

ESPECIALLY FOR TEACHERS FROM FLMS...September 2007

CREATIVE CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

September brings the first full month of school for us. September celebrates Labor Day, National Library Card Month, Mayflower Day, and National Cable TV Month. Provided below are several creative activities for teachers to use with their students during this month. Let us know how you and your students like these activities. Thanks.

LABOR DAY

- Design a simple product to make, and set up an assembly line to mass produce it.
- Create a collage of a certain occupation – pictures must be directly related to the chosen occupation. Post in your classroom.
- Volunteer to complete a service project at your school and reflect about how providing that service made you feel.
- Explain this statement: No dream comes true until you wake up and go to work.
- Think of ways your school is like and unlike a business.

NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD MONTH

- Stretch your imagination and decide how a library is like each of the following: a trip in a time machine, a movie, a museum, a summer day, & a wonderful dream.
- List three things you are very curious to learn more about.
- Imagine how the world would be if there were no libraries.
- Rewrite a favorite story as a picture book for younger children. Illustrate, too!
- Invent a new way to organize your school library/media center.

MAYFLOWER DAY

- Research Mayflower Day and determine why it is important.
- Determine how you would be different if the Pilgrims were from Germany instead of England.
- Make a list of supplies that people on the Mayflower would have needed daily.
- Do Pilgrims still exist? Defend your answer.
- Write a history lesson for students in the year 2500 about the space shuttle *Discovery*.

NATIONAL CABLE TV MONTH

- What are your five all-time favorite TV programs? Commercials?
- Ponder the consequences of increased amounts of TV watching and decreased amounts of reading books.
- What is charisma? Which TV personalities have it? Explain.
- Estimate the amount of time you spend watching TV in one day, one week, one month, one year. Are you surprised? Explain.
- Debate the accusation that TV is increasing antisocial behaviors in people.

Look for more creative classroom activities from FLMS in October!!