

November Brainwork

"In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock." Thomas Jefferson

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Analogies</u> If a bicycle is a day and a car is a week, what is a month? A year? A decade? A century?	<u>Fluency & Flexibility</u> Make a long list of: - Things that melt - Things that are invisible - Things that sparkle - Things that are soft but strong	<u>Point of View</u> Select 2 items in your classroom. Create a conversation between them in which one tries to convince the other it is more useful or important.	<u>Expand Your Vocabulary</u> Your teacher has just told you that your mind is "capacious"! Should you be pleased or insulted?	<u>Visualization</u> Nov. 2, 1815 – birthday of George Boole, founder of the study of logic who was also the head of a school for the study of math. Visualize a school built for numbers (not people!) to attend, then draw it.
<u>Flexibility & Originality</u> Using any or all of the following items, create something to use at your family's Thanksgiving feast: Popsicle stick, rubber band, paper clip, envelope, 6"x12" piece of aluminum foil, an index card	<u>Analogies</u> Our school is like a grocery store because... Homework is like a paperclip because...	Nov. 7, 1874 – Cartoonist Thomas Nast first used an elephant to represent the Republican party. Which animals would you use to represent our political parties? Why?	<u>Point of View</u> Imagine that you have become one of these items in your classroom: a piece of chalk, a paper clip, a coat hook, a computer mouse. Write a paragraph describing your day.	<u>Originality</u> Nov. 10, 1969 – television debut of "Sesame Street". Create a new creature to join the cast. Draw a picture and describe the qualities and characteristics that make it a valuable new cast member.
On Nov. 11, 1647, the colony of Massachusetts passed the first compulsory school attendance law. Plato said "Knowledge which is acquired under compulsion obtains no hold on the mind." Should school be compulsory? Why or why not?	<u>Flexibility & Originality</u> Answer this ad which appeared in <i>The Gobbler Gazette</i> by drawing and writing: <u>Wanted:</u> Disguise for Thanksgiving Day <u>Needed by:</u> Tom Turkey	<u>Fluency</u> Nov. 14, 1907 – birthday of children's author William Steig. In his book, <u>Grown-ups Get to Do All the Driving</u> , he makes some observations about adults. Make a long list: "Grown-ups get to ..."	On Nov. 15, 1869, free mail delivery began in San Francisco. Before that, people used to pay \$3 to \$4 for each piece of mail they got! If <u>each</u> member of your family received 5 pieces of mail per day, what would be the cost for November?	<u>Plus, Minus, Interesting</u> Daniel Boone was born in November 1734 in a log cabin on the edge of the Pennsylvania frontier. Complete a PMI on living in a log cabin in the wilderness.
<u>Plus, Minus, Interesting</u> Nov. 18, 1995 – opening of the Disney Company's planned community "Celebration" located near DisneyWorld. Complete a PMI on living within a few miles of this theme park.	Nov. 19, 1863 – President Lincoln amazed people by giving a 2-minute speech at Gettysburg; the usual length for a speech was 2 hours! Should a time limit be placed on presidential speeches?	<u>Thanksgiving Research</u> Who was Oceanus? Would you eat a "shallop"? What did the Pilgrims do with a "trencher"? What would a Pilgrim woman do if she found a "spider" in her kitchen?	<u>THANKFULNESS</u> What is it? What color is it? What sound is it? When do you feel it? How would you explain it to someone who had never heard the word?	<u>Originality</u> Humorous <u>real</u> place names – Fleatown, OH; Monkey's Eyebrow, AZ; Two Egg, FL; Bugscuffle, TN. Make up your own humorous place name and write a story about how it got the name.
<u>Point of View</u> Nov. 26, 1922 – Howard Carter entered the interior chambers of King Tut's tomb. Imagine you are one of the treasures he saw. Explain how you feel about being discovered 3,000 years after you were buried.	<u>Encapsulation</u> Describe the month of November using the thinking strategy of encapsulation. In 5 words or less encapsulate what November has meant to you.	Nov. 28, 1995 – President Clinton ended the federal 55 mph speed limit that began as an energy-saving measure in 1974. Should the federal government or individual state governments have the authority to establish speed limits?	November, which comes from the Roman word "novem" meaning nine, was the 9 th month according to the ancient Roman year which began in March. Find out when November became the 11 th month of the year.	Nov. 30, 1782 – <i>Articles of Peace</i> signed between the US and Great Britain ending the Revolutionary War. Create "Articles of Peace" which could be used by two countries today to end fighting.

Million Dollar Words for November: napiform – nasicornous – nebulaphobia – nidificate - nuciform