

October Brainwork

“Let us...cherish, therefore, the means of knowledge. Let us dare to read, think, speak and write...” John Adams

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><u>Evaluate</u> On the first Monday in October the U.S. Supreme Court returns to work. Do you think you have the qualities to be a judge?</p>	<p><u>Oct. 2 - “Name Your Car Day”</u> Carefully consider the characteristics of your family’s car(s) and create a name that best fits its personality.</p>	<p><u>“National Get Organized Week”</u> How will you help a really disorganized friend get his/her act together? Create a plan and carry it out.</p>	<p><u>Plus, Minus, Interesting</u> On Oct. 5, 1974 – David Kunst completed his walk around the world which he began on June 10, 1970. He wore out 21 pairs of shoes! Complete a PMI for walking around the world.</p>	<p><u>Oct. 5 - “World Smile Day”</u> Estab. by Harvey Ball, creator of the Smiley Face. He wanted one day for everyone to do an act of kindness and help one person smile. What will you do today?</p>
<p><u>Decisions and Outcomes</u> What if Columbus’ crew had convinced him to turn back? Evaluate the effect this decision might have had on world exploration.</p>	<p><u>Analogy</u> Which one are you most like? * microscope * telescope * kaleidoscope Why?</p>	<p><u>Oct. 11 – Bring Your Teddy Bear to Work/School Day</u> Write a persuasive paragraph convincing your teacher that your class should celebrate this day tomorrow.</p>	<p><u>Questioning</u> What might a jar of peanut butter ask a jar of jelly? What might a book ask a movie?</p>	<p><u>Vocabulary</u> What do you think a <i>psammophile</i> is? Make a guess then find out. Hint: It comes from two Greek words.</p>
<p><u>Visualization</u> Visualize yourself as the last leaf falling off a tree. Describe your feelings as you make the trip from tree to ground.</p>	<p><u>Oct. 16 - “World Food Day”</u> About 925 million people (1 in 7) in the world go to bed hungry each day. In what ways can young people help to solve this problem?</p>	<p>Which feels better – giving a smile to someone or receiving a smile from someone?</p>	<p>Select one item in your desk and improve it. Can you combine something with it? Eliminate a part? Make it larger/smaller? Draw and explain your improved item.</p>	<p><u>Evaluate</u> List in rank order 10 characteristics, training, and/or experiences you think are most important for a presidential candidate.</p>
<p>In a baseball game, would you rather be the bat, the ball, a catcher’s mitt or a base? Why?</p>	<p><u>Fluency & Flexibility</u> You won the “Why I Love Pumpkins” contest! The prize? A pumpkin a day for the next year. What will you do with all those pumpkins?</p>	<p><u>Oct. 24 - “Make a Difference Day”</u> What is something that you personally can do to make a difference in your classroom or neighborhood?</p>	<p><u>Personification</u> Which shape is the happiest? The saddest? The loneliest? Why?</p>	<p>Write a conversation between two pumpkins in the pumpkin patch.</p>
<p>Oct. 29, 1945 – Ballpoint pens first sold for \$12.50 each. At this time the minimum wage was 40¢. How many hours did someone have to work in order to buy one pen?</p>	<p><u>Green Hat Thinking</u> Put on your green creativity hat and write a poem: “’Twas the night before Halloween and all through the house...”</p>	<p><u>Originality</u> Select a book character with whom you would like to go trick-or-treating. Design the perfect costume for this character to wear.</p>	<p><u>Creativity</u> List ways in which to get a stuck hippo out of your bathtub (without hurting the hippo in any way).</p>	<p><u>Fluency and Flexibility</u> List “The 10 Worst Things That Can Happen in the Morning”.</p>

Increase your vocabulary! “O” words for October: objugate – ochlophobia – otiose – opsimath