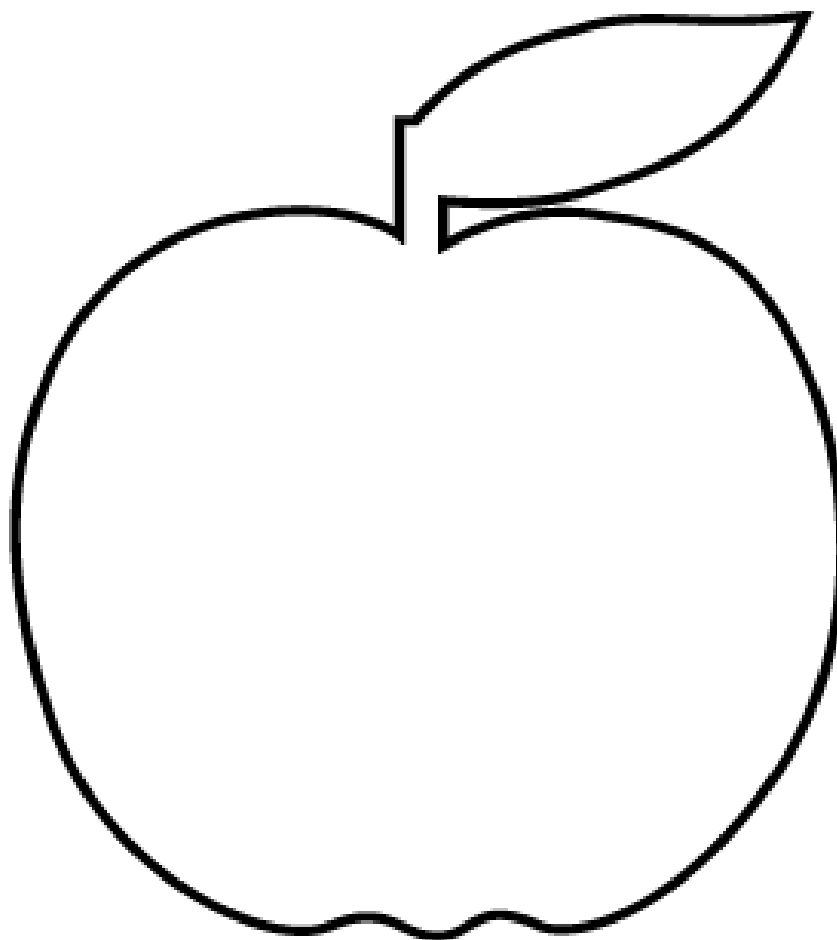


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My
Journal
for
September

Name_____ Date_____

September -- Labor Day

The first Monday in September is Labor Day. Labor Day celebrates people who work at all kinds of different jobs throughout the United States. What type of job would you like to have when you grow up? Why?

Draw a picture of yourself working at this job in the future.

Name _____ Date _____

September is National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

People get sick all the time. Sometimes we get sick for just a day, sometimes for a week, and sometimes longer. Some sicknesses are contagious (passed from one person to another), and some are not. Some sicknesses are serious, and some are not. Describe how you felt during a time when you were sick. What made you feel better?

Draw a picture of yourself helping a friend who is sick.

Name_____ Date_____

September is Ethnic Foods Month

There are many different ethnic foods. What is your favorite? Why?

Draw a picture of your favorite ethnic food.

Name _____ Date _____

September is Children's Good Manners Month

Good manners are very important. They are important at home and at school. When you use good manners, people remember you as a polite person. If you do not have good manners, people will think you are rude and uncaring.

Give an example of a time when you used good manners. How do you think the people around you felt about you?

When should you say thank you?

Where should you speak softly?

Where would it be okay to use a louder voice?

Name _____ Date _____

September is Little League Month

Do you belong to Little League or any other junior sports league? Do you have fun?

If you do not belong to a league, would you like to join? Why?

Draw a picture of a sport that you can play or would like to play.

Name _____ Date _____

September 5th -- Be Late for Something Day

Are you usually on time for things, or do you tend to be a bit late? How do you feel when other people are late?

Tell about a time that you were really late. Did you get into trouble? What happened?

