and help your child complete their cookie and then return it to school for our first day of class.

The students will be sharing them and then I will be making a bulletin board with their creations.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call.

I'm really looking forward to our first day of school. We will have so much fun!

Educationally Yours,



My Cookie Glyph



COLOR pink (girl) or blue (boy) inside and then please CUT out. Write name in PENCIL on back. Thank you.

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Cookie Glyph Directions

1. If you are a GIRL use a **PINK** crayon and TRACE around the CIRCLE/cookie. If you are a BOY use a **BLUE** crayon.

2. Frosting Border:



- If you are excited to come to school make this kind of frosting border around the inside edge of your cookie.



- If you really don't want to come to school make this kind of frosting border.



- If you are a little bit scared to come to school make this kind of frosting border.



- If you are not sure how you feel about coming to school, make this kind of frosting border.

- Use a **purple** crayon for your frosting border if you were born in this state.
- Use a **red** crayon for your frosting border if you were born in another state.
- Use a **green** crayon for your frosting border if you were born in another country.

3. Write your age in the circle on the cookie. Use a **black crayon**. COLOR this circle your **FAVORITE color**. This is about the size you should make your "toppings".

4. Make a triangle  on your cookie for **every** sister you have. If you have 3 sisters you will have 3 triangles.

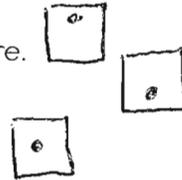
- COLOR these **purple** if your favorite ice cream is vanilla.
- COLOR them **orange** if your favorite ice cream is chocolate.
- COLOR them **red** if your favorite ice cream is strawberry.
- COLOR them **yellow** if your favorite ice cream is something else.
- If you don't have a sister, put a straight line at the top of your cookie the appropriate ice cream color. (see sample.)

- If this sister is older put a dot at the top of the triangle.
- If she is younger put a dot at the bottom of the triangle.
- If she is your twin put a dot in the middle of the triangle.



5. Make a square  on your cookie for every brother you have.
- COLOR these **green** if you play a sport.
 - Color them **light brown** if you don't like sports.
 - Color them **blue** if you'd like to play a sport.
 - If you don't have a brother, put a straight line at the top of your cookie the appropriate color. (see sample.)

- If this brother is older put a dot at the top of the square.
- If he is younger put a dot at the bottom of the square.
- If he is your twin put a dot in the middle of the square.



6. If you have a dog draw an oval  on your cookie. Use your **second favorite** color crayon to color it.

7. If you have a cat draw a diamond on your cookie.  Use your **second favorite** color crayon to color it.

8. Make little rectangle sprinkles all over your cookie for the month that you were born in.



Here is a key for how many sprinkles you can put on your cookie that will = the month as well as the color(s) you should use.

- January = 1 white
- February = 2 **red**
- March = 3 **green**
- April = 4 **blue**
- May = 5 **pink**
- June = 6 **yellow**
- July = 7 2 **red**, 2 **white** and 3 **blue**
- August = 8 **red** and **black** (4 of each)
- September = 9 **yellow**, **orange** and **red** (3 of each)
- October = 10 **black** and **orange** (5 of each)
- November = 11 5 **brown** and 6 **orange**
- December = 12 **red** and **green** (6 of each)

9. Heart: Color the heart your favorite FLAVOR bubble gum. i.e. my favorite flavor bubble gum is cherry so I would color my heart **red**.



- Make this kind of face if you are shy & quiet.



- Make this kind of face if you are talkative.



- Make this kind of face if you are sleepy.



- Make this kind of face if you are silly.



- Make this kind of face if you are happy.

10. Star:

- Color the star **yellow** if you like pepperoni pizza.
- Color the star **orange** if you like cheese pizza.
- Color the star **white** if you like a different kind of pizza.

- Put the letter B in the star if you will be riding the bus to school.
- Put the letter W in the star if you will be walking to school.
- Put the letter C in the star if you will be coming by car.
- Put the letter K in the star if you will be riding your bike.

