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HOLIDAY SEASON

As we move into a very different holiday season in most of the province, our kids are on top of our minds. If you are like me, we are trying to find ways to make the holidays fun and to occupy the kids during the break.

This month our whole newsletter is devoted to printable activity sheets for kids to enjoy and we encourage every parent/grandparent and caregiver to pick up a crayon, pencil or book and work alongside your child. Perhaps the greatest gift your child can receive is your time and encouragement to complete these activities as a family.

For school councils, your team might consider doing some virtual fun nights that involve the whole family like bingos, painting night challenges, holiday card writing, ask the Principal to read some

holiday stories or have the physical education teacher lead family exercises. Let your imagination create some special events for families during this special time of year.

We know that the holidays this year will be a change from what we are used to, but we encourage everyone to find a positive reason to celebrate the holiday season as a family and for schools to embrace families in their community who need support this month.

Parents Engaged in Education wish every family good health and a very Happy New Year!!

Theresa Pastoreo

Executive Director,
Parents Engaged in Education

Christmas Around the World Word Search

Find the following Christmas words in the puzzle.


Q	E	U	E	S	T	S	T	L	R	B	G	E	T	S
S	E	I	K	O	O	C	E	O	T	I	E	D	J	C
W	R	R	R	G	H	H	X	L	N	D	R	A	S	U
C	T	R	Q	F	R	S	P	G	D	A	W	R	L	J
N	A	R	R	U	E	A	E	B	T	N	Z	A	Z	T
C	N	P	E	H	W	R	A	S	P	Z	A	P	Z	U
A	A	Y	S	L	B	Z	G	G	G	I	P	C	M	F
N	L	E	U	R	V	S	P	I	E	U	N	F	T	S
D	F	G	E	Z	N	A	I	F	G	I	S	A	G	F
L	Q	A	L	O	R	A	C	T	I	O	W	L	T	J
E	D	L	X	O	I	T	L	S	R	X	N	U	B	A
S	N	H	L	I	Y	Y	M	U	S	F	B	C	Z	L
W	P	Z	Z	U	I	I	J	H	W	W	O	U	R	V
A	R	N	I	T	W	R	E	A	T	H	D	J	B	W
W	H	J	Y	E	W	D	G	H	N	Q	P	A	K	Y

CANDLES
CAROL
COOKIES

GIFTS
GINGERBREAD
PARADE

PAROL
PINATA
SHOE

STAR
TREE
WREATH



Sometimes you have to be your own **SUPERHERO**

Draw yourself as a superhero. Label your super powers.



DRAW A PLACE WHERE YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE AN ADVENTURE.



Be the reason someone smiles today

Write about an act of kindness to surprise a friend or family member.

Christmas song EMOJI TRIVIA

1. 🎸 ↺ 🎄 _____
2. ❄️ 🧊 _____
3. 😬 🌙 _____
4. 🔔 🔔 _____
5. 🔵 🎄 _____
6. 👁️ 🐝 🏠 🎄 _____
7. 👑 👑 👑 _____
8. 😊 👉 🌐 _____
9. ☁️ ☁️ ☁️ _____
10. 🎅 🧒 _____

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Get Writing this Holiday Season!



As we approach the Holidays, children all over the world are beginning to think about gift giving, family time, and writing their wish lists! Encouraging your child to write this Holiday season is a great way to help them improve their writing skills - and also gets them in the Holiday spirit!

Here are some ideas to get them writing!

Pick Some of Your Favorite Writing Tools. Help your child choose awesome writing tools to get them in the spirit - select some nice, lined or even colorful paper - and a pen or pencil. You could even use some colored highlighters, to make it really festive!

Create a Holiday Wish List. Try to keep your list short, and focus on what is really important. Remember, the holidays are not just about gifts.

Write Out Holiday Cards. Whether sending Christmas, Hanukkah or New Year's cards, be sure to let family and friends know you are thinking about them. If there is any extra room, encourage your child to draw a picture at the bottom of the card!

Write a Letter to Santa Claus. Encourage your child to write a letter to Santa! As a start, perhaps they can tell Santa a bit about themselves - where they go to school and what they like to do. It is also important to tell Santa how good they have been this year and make sure to include examples, like the time they helped their little brother/sister tie their shoes, or how they helped mom clean the house!

Create Place Cards for Holiday Dinner Seating. This fun activity will get even the younger writers excited!

