

Ideas For Counting Up to The 100th Day of School!



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Fun Ways To Count Up To 100-Day!

Easy Projects For You To Make Now

One of the things I work on during the summer is getting my things ready for counting up to 100-Day. I've listed some of the "stuff" that I do. I hope you get a few ideas for your students and become excited for back-to-school.



Index Card Booklet:

- Make an index card-number flip book. You can buy spiral bound 50-page index packs at any office supply store.
- Some come in packs of 2 so you can make one for a special teacher-friend as a surprise gift.
- Tuck in a note that says: ***"I'm so glad I can count on you! Here's wishing you 100-Days and more of fun this year!"***
- I like the index cards that come in pastel or neon colors.
- **Office Max** has them in a two-pack for \$4.79.
- I made several covers for you to choose from.
- Print one, cut it out and glue it to the front of the index card.
- Number them from 1-50 with a WATERCOLOR marker as all others including a flair, will bleed through.
- Then flip the pack over and finish writing the numbers 51 to 100 on the back pages.
- I've also made the little friend note if you opt to buy a two-pack.
- Tie some curling ribbon around the book, and make someone feel appreciated.



Sammy Snake:

- Count your way to 100-Day With Sammy!
- Sammy can be found in the shopping cart under 100 Days.
- This adorable alliterative tongue-twisting story about Sammy and how he sneaks to school with Sally will be fun to read each day as you count up to 100 Day, and is sure to slither his way into your heart.
- Make an easy sock puppet pal too to accompany reading the story.



100-Day Jar:

- The Dollar Store sells all sizes of plastic jars.
- Buy TWO and have them be your *"Counting our way to 100-Day!"* jars.
- Decide what "thing" you want to count and then put them in the jar.
- I like the look and feel of marbles and so do my Y5's.
- I'm also fond of saying: *"Don't lose your marbles!"* for a variety of reasons. *(We have the games Hungry Hippos and Hungry Frogs! Arggg to the noise, but they love them.)*
- Print off my labels. One label says: **Counting our way to 100 Day**. The other label says: **Counters for 100-Day**.

- Think of something easily accessible, that won't break or spoil and is cheap.
- You might also want to consider what your "theme" if any, that you are counting to 100 around.
- Perhaps you want it to be something the children can have as a **prize** to be divided among them when it's 100-Day, or perhaps you want your students to be able to **eat** what's in the jar!
- Put your jars by your calendar center as it's a nice part of the day to run this into.



100-Day Puzzle:

- Buy a 100-piece puzzle at The Dollar Store. I just bought a Spiderman one because my Y5 boys LOVE Spiderman and I toss him in during our spider unit.
- The caption over the puzzle will be ***"We're caught in a web of learning!"*** It will be a hint about what the puzzle will be, so they can enjoy making guesses.
- Also buy a piece of tag board (They sell it there 2 for a Dollar.)
- Put the puzzle together on the poster board.
- When you're done, flip the puzzle over.
- Number the pieces.
- Slide the puzzle off the tag board and trace each piece.
- Number the pieces on the tag board.
- Write **"Puzzling Our Way To 100 Day"** on the poster, or hang up my mini poster.
- Put 10 pieces in snack Baggies and number the baggies.
- Keep the snack Baggies in 2 large baggies in a basket under the puzzle.
- Each day pick a child to put that day's puzzle piece on the board with a glue dot.

- If you use peel off glue dots you can re-use the poster.
- Since this is so easy and inexpensive I toss the students' ***"It's My Turn"*** Popsicle sticks in a basket, and have someone choose one. That child gets to take the puzzle home as a 100-Day prize.
- I let them know this ahead of time so that they can look forward to it.
- You can also make guessing what the puzzle is, while they are counting up to the big day, a prize thing too.



100-Day Banner/Pennant:

- Simply make a template from my pennant master.
- Trace them on a variety of light-colored construction paper and then cut them out.
- Write students' names in glitter glue or puffy paint for extra pizzazz.
- As a center activity, each day have students get their pennant from the "pennant pile". This is a safe place (The lid from a copy paper box used as a basket, works great. Place it on a window ledge or shelf).
- They take their pennant to the stamping center and put the stamp-for-the-day on it.
- The stamps can be seasonal.
- If you're studying apples, have an apple stamp. Pumpkins are great for October.
- Students decide if they want to use different colored stamp pads or have their banners be all one color.
- If a child is absent make sure that you or a student helper stamps theirs.
- I have a zillion stamps so this is no problem. If you don't, ask other teachers if you can borrow theirs just for the day.
- You can also combine stamps and stickers, or have students copy and draw a secret symbol that you put on the board for that day.
- On 100-Day everyone should have 100-Stamps.

- **Really Great Stuff** has a 100-Day stamp perfect for that last day (“Way Cool!”)
- For my 98th day I have a caterpillar with wiggle eyes because we *wiggled our way to 100 day*.
- On the 99th day we metamorphed into a butterfly and have *fluttered our way to 100 Day*. Let your students make a 3-D butterfly for their banners so the butterflies look like they are popping off the page and flying!
- Each child needs 3 stickers to make one. Students put the 1st sticker down.
- The second sticker they cut the “thorax” off so they have two wings.
- Put the wings back-to-back on the 3rd sticker so only the thorax (middle part of the butterfly) now remains sticky.
- Press this sticky part down really hard on the middle of the 1st butterfly and rub it with your fingernail. Fold each of the wings up and crease. Wahla flying butterfly!
- On 100-Day give them die-cut 100-Day numbers and letters to glue on the back of their pennants.
- **Wow!** Everyone has a super keepsake to take home, and you have a fun way to count to 100 as they admire their banner and count the stamps and stickers with you.
- You could also string their pennants up from the hallway ceiling for a few days.

Happy 100 Day Happy 100 Day

Posters:

- Purchase a poster and X things off or color them in. **Really Great Stuff** has magnetic ones that you can add “things” to.
- My poster is a gumball machine.
- I keep it on my white board. I laminated it so that I can reuse it each year. Everyday as part of our calendar routine someone X’s a gumball.
- On the 100th Day of school each child can earn a penny for my real gumball machine. They think it’s “way cool” that I bring a gumball machine to class and let them put a penny in after they have completed their Table Top lessons.

- I tell them that they need to “chews” to be a good student all morning, stay on task and complete their work so they can earn that penny to help celebrate the day!
- They LOVE this idea and are anxious to get down to business. You can order counting up to 100-Day posters from **Really Great Stuff**. Unfortunately when I checked, the gumball one was discontinued.

THEMES for Counting to 100-Day

Having a theme in place is a fun way to manage what you’ll do on 100-Day. I have several suggestions in this article to help get you thinking.



Caterpillars:

We Wiggled Our Way To 100 Day!

- Is a cute way to count up to 100-Day.
- Make a copy of my caterpillar head out of emerald green construction paper.
- Add wiggle eyes, a pink pom pom nose, some pipe cleaners for antennae, stickers for cheeks and draw in a magic marker mouth and you’ve got yourself a beautiful bug.
- Cut 50 yellow and 50-lime green circles from my template to make 100-segmented body pieces.
- Have students vote on a name for their caterpillar creature.
- Each day choose a child to write that day’s number on either a yellow or lime-green circle and then add it to the growing body of your caterpillar.
- Hang the caterpillar in the middle of a hallway wall, close to the restrooms.
- That way, when students are using the bathroom, you can review patterns and count up to whatever number you’re at, while you wait for everyone to finish.



