

ESPECIALLY FOR TEACHERS FROM FLMS...September 2008

CREATIVE CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

We are back to school, and it is time to continue with our classroom activities. In September we celebrate 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. Let us know how you and your students like them. Thanks.

LABOR DAY

- Investigate two or three careers which interest you. Share your findings.
- Learn and share a few traditional working songs, such as “I’ve Been Workin’ on the Railroad.”
- Formulate ten questions that could be asked on a job interview.
- Which is more important to you – money or status? Give reasons for your answer.
- Responding to an ad the teacher has provided, use your imagination to write a resume including your qualifications for the job.

NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD MONTH

- With your team or a teacher’s permission, invite your public librarian to speak to your class.
- Make a list of your top ten favorite books of all time.
- Offer suggestions on ways to improve your school’s library/media center.
- Respond to this statement: Read a good book before Hollywood ruins it.
- Think of three book titles that best describe you.

MAYFLOWER DAY

- Add lines to this beginning: Prejudice is an outgrowth of ignorance...
- Imagine why the ship to America was named the *Mayflower*. Think of another name.
- Compare the *Mayflower* voyage to the NASA space program.
- Create as many words as you can using the letters M-A-Y-F-L-O-W-E-R.
- The result: A family packs only what they can carry and leaves their home. What do you think happened? Explain.

NATIONAL CABLE TV MONTH

- If you could interact with your television set, what would you say? Why?
- Explain the copyright laws as they pertain to television, videos, and DVD’s.
- Would you rather be a TV actor, director, producer, executive, camera person, set designer, or writer? Why?
- Does your family argue over television watching? Brainstorm possible solutions.
- “TV” is the answer. What could be the question?

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