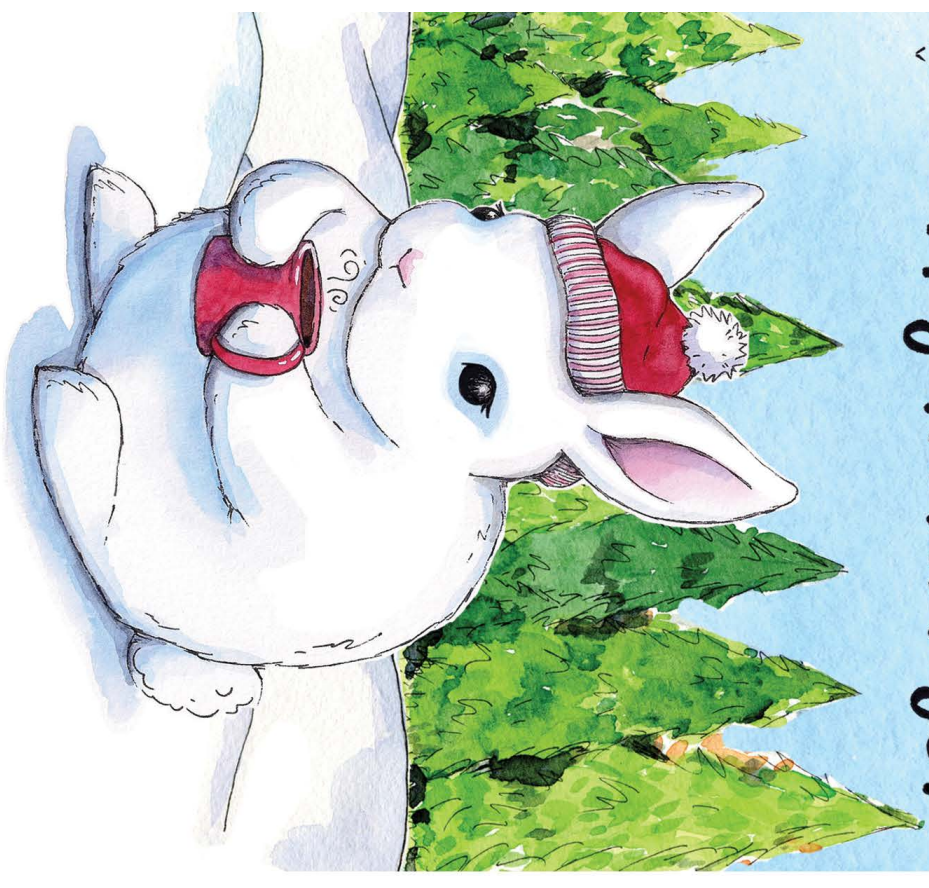
Thank You Notes. This is an important time of year to be thankful for all the gifts your child will receive. Make sure they write thank you notes to show their appreciation!

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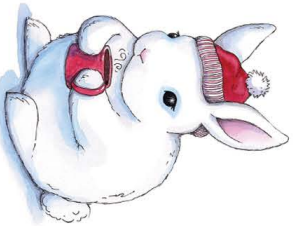