Butterflies:

- Our second graders study Monarch butterflies in September.
- I don't do butterflies 'til April, but I thought it would be fun to whip some **"Fluttering Our Way To 100-Day"** stuff together as I LOVE LOVE LOVE butterflies! If you do too, maybe this is the theme for you!
- Perhaps you'd like to toss in a butterfly thing or two with your caterpillars! After all, metamorphosis could have taken place in those 100 days of counting! How cute would that be!
- Simply draw a big jar (use clipart) on construction paper and cut it out.
- You can make your jar out of light blue or gray paper and the lid can be wrapped in aluminum foil. This is a photo of my firefly bug jar.
- Buy 100 butterfly stickers.
- Each day choose a student to add a butterfly to the jar.
- On 100-Day choose a "pick me" Popsicle stick that has your students' names written on them and that child gets to take the poster home as a 100-Day prize!

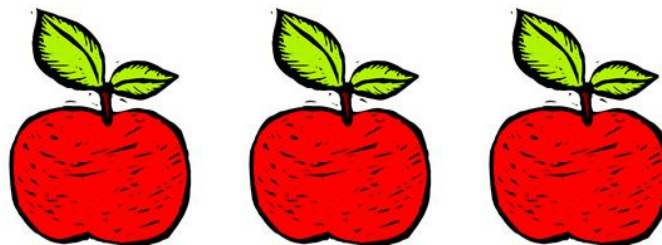


Trains:

We're On Track & Chugging Our Way To 100-Day!

- I also used this in my hallway for many years because I wanted to cover shapes, colors and the rainbow pattern as well as counting to 100.
- My year-long theme revolves around having a **"Can-do"** attitude based on ***The Little Engine That Could***, so having a *Counting to 100-Day* train was perfect.
- I put this up in the middle of a hallway wall by the restrooms as well.

- I keep the 6-different shaped pieces in 6 envelopes in a basket by my calendar, for easy access.
- Children tell me what color and shape -train car we need to put up by looking at the train and figuring out the pattern.
- I have a ***“Who’s Turn Is It?”*** 2-pocket basket filled with Popsicle sticks with students’ names on them. One side is labeled *“Had a turn”* the other *“Needs a turn”*.
- This basket is by the envelope basket. I pull a stick out and see whose turn it is to tell me the color and shape, write the number and put the shape car on the wall.



Apples:

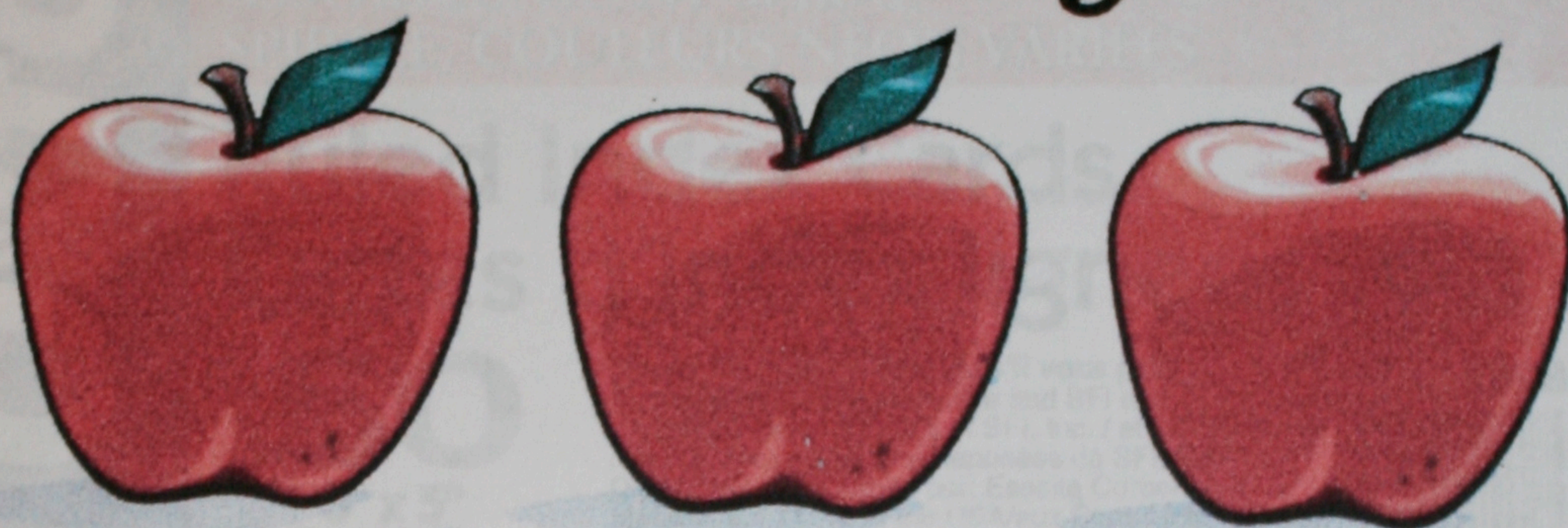
- I also do apples along with my train. I ordered the magnetic poster from **Really Good Stuff** that has the magnetic numbered apples.
- I have a huge steel door in my room so I put the poster on that and divided the little apples into 10 snack baggies so that I’m not searching through a zillion apples each day.
- I keep these baggies clipped to the door with strong magnetic clips.
- As soon as my students come into class we go through what day it is, and add an apple to our tree.
- We count up to that many numbers. This all only takes a minute or two and by that time the announcements come on and we’re ready to move on to something else.
- You can make your own simple apple tree out of bulletin board paper and use apple stickers each day.
- As soon as you’ve made a group/set of 10 that child circles it and writes the number under it.
- That way you can count your way to 100 by 10’s.
- I do a huge apple theme in September so it’s fun to be doing things with apples that relate to counting up to 100-Day.
- Then on 100-Day I have all sorts of apple-related things to help celebrate the day as well.