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Sample interview questions

- Brainstorm with your students.
 - Read these as suggestions and then let them know that they can also think of their own question.
 - They will be asking one or two questions of each of their new friends.
 - Remind them that they have X amount of time to get through X amount of students before the timer rings.
 - If you have enough clipboards for everyone, my Y5's think it's "way cool" to carry them around and write on.
1. What is your favorite color?
 2. What's your second favorite color?
 3. How old are you?
 4. How do you get to school?
 5. What kind of person are you? (Shy, talkative, sleepy, silly, happy)
 6. What month were you born in?
 7. Do you have a pet? How many? Is it a cat, dog or other?
 8. Do you have any brothers? How many? Are they younger or older?
 9. Do you have any sisters? How many? Are they younger or older?
 10. What's your favorite flavor of ice cream?
 11. What's your favorite flavor of bubble gum?



Whose Glyph?

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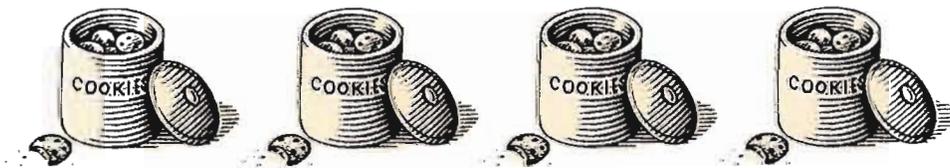
Congratulations!

has gotten the most cookie glyphs correct!



Teacher: _____

Date: _____



A Cookie Glyph As A Fun Icebreaker



Cookie Glyph:

I dreamed this up because I thought it would not only be a fun icebreaker, but it would make an instant and really cute bulletin board as well.

You can do these **with** your students the first week of school as a get-to-know-you activity, or you can tuck the directions and a tan construction paper cookie into your *Open House Packet* for parents to help their child with, and then they can bring their cookie on the first day of school for them to hold up and share with their new friends.

We have our Open House before school starts. If you don't, you can tuck it into your "*Welcome to my class*" letter that many teachers send out during the summer or simply send it home the first day of school.

Use my pattern, or revamp it to make it simpler or a bit more involved to fit the age of your students or the time frame you have allotted to complete it in class.

Take a photo of each student on their 1st day of school. I use this photo in all sorts of keepsake things during September until I get their school pix back.

I make black & white copies on the photo setting of our copier and keep them along with other photos that I take in a file folder on my desk.

Cookie Glyph Bulletin Board:

After students finish sharing their cookie glyph, if they haven't already done so, have them cut their cookie out.

Cover a section of your bulletin board or a wall with aluminum foil so that it looks like a cookie sheet.

If you want to make this "pop" make a cookie sheet out of tag board and then wrap it in aluminum foil. Stuff a bit of tissue paper under the center of it so that it is raised up.

Arrange your students' cookie glyphs on the sheet and staple their photo next to their cookie so that it overlaps a bit.

Make copies of the spatula template and have children write their names on them, or for younger students give them a sticker name label.

They can color the handles their favorite color and then cut them out. Staple the spatula on top of a corner of their photo.

Your heading will be: _____ ***Has A Brand New Batch Of Really Smart Cookies!***

Display the glyph key and my "*Recipe for a really good year!*" card and put them one above the other on your board on either the left or right side.

If you'd like to make this a "*Mystery glyph game*" like the **bio-glyph in back-to-school idea #5** scotch tape the cookies on the b. board in such a way so that they flip up, and then put the photo under the cookie.

You can omit the name spatulas or have children glue them to their cookie making sure that they glue it so that they can be viewed correctly when "flipped-up".

As with that game, allow students time to interview their new friends to see if they can figure out whose cookie belongs to whom and award a prize to the student who has the most glyphs correct when the timer rings.