Name _____ Date _____

September is Rice Month

Rice is a grain that provides food for many people. Rice is used in many recipes and is eaten around the world. Do you like rice? Why or why not?

Draw a picture of a meal that includes rice

Tasty Rice Snack

Put $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cooked steamed rice in a bowl.

Add: 1 tablespoon butter, 1 tablespoon sugar, 1 tablespoon raisins, a dash of cinnamon, and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of milk.

Mix and eat!

Name _____ Date _____

September is Save the Tiger Month

The tiger is one of the most endangered species in the world. Three subspecies of tiger have already become extinct, leaving only five, and their numbers are also shrinking. People cut down the forests where tigers live, and about one tiger dies every day.

Is it important that people work to save the tiger? If you think it is, write a letter to the President, asking him to tell countries such as India and Russia to help save the tigers. If you don't think it's important, explain on another piece of paper why you don't think people should work to save the tiger.

Dear _____,

Sincerely,

Name _____ Date _____

September is Be Kind to Editors and Writers Month

Everybody knows that books have an author. Without authors, it would be very hard for us to read! Not everyone realizes that all books also have an editor. The editor must look carefully at the book before it is printed and correct any mistakes.

Choose one of your favorite books:

Book Title: _____

Author: _____

Illustrator: _____

Main Characters

Setting:

Summary:

Usually a book gives a little information about the author. Use the back of this page to write the author of your favorite book a letter, telling how you feel about the book. If the author is still alive, think about making a final copy of your letter and sending it to the author (you can send it care of the publisher). Everyone likes to hear praise (even authors)!

Book Markers

- Take a piece of blank paper.
- Fold the paper in half lengthwise.
- Now fold it again into thirds lengthwise.
- You should have a strip of folded paper about 1 - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide, and 11 inches long.
- Color the strip any way you like.
- Make up a poem, or draw a picture on it! BE CREATIVE!
- On a flat surface, lay down (sticky side up) a 1 foot piece of clear postage tape.
- Now place the strip of paper face down in the center of the tape.
- Push down on the paper, and smooth with your fingers.
- Now put another piece of 1 foot postage tape on the top of the paper, sticky side down (that is, sticky side of the top piece to the sticky side of the bottom piece) trying to keep the tape edges even (don't worry about this too much, but be sure that the whole paper is covered on both sides by tape).
- Press firmly all over the tape and paper, eliminating bubbles as much as possible by pushing them towards the end.
- Cut off the excess tape, leaving a small border.
- This will seal your bookmarker closed and protect it.
- With a hole-puncher, make a hole $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from the top of your marker.
- Tie a ribbon or string through the hole.
- *For a clear bookmarker, omit the paper.*
- *Place thin arts and craft items (stickers, confetti, pictures, leaves, painted finger prints etc.) directly onto the tape.*
- *Seal with another piece of tape.*