- You can Find The 100-Day Apple Mini-Theme under 100-Day

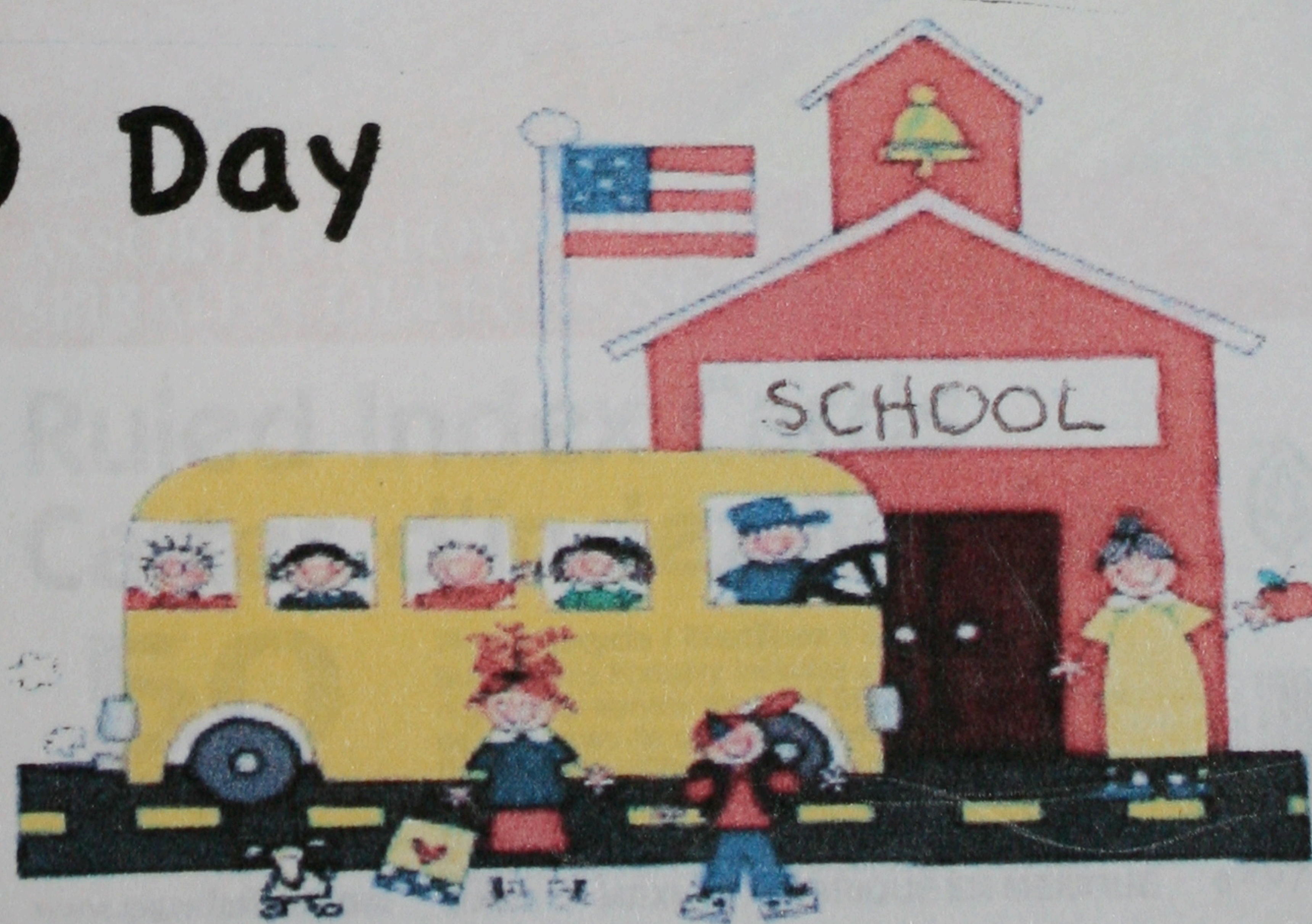
I hope you got some ideas to jump start your school year and plan how you'll count your way to 100-Day!



Counting Up To 100 Day



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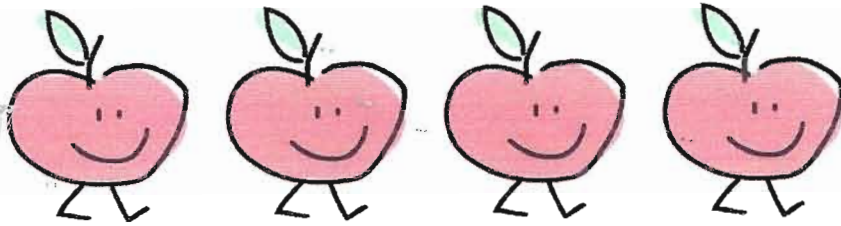


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Here's wishing you 100-Days and more
of fun this year!"***

From your fellow teacher friend:



