



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>Create 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>Vocabulary 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>Analyze 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>Questioning What did the key ask the lock? What was the lock’s response?</p>	<p>Fluency & Flexibility List things similar to: - a sandwich - a pocket - an umbrella - a marshmallow</p>	<p>Originality 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>A is for... Find out about these “A” animals: * addax * agami * auroch</p>	<p>Analyze 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>Vocabulary If you made a loud “<i>sternutation</i>” in your classroom, would you get in trouble for doing it?</p>	<p>Create How could you make an umbrella more useful for this month of showers? Draw and explain your improved design.</p>	<p>Analogy 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>Plus, Minus, Interesting 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>Evaluate 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>Plus, Minus, Interesting 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>Questioning 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>Point of View 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>Visualization Visualize yourself as an April shower or a May flower. Draw and/or write.</p>
<p>Solve these “Plexers” <u>Stand</u> <u>knee</u> <u>bsicked</u> I light</p>	<p>Decisions & Outcomes April 30 – <i>National Honesty Day</i>. Think of a time in which your decision to be honest caused an unpleasant outcome.</p>	<p>Analogy What part of a school day is most like an amusement park? Why?</p>	<p>Using Humor Write a humorous story explaining which came first – the chicken or the egg.</p>	<p>Evaluate 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