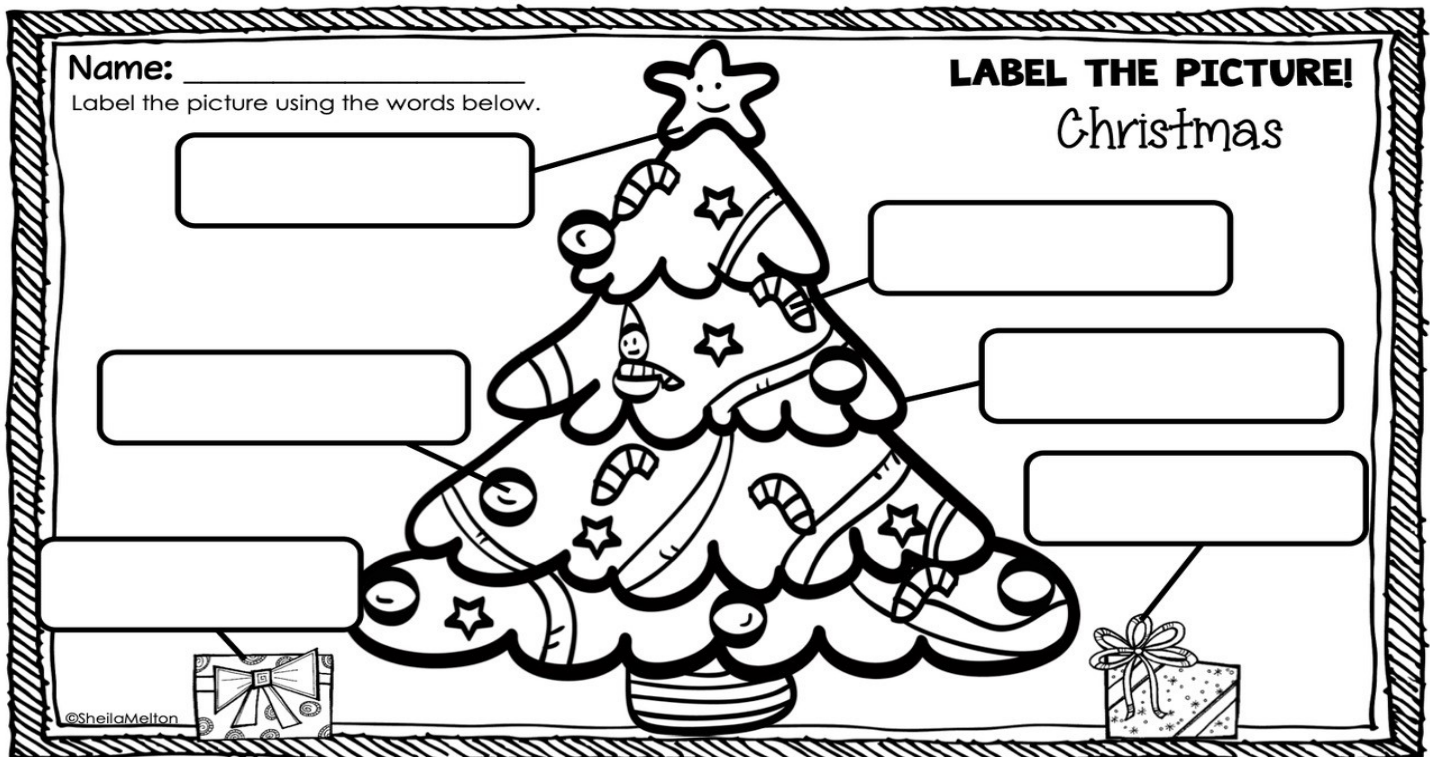
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Happy Holidays!



STAY COZY.





star
tree

candy
present

light
bow

Name: _____

Order Up Some Fun!

Write the words in ABC order.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

- * elf
- * red
- * green
- * hat
- * jingle
- * bells
- * candy
- * gold
- * sparkle
- * fun

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Build the Sentence!

Name: _____



Cut the words out! Build the sentence! Glue!

Write the word:

cookies

Draw a picture about the sentence.

Write the sentence nice and neat.

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bake

cookies.

Christmas

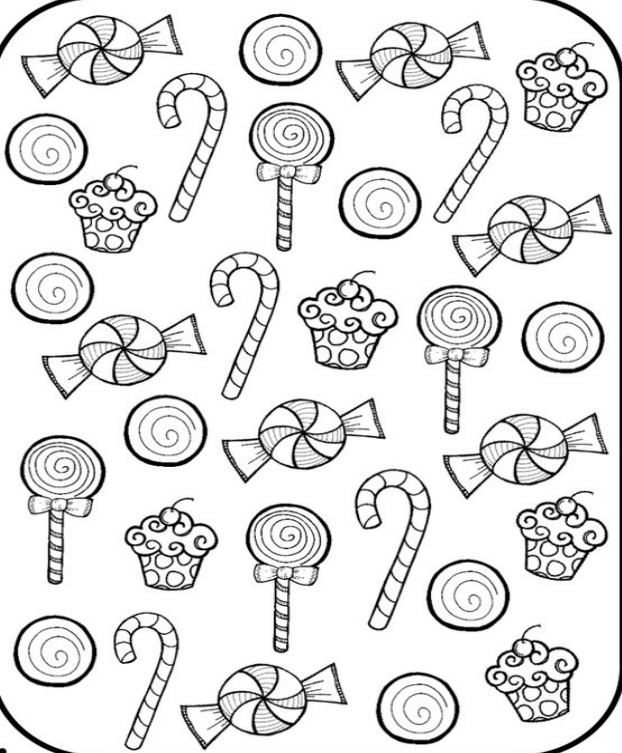
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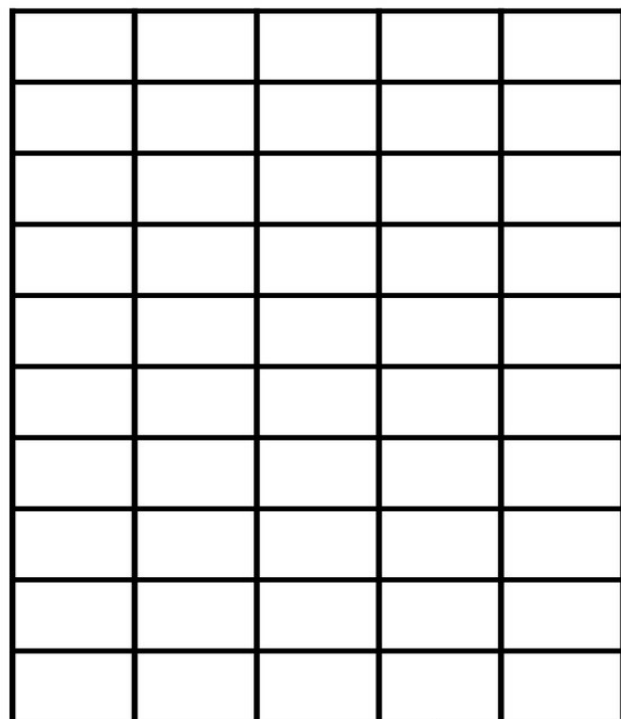
Name: _____

