

September Brainwork

"Judge of a man by his questions rather than by his answers." Voltaire

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Analogies</u> The first month of the school year is like baking a cake because _____.	<u>Fluency & Flexibility</u> September is "National Honey Month". List things you plan to "stick to" this school year. Check the list in June. How did you do?	<u>Fluency & Flexibility</u> September is National Clock Month. List ways to measure the passage of time (NOT clocks and watches).	<u>Visualization</u> September is National Mushroom Month. Visualize yourself small enough to live in "Mushroom Village". Draw a picture of your town.	Sept. 1, 1878 - 1 st woman telephone operator, Emma M. Nutt, began her job in Boston. Do you think students should be allowed to bring cell phones to school? Why or why not?
<u>Analyze</u> Sept. 2, 1901 - In a speech, Vice Pres. Teddy Roosevelt said, "Speak softly & carry a big stick; you will go far." What does this adage mean to you?	List the changes you will have to make now that school is back in session. Which changes do you like? Which changes do you not like?	Sept. 5, 1698 - Russian Tsar Peter the Great imposed a tax on beards. Why do you think a ruler would tax something like beards? Find the real reason for the tax.	<u>Analogies</u> How is a school year like: A sponge? A pizza? A zipper? Make your own analogy: A school year is like...because...	Sept. 8, 1933 - Scotch tape invented by Richard Drew. How does someone develop "stick-to-it-tiveness"? Can it be taught? How?
<u>Research Challenge</u> Was it possible for Martha Washington's dress to zip up the back? What about Mary Todd Lincoln's dress?	<u>Fluency & Flexibility</u> Think of several unusual ways to complete this idea: "September is _____, but September is not _____."	<u>PMI</u> Complete a PMI, (plus, minus, interesting) on being the only child in a family. Then complete one on being one of several children.	What sound best expresses your feelings about returning to school? Explain your choice.	<u>Fluency & Flexibility</u> Finish this statement: "A pencil can be used to..." Remember to think "outside of the box".
Sept. 17, 1911 - the 1 st transcontinental flight from N.Y. to CA. took 82 hours. Find out how long it takes today.	<u>Analyze</u> What two people from different historical periods do you think would become friends if they could meet? Why do you think a friendship would develop?	On Sept. 19, 1888, the first beauty pageant was held in Belgium. What is your opinion of beauty pageants? What does the statement "Beauty is as beauty does" mean to you?	<u>Point of View</u> Analyze the first month of school from the viewpoint of: * A schoolbus * The cafeteria * A pencil	<u>PMI</u> Sept. 22 - Elephant Appreciation Day. Should elephants be kept in captivity or left in the wild? Complete a PMI chart.
<u>Million Dollar Words</u> "That is a <i>"gallimaufry"</i> of numbers, letters and signs!" Mark said as his math teacher wrote the lesson on the board. What did he mean?	<u>Fluency & Flexibility</u> In 5 minutes list: 1. things that fall 2. things that change color 3. new uses for old leaves	<u>Evaluation</u> The last week of September is "National Imperfection Week". When is imperfection better than perfection?	Take a look inside your desk this morning, then write a letter to your desk explaining why it looks the way it does today.	<u>Fluency & Flexibility</u> The answer is "not at this time". What are the questions? Think of at least 5 questions.

This summer: I pondered - I achieved - I interviewed - I witnessed - I determined