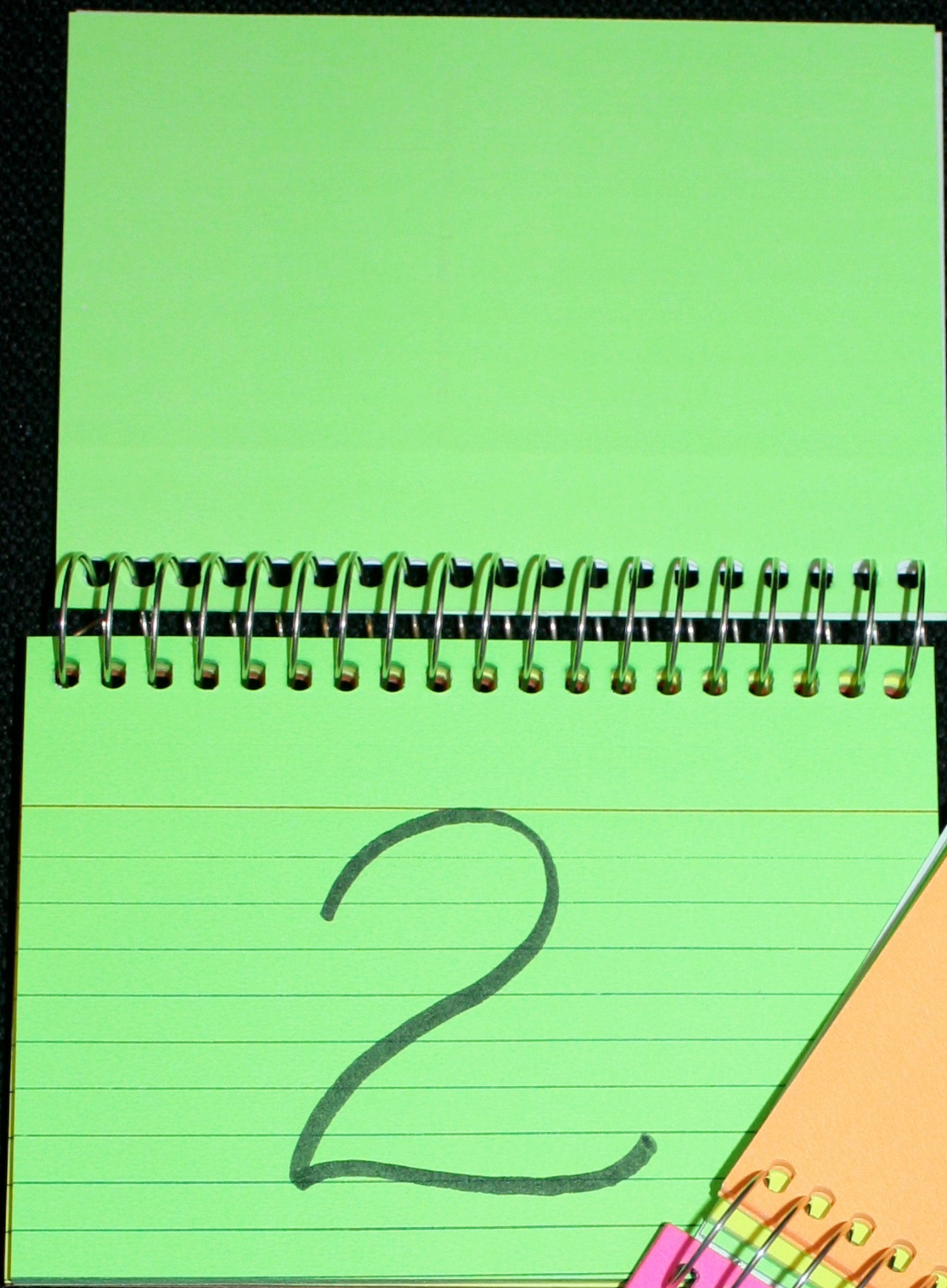
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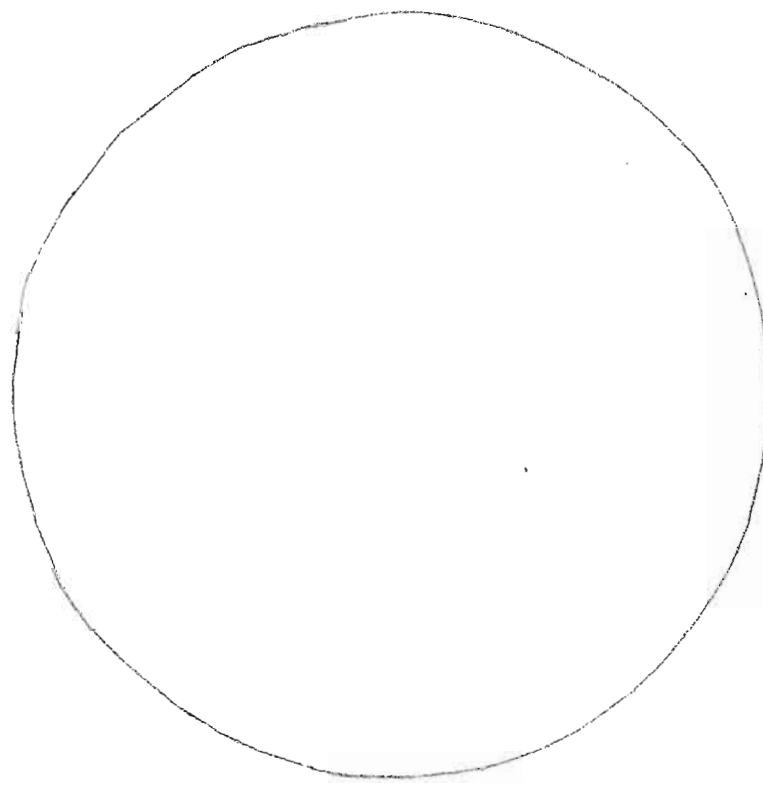
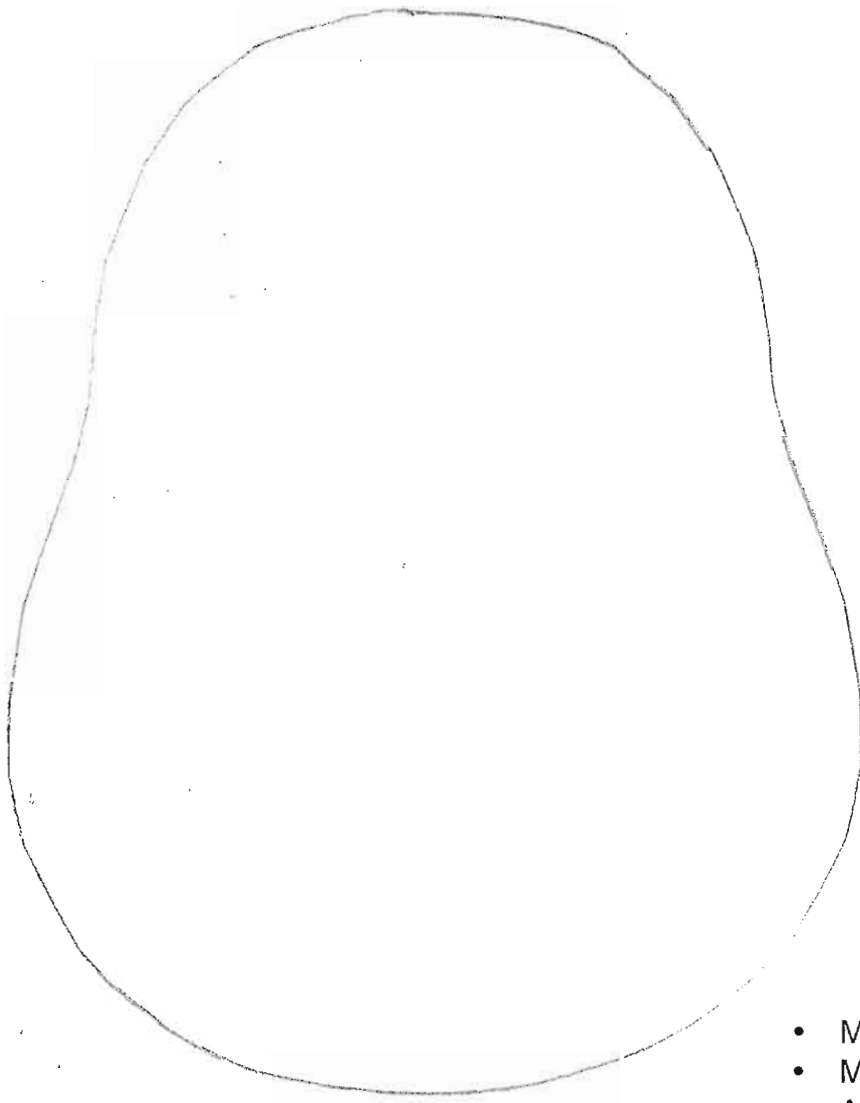
From your fellow teacher friend:







We're
Wiggling
Our Way
To 100
Day!



We're Wiggling Our Way To 100-Day Caterpillar.

- Make 50 yellow construction paper circles and 50 lime green ones.
- Make head out of emerald green construction paper.
- Add wiggle eyes, a pom pom nose and pipe cleaner antennae.
- Hang your caterpillar in the middle of a hallway wall, close to the restroom, so that you can review the pattern and count while you are waiting for children to finish.
- Each day write the new number on a body piece after you determine what color it should be.
- Choose the helper of the day to write and hang the number.



We've
wiggled

our
way
to

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Day!

Hip Hip Hooray!