Graph It! Sweet Christmas!

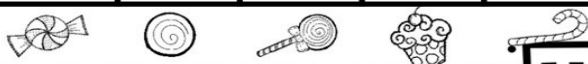
Color the same pictures the same color, count them and graph it!



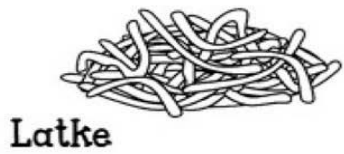
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4
3
2
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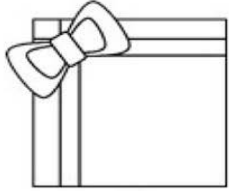


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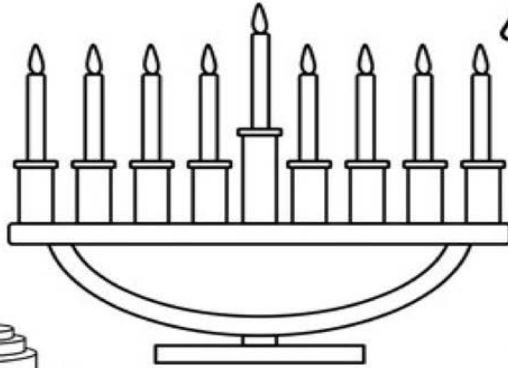


Latke

Star



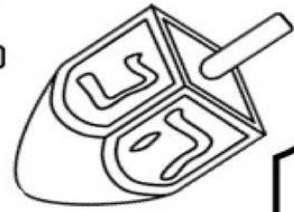
Presents



Menorah



Gold Coins



Dreidel

Dance like a character from the NUTCRACKER BALLET

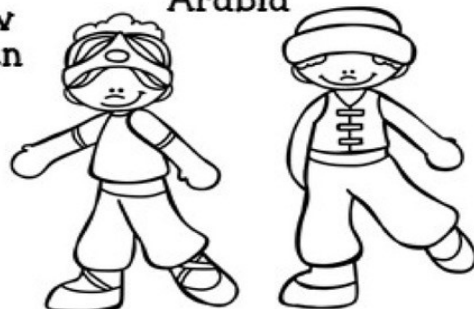
Russia



Snow Queen



Arabia



Flower Dancer



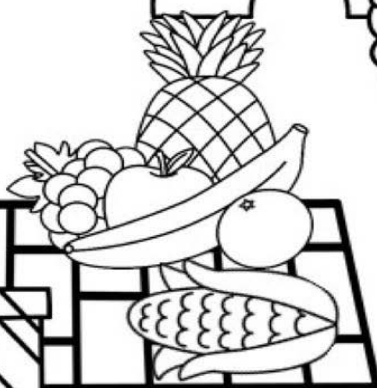
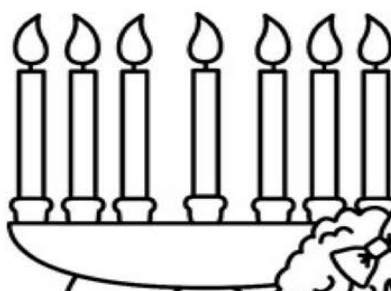
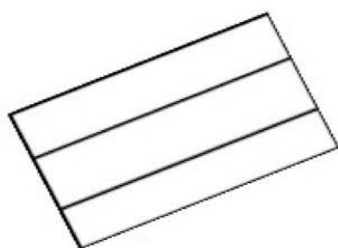
China



Spain



Celebrate Kwanzaa



Name _____ Date _____

Roll and Color
the Elf!