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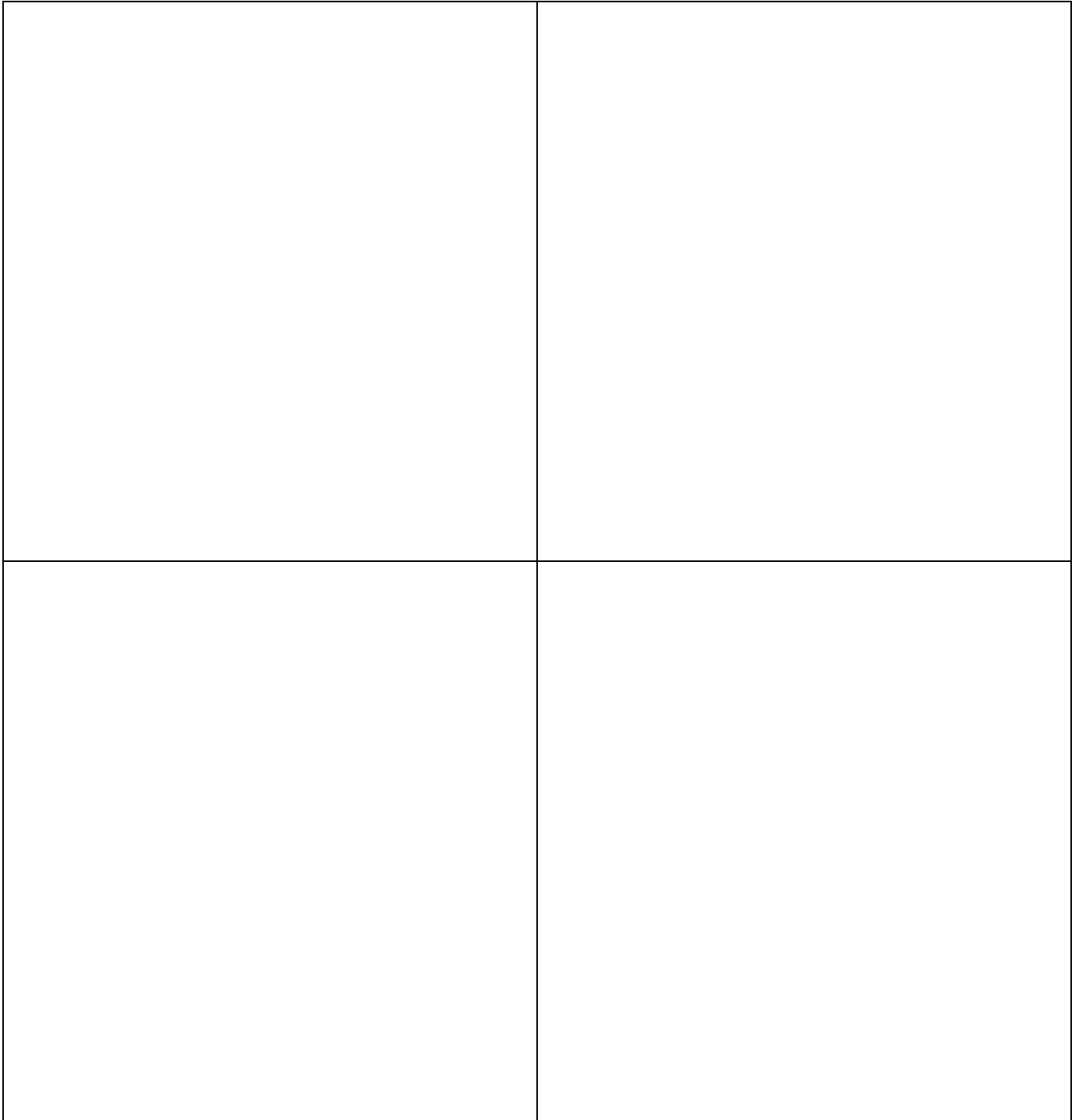
September - National Grandparents Day is the first Sunday after Labor Day

What do you do when you visit with your grandparents?

Write about a special time you had with your grandparents, or another special relative.

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Make a card for a grandparent or another special relative.
Cut out this square, and fold it along the lines. Design your card.



Name _____ Date _____

Hanging Potpourri Baskets

- Decorate the outside of a paper bowl using crayons, markers, and paints (for a more detailed look, glue silk flowers, ribbon, and lace.)
- Use a hole-punch to make a hole in the rim of the bowl.
- Pull a loop of long piece of ribbon through the hole, knotting the ends inside the bowl (this will be how the hat mounts to a wall).
- Pour some scented potpourri into the bowl.
- Spread glue all around the rim of the bowl.
- Attach a piece of fabric mesh (wedding veil material) over the rim of the bowl.
- Let dry completely.
- For added strength, add an additional layer of glue over the mesh when the first layer of glue has dried completely.

These make wonderful gifts for a nursing home room!

Name _____ Date _____

September is Self Improvement Month

This month is a good month to set a goal for yourself. Pick a goal in an area that you want to improve.

My goal is _____ because

What are you going to do to achieve this goal?

Who can help you achieve this goal?

Name _____ Date _____

September 9th -- Teddy Bear Day

Your name is Eddy. You are a teddy bear. You used to be very important, staying in bed with your owner every night—you even went on overnight visits with your owner. Your owner no longer needs you to go to sleep. How do you feel?

Teddy Bears were named after President Theodore Roosevelt (there are many stories about why they were named after him!). If you were going to design a doll or toy to name after the current President, what would it be? What would people call it?