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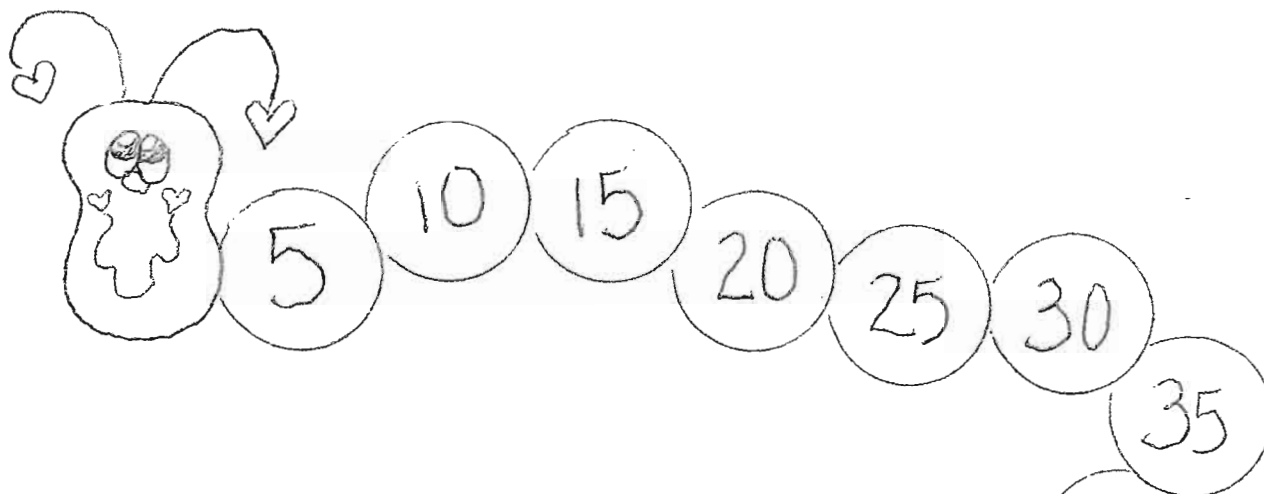
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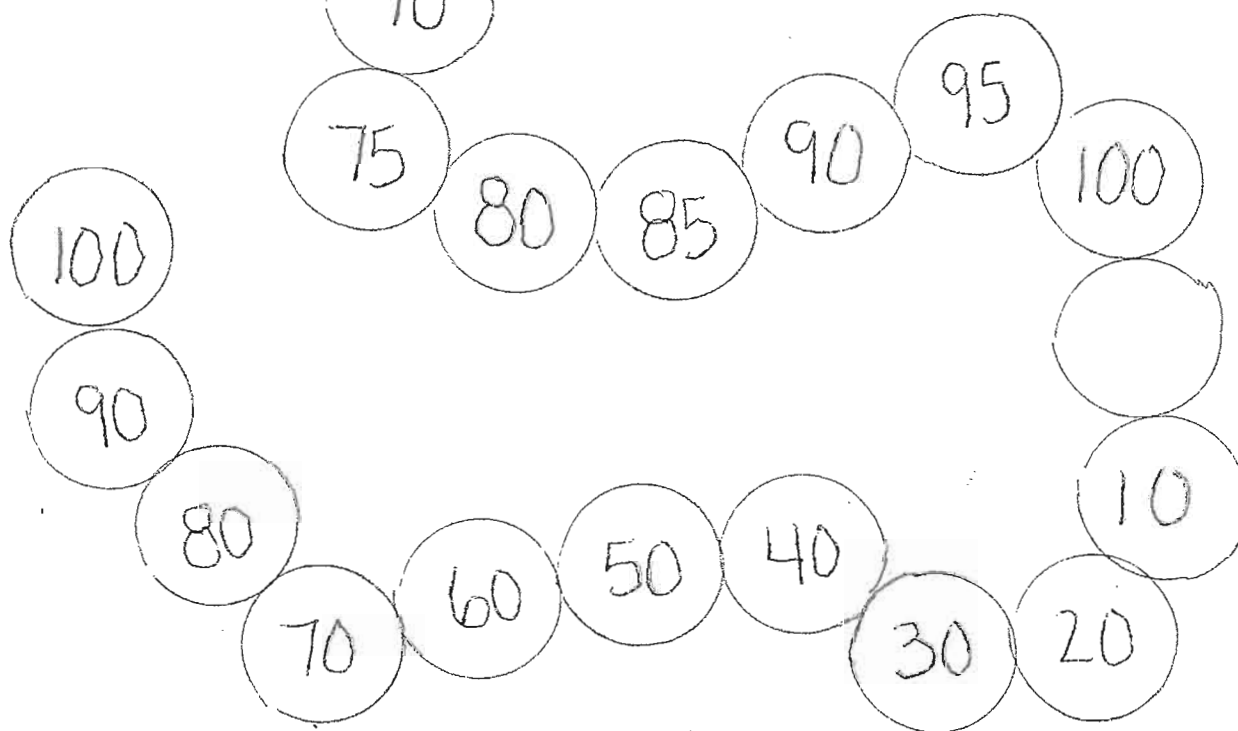
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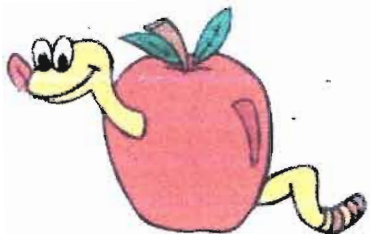
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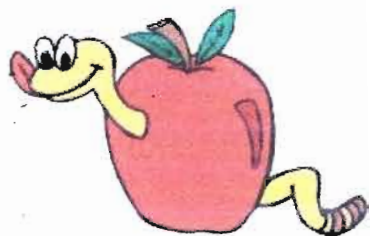
Hip Hip Hooray!
I wiggled my way
to 100-Day!

Count and bingo dot
the caterpillar!
Use an ABAB pattern.

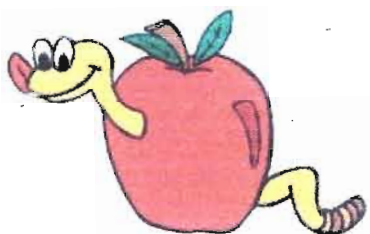




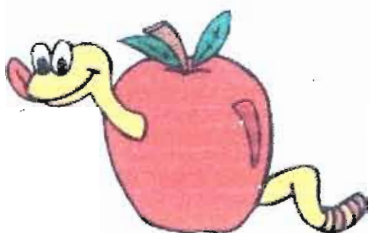
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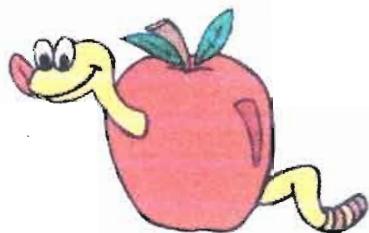
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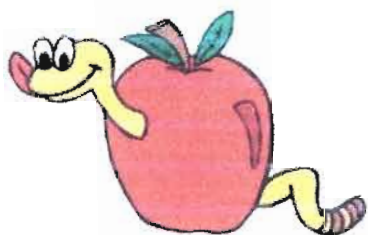
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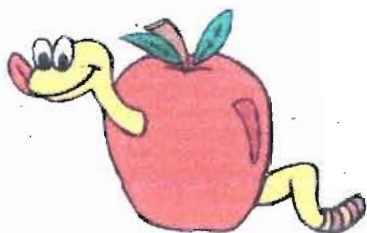
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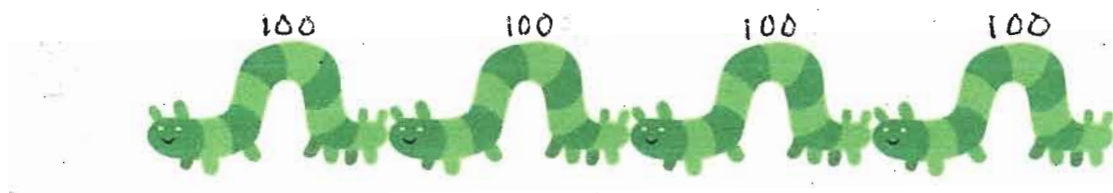
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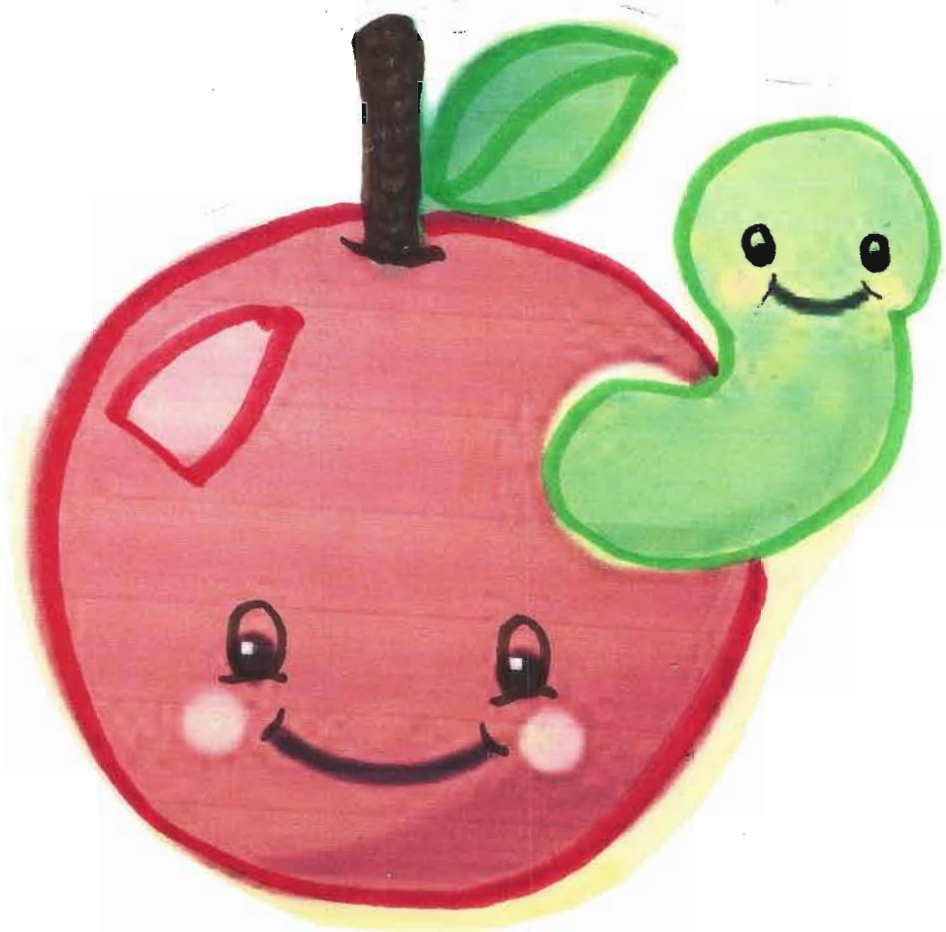