Roll two dice, count
the dots, then color
the number!

Name _____ Date _____

Roll and Color
the Presents!

7

6

2

4

3

7

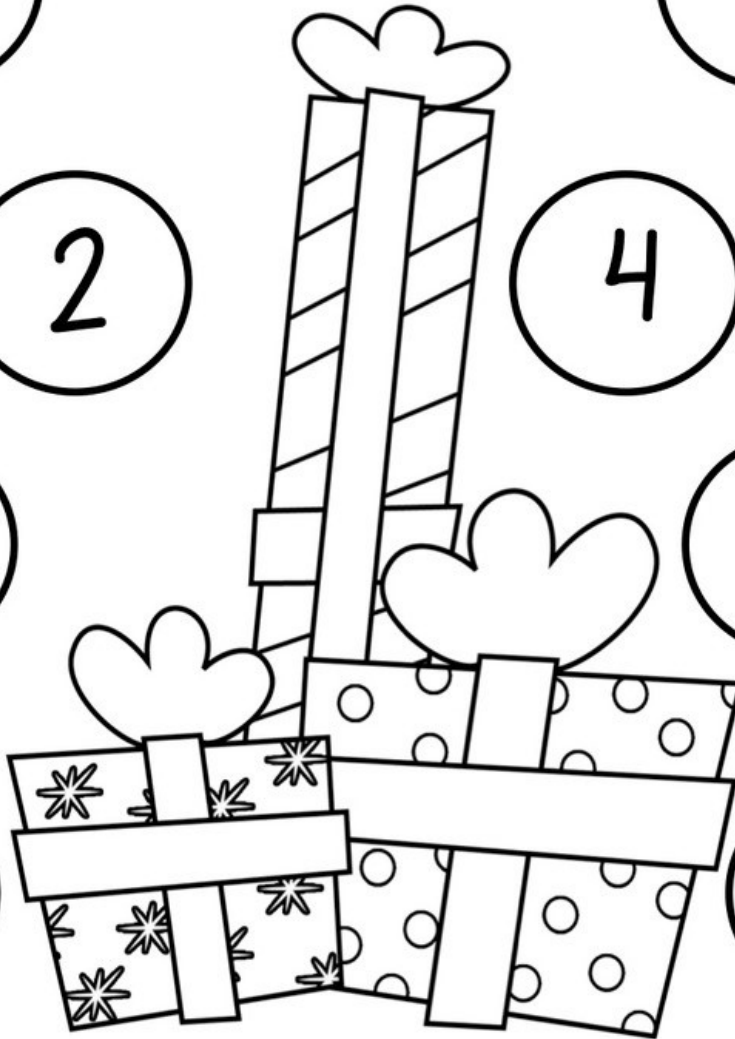
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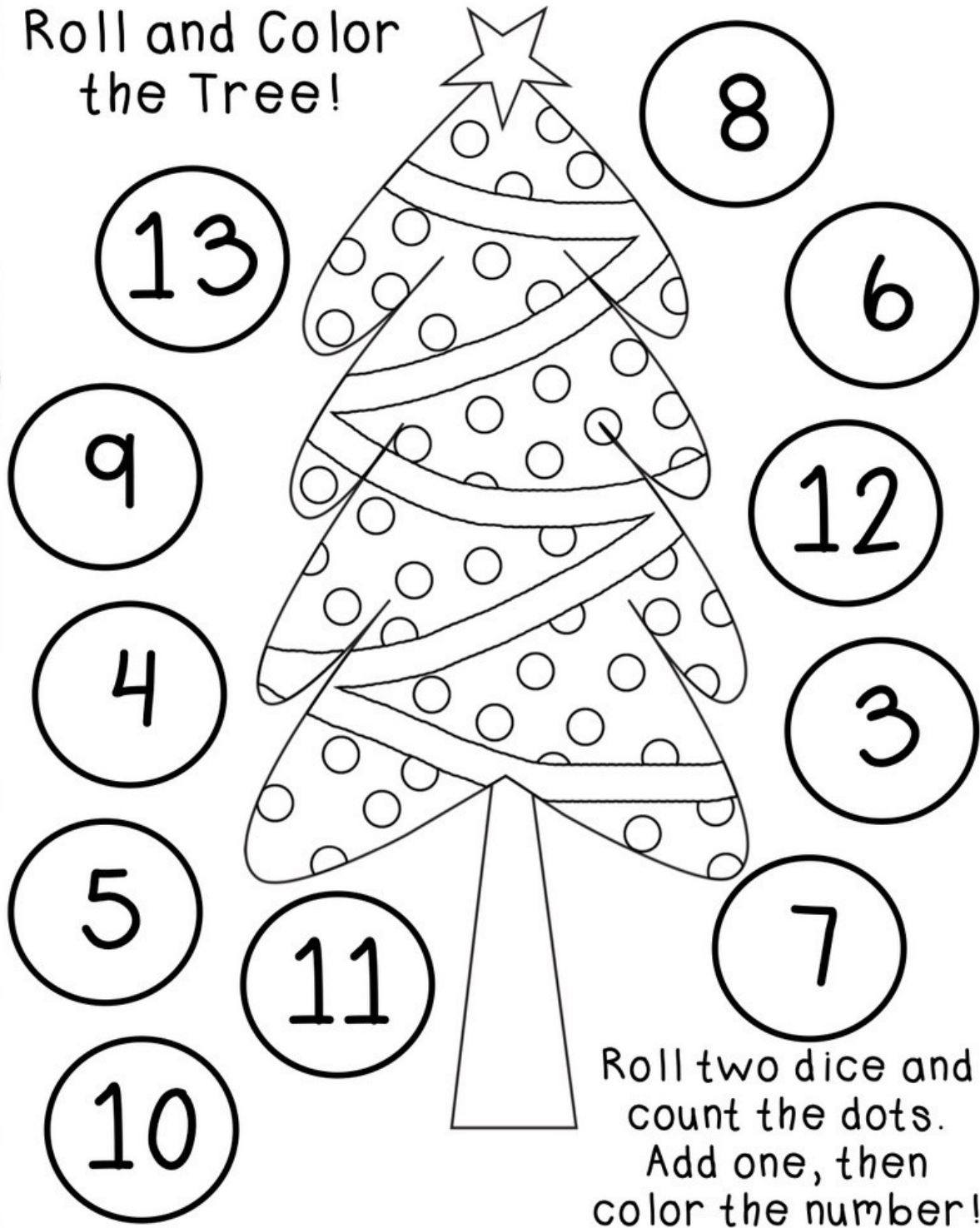
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Roll one die,
add one, then
color the
number!



