

Monthly Keepsake Pattern Book

Background:

- Some of the teachers teasingly call me Queen of the Die Cuts. I take 2 entire days during the summer to go down to our local KISD to die cut everything I need for the entire school year.
- I then put the pieces in baggies and put the baggies into file folders, those go into hanging folders for each month. Those go into a carry crate that I keep in my storage closet.
- The 1st of the month I check to see what die-cuts I have and pull them as I need them for projects.
- I think die-cuts are great for a variety of things. They enhance projects and are great for covers of booklets. The templates are great to cover tissue stained glass squares as well as crayon melts. They make great name tags, locker signs, award badges etc.
- One of the monthly Keepsake books that I do is a math extension on patterns. Our KISD (Kent Intermediate School District) has a lot of mini die cuts. They are perfect for patterning.
- I cut construction paper horizontally to make my book. I use a different color for each month of the year.
- My book runs from Sept. Through June.
- Here are the pictures of my book.
- September is apples because that's one of our themes. I chose an ABC pattern because of the 3 colors of the apples. We were also discussing sizes so I through in small and large.
- October we had a black cat and pumpkin theme.
- November we studied chlorophyll and leaves in autumn.
- December was ornaments and tree themes.
- January we studied snowflakes.
- February we celebrated Valentine's Day.
- March we had a shamrock theme.
- April we studied rainbows and revisited Brown Bear Brown Bear what do you see? These bears are in rainbow-colored order.
- May we had a quick insect unit on bees and lady bugs.
- June we had a frog unit and were "Leaping into Kindergarten!"