Hip Hip Hooray!
I wiggled my way to 100 Day!



Congratulations!

has wiggled their way to
100 - Day!



Teacher: _____

Date: _____

We're
fluttering
our way to
100-Day!



Cut out the butterflies.

Glue your poster on complimentary colored construction paper.

Glue just the thorax to the top of a butterfly.

Fold the wings up.

The butterfly will now be 3-D and look like it's flying.

Glue the 2 butterflies to the corners of your poster.

Everyday have a student add a butterfly sticker to your butterfly net or jar.

On the 100th day of school, pull a name out of your "pick me" Popsicle sticks and that student gets to take home the butterfly poster as a 100-Day prize.

Congratulations!

Has fluttered their way to 100-day!



Teacher: _____

Date: _____

Happy 100-Day!



We fluttered our way
to 100-Day!



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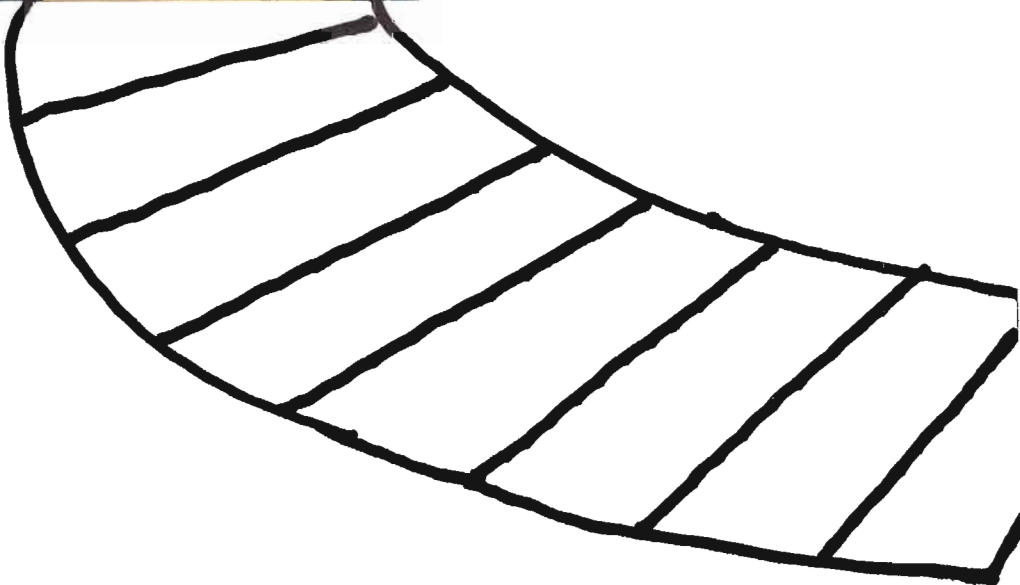
We fluttered our way
to 100-Day!



Chugging
our way
to
100-Day!