On the other side of this page, draw a picture of your new "Presidential" toy.

Name_____ Date_____

September 10th -- Swap Ideas Day

One person can have a lot of great ideas. Two people can have twice as many! Sometimes a friend can help us solve our problems by helping us look at them from a different point of view, with different ideas. Think of a great idea for a story. Have a friend think of a story idea at the same time. Now swap ideas! Can you create one great story from your two stories?

Add more paper if needed.

Name _____ Date _____

September 11th -- Make Your Bed Day

Some people make their bed every morning. Some people think it's a waste of time—you're just going to get into it and mess it up again. Do you make your bed every day? Once a week? Once a month? Never? What do you think about making beds? (p.s. make your bed today!!)

Draw a picture of your dream bed.

Name _____ Date _____

September 12th -- National Chocolate Milkshake Day

How do you make a chocolate milkshake? Write the ingredients you need and the steps below.

Ingredients

Describe how to make a chocolate milkshake.

Draw a picture of a great chocolate milkshake on the back of this page.

Name _____ Date _____

September 15th -- Make a Hat Day

Do you like to wear hats? What type of hats do you wear?

Draw a picture of your favorite hat.

Name _____ Date _____

September 16th Mexican Independence Day

In 1810, a priest named Miguel Hidalgo had had enough! He was tired of the way the Mexican people were treated by the Spaniards. Hidalgo helped the Mexicans become independent. He told the people, "Mexicanos, Viva Mexico." The people rose up against their rulers. Hidalgo was defeated, but he had started a movement that resulted in Mexico's independence 12 years later.

What does independence mean? Why is it so important?

Does your country have an Independence Day? When is it and how do you celebrate?

Name _____ Date _____

Kifflings (Mexican Wedding Cookies)

Mix: 1 cup of flour with 1 tablespoon of sugar.

Add: $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of ground or finely chopped pecans or almonds and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of softened butter.

Mix the ingredients just until a smooth ball is formed (try not to mix too much, or your cookies will be hard).

Roll the dough to make a long, thin string or "snake" (about the thickness of a child's thumb).

Cut into 2 inch strings or "snakes."

Place the "snakes" onto a baking sheet.

Curve the snakes and press down to make them look like little half-moons.

Ask a parent to bake for 20 minutes at 325° or until slightly golden.

Ask a parent to place the warm cookies into a bowl of powdered (confections) sugar.

Cover the entire cookie with the sugar and place on a cooling rack.

Enjoy!

Name _____ Date _____

September is School Success Month

You are the principal of a school. Today you will do something very special for your students to celebrate the day. What will you do?

Draw a picture!

Name _____ Date _____

Rosh Hashanah

Rosh Hashanah is a very important Jewish holiday. It is sort of like a New Year's celebration, in that the time is used to think back on the previous year, and think of things that you would like to change in the future. On Rosh Hashanah, many people eat apples and bread dipped in honey. They also often go to a river or stream and empty their pockets. This symbolizes throwing away the bad things from the previous year, so that a fresh start can be made.

Is there something in your pockets that you would like to throw away?
What would you like to get rid of, so that you can start fresh?

Draw a picture of yourself throwing something negative into a river. Be creative!

Name _____ Date _____

September 28th -- Good Neighbor Day

Do you have good neighbors? Are you a good neighbor? What do you think makes good neighbors?

Draw a picture of you and your neighbors.

Name _____ Date _____

International Deaf Awareness Week is in September

Deaf people speak another language: they speak sign language. How would you feel if you met someone that you really liked, but could not talk with? What would you do to make them feel welcomed in your group of friends?

The sign below means "I love you". Practice forming the sign with your hands.



Name _____ Date _____

September 30th {Reflection}

Think about the last month. Write about all the things you enjoyed learning. Think about little things that you would like to remember. Write them down now, so that even years later you won't forget.

Draw a picture.

Name_____ Date_____

September Reflection (continued)

On this page, glue or attach an article of any kind. Maybe you have a picture you would like to save. Maybe you had a really funny hair cut this month and would like to save a piece of your hair. What about a really good candy? Here is a great place to save the wrapper. Did you get any awards this month? Think of any simple thing you would like to keep for later memories, you will be glad you did!