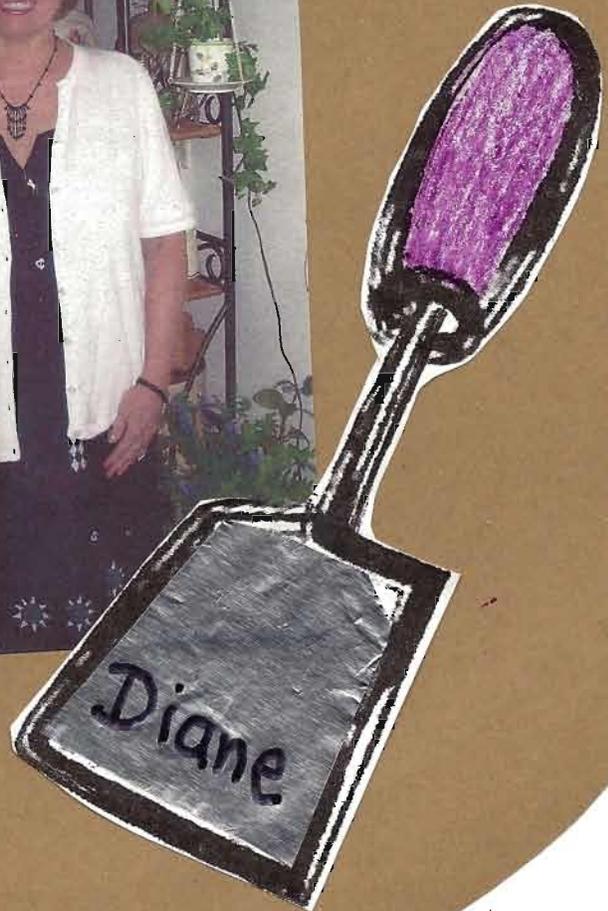


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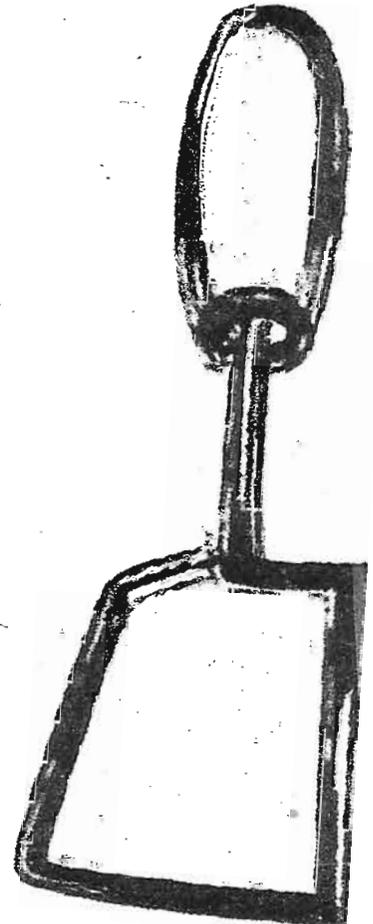
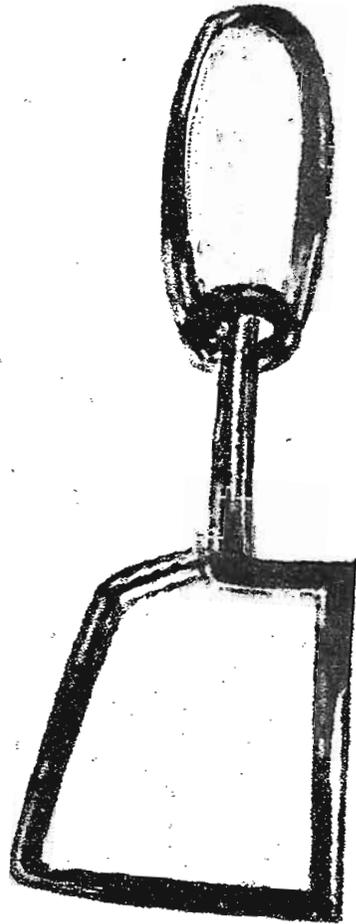
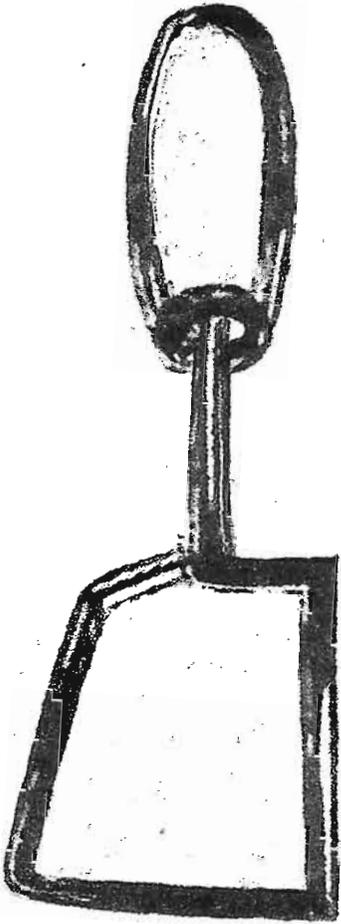
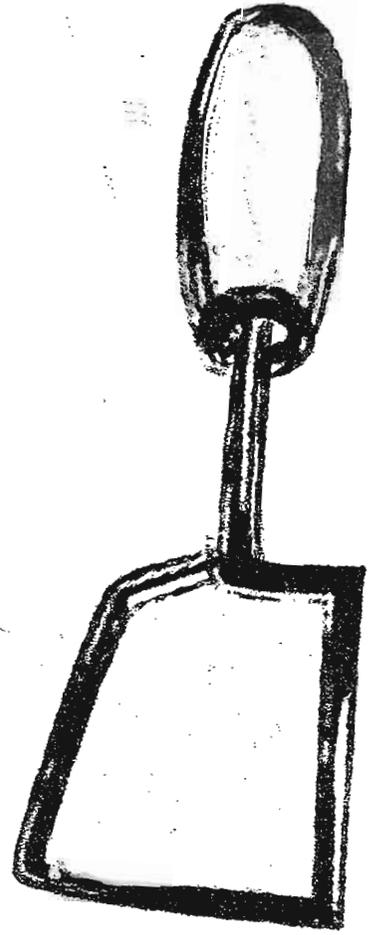
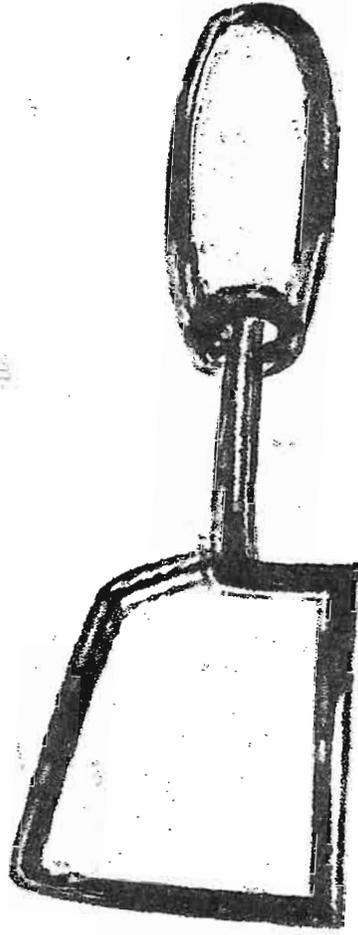
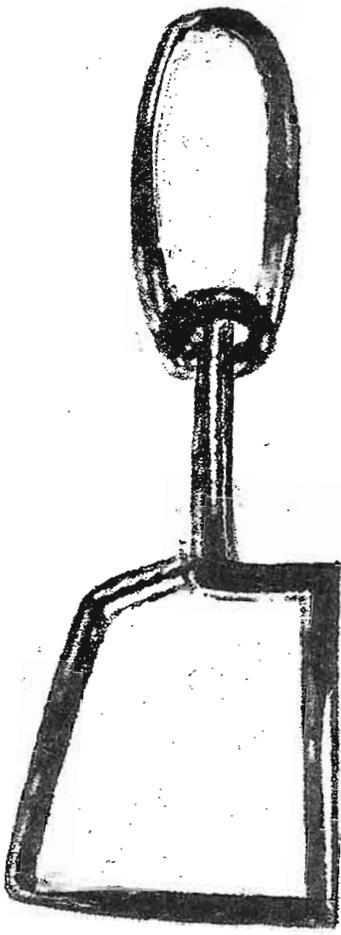
For a fun addition to the end of the activity, have milk and cookies for a snack and ask your students this riddle: "*Why did the cookie go to the doctor?*" "*Because he was feeling crummy!*"

I hope you enjoy this activity with your new batch of sweeties!

This would also be something fun to do with the entire family over summer break, or to plug in if you're teaching summer school.



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Recipe for a great school year!

Ingredients:

- _____ really smart students.
- 1 really excited teacher named _____.
- Tons of fun-filled lessons.

Directions:

1. Mix together daily from _____ to _____.
2. Combine with smiles and hugs.
3. Keep cozy from _____ to _____.
4. Will result in very happy and smart students ready for _____.

1. Fill in with start and end TIME.
3. Fill in with start and end of school MONTH.
4. Fill in with the next grade.

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