**We're on track!
We're on our way!
We're counting
shaped-train cars
to 100-Day!**



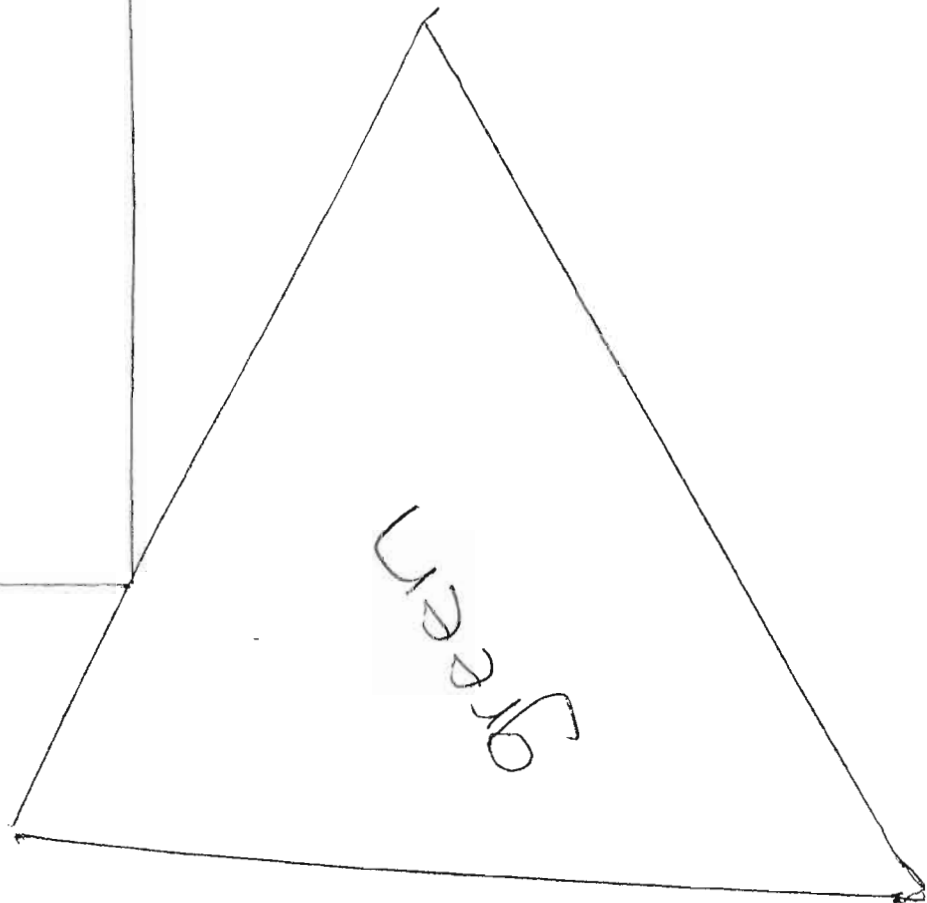
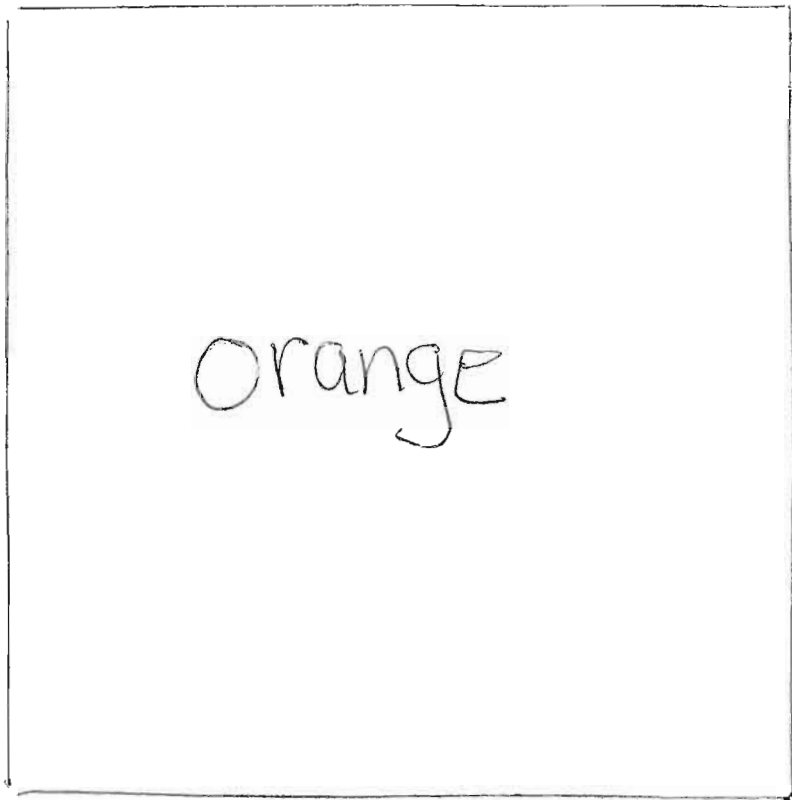
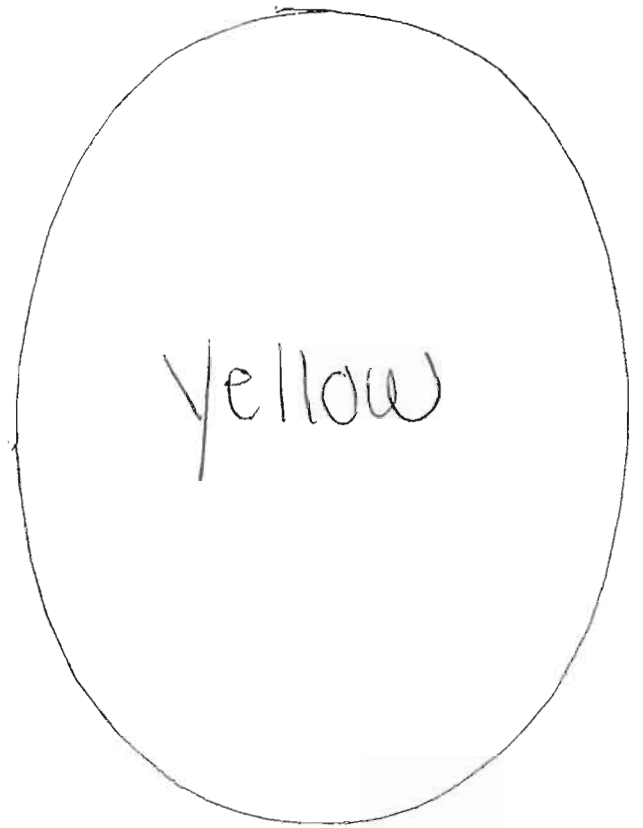
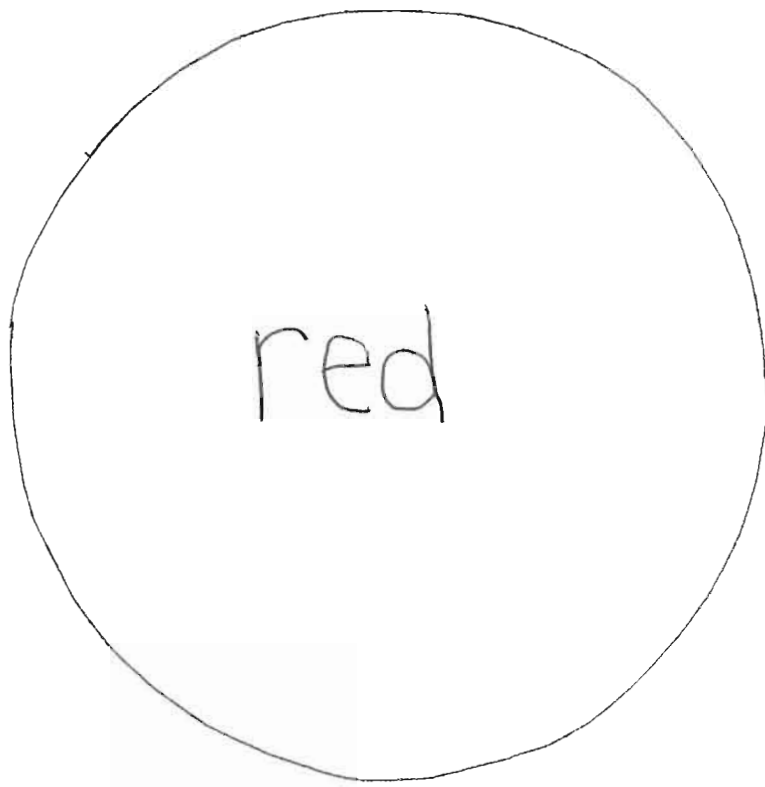
maroon



You made it!
Happy 100-Day!

Black





box car shapes
put up in
rainbow-color
order

blue

purple

Keep in
Separate
envelopes
in 1-6 order.

You need 17
red, orange, yellow
& green shapes &
16 blue & purple
shapes to =

100
box cars!



