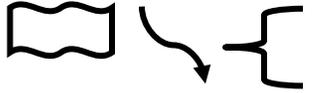


# April Brainwork

*“To read without reflecting is like eating without digesting.” Edmund Burke, Irish author, politician & philosopher (1729-1797)*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>April is <i>National Humor Month</i>. Think of a time when your sense of humor “saved the day”.</p>	<p><b>Create</b> Write a story about this button. To whom/what did it belong?</p> 	<p>April is <i>National Math Education Month</i>. How many times do you think you will use math today? Keep a list as the day progresses.</p>	<p><b>Vocabulary</b> When I told my math teacher that I suffered from “<i>amathophobia</i>”, she was not the least bit upset with me. Why?</p>	<p><b>Analyze</b> April 5, 1856 – birthday of African-American educator Booker T. Washington. He said, “<i>If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else.</i>” What did he mean?</p>
<p><b>Questioning</b> What did the key ask the lock? What was the lock’s response?</p>	<p><b>Fluency &amp; Flexibility</b> List things similar to: - a sandwich - a pocket - an umbrella - a marshmallow</p>	<p><b>Originality</b> April 10, 1849 – Walter Hunt patented the safety pin. He later sold the rights for \$100. Think of unusual ways in which a safety pin could be used.</p>	<p><b>A is for...</b> Find out about these “A” animals: * addax * agami * auroch</p>	<p><b>Analyze</b> April 13, 1743 – birthday of Thomas Jefferson. He said, “<i>I am a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it.</i>” What did he mean?</p>
<p><b>Vocabulary</b> If you made a loud “<i>sternutation</i>” in your classroom, would you get in trouble for doing it?</p>	<p><b>Create</b> How could you make an umbrella more useful for this month of showers? Draw and explain your improved design.</p>	<p><b>Analogy</b> April 17, 1895 – first recorded sale of Milton Hershey’s chocolate which began as a coating for caramels. What kind of candy are you most like? Why?</p>	<p><b>Plus, Minus, Interesting</b> April 18 – <i>National Wear Your Pajamas to Work Day</i>. Create a PMI chart on workers in 3 different occupations wearing their pajamas to work.</p>	<p>Use your visual-spatial intelligence and create a picture with these shapes.</p> 
<p><b>Evaluate</b> April 22, 1970 - the first <i>Earth Day</i>. Is there any value in continuing to celebrate <i>Earth Day</i>? Why or why not?</p>	<p><b>Plus, Minus, Interesting</b> April 23, 1564 – birthday of English playwright William Shakespeare. Students in his day spent about 9 hours a day in school. Create a PMI chart for a 9 hour school day.</p>	<p><b>Questioning</b> Make a list of questions that an old pair of sneakers might ask a new pair. Then list questions the new pair might ask the old pair.</p>	<p><b>Point of View</b> Write a story: “A Day in the Life of My Brain Cells” in which you describe a typical day from your brain’s point of view.</p>	<p><b>Visualization</b> Visualize yourself as an April shower or a May flower. Draw and/or write.</p>
<p><b>Solve these “Plexers”</b></p> <p><u>Stand</u>    <u>knee</u>    <u>bsicked</u> I            light</p>	<p><b>Decisions &amp; Outcomes</b> April 30 – <i>National Honesty Day</i>. Think of a time in which your decision to be honest caused an unpleasant outcome.</p>	<p><b>Analogy</b> What part of a school day is most like an amusement park? Why?</p>	<p><b>Using Humor</b> Write a humorous story explaining which came first – the chicken or the egg.</p>	<p><b>Evaluate</b> Rank in order of importance to you: * to give someone money * to give someone kindness * to give someone knowledge</p>

*Million Dollar Words for April: aeolism – acanaceous – apothegm – ambisinistrous*