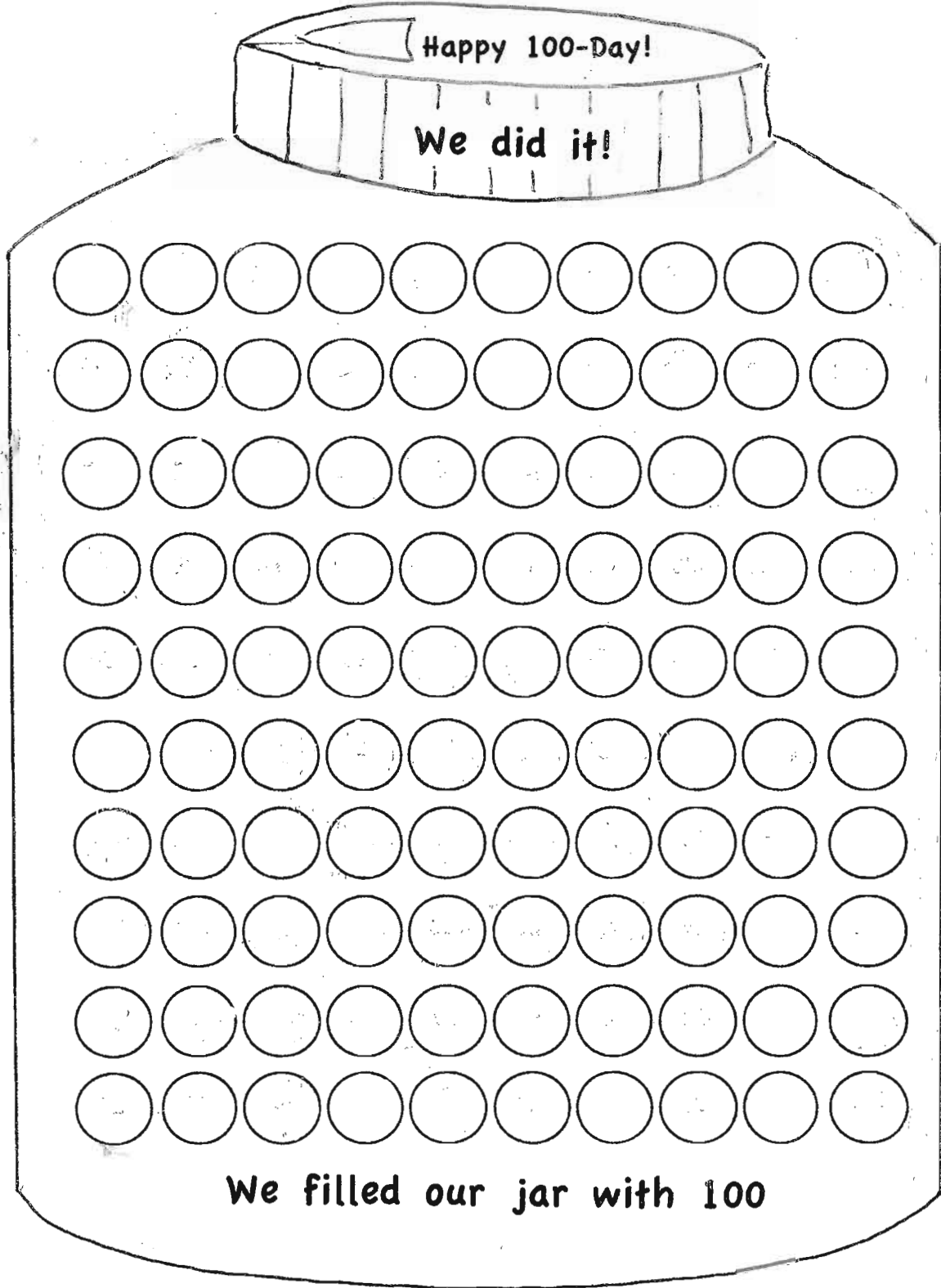
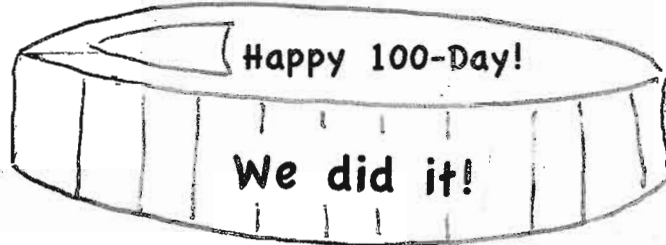
Congratulations!

stayed on track and chugged their way
to 100-Day!



Teacher: _____

Date: _____



We filled our jar with 100

Counters for 100-Day.

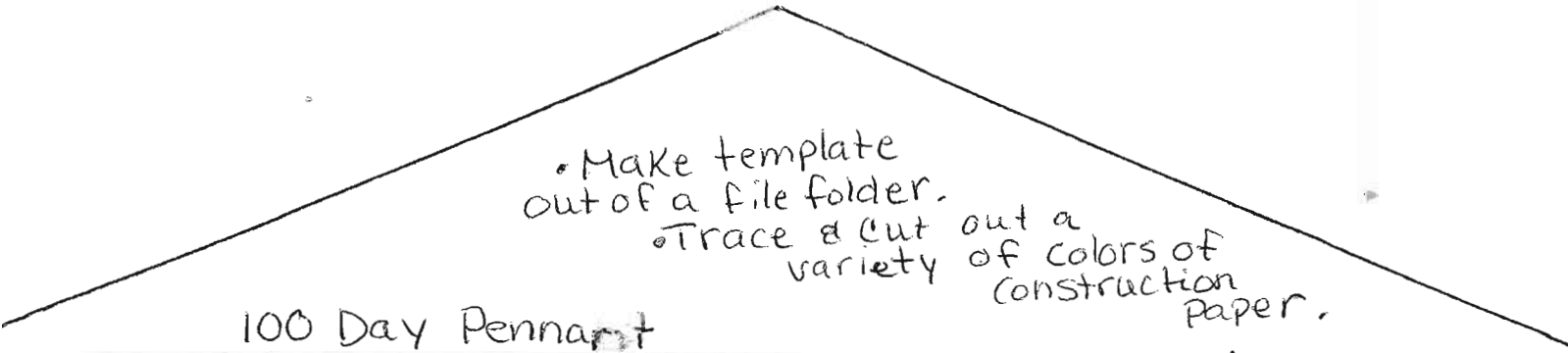
Counting our way to 100-Day.

Labels for Jars.

Run off on Construction Paper.

← Students can # the marbles.

Students
← Can Count & Color in a Pattern or just color. 😊



• Make template
out of a file folder.
• Trace & cut out a
variety of colors of
construction
paper.

100 Day Pennant



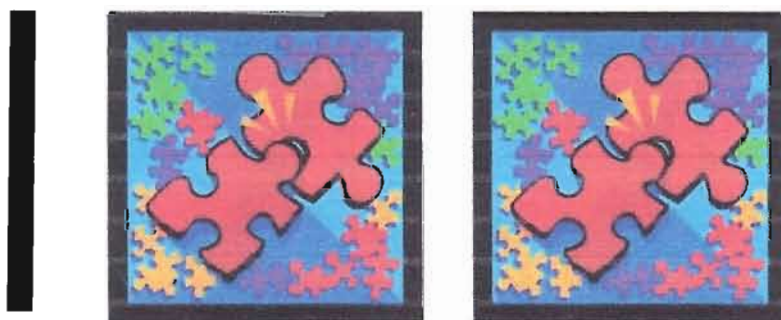
We're stamping our way
to 100-Day!

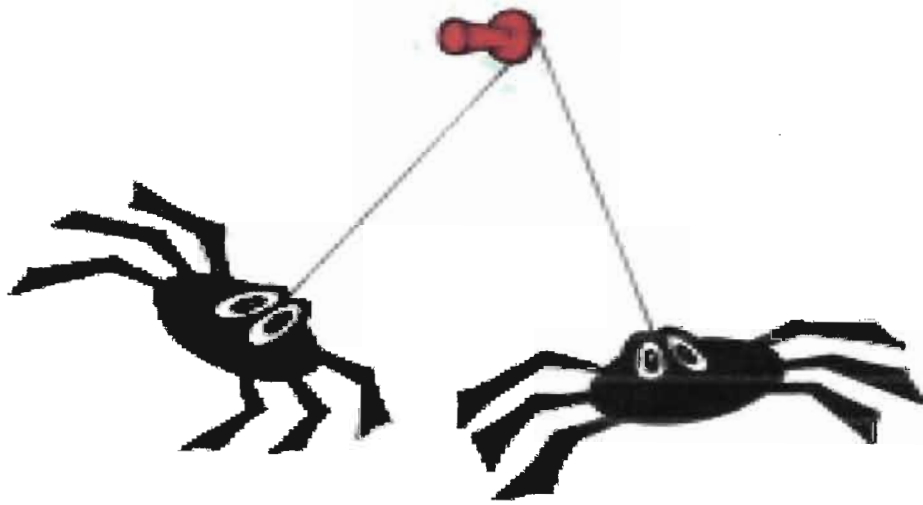
PENNANT PILE

Please handle carefully.
Thank you.



We're
puzzling
our way
to 100-Day!





We're caught in a web
of learning!
Who can guess
what our
100-Day puzzle is?