Name _____ Date _____

Roll and Color
the Tree!

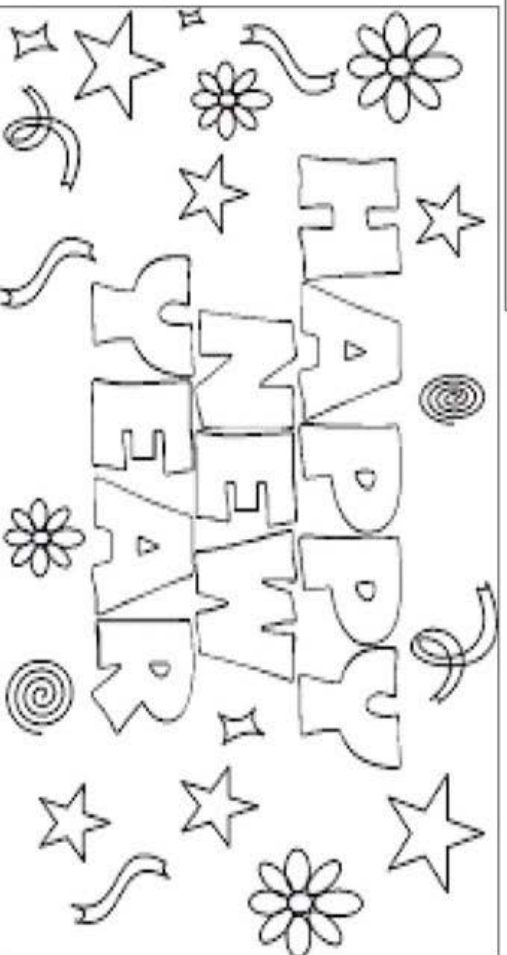


Roll two dice and
count the dots.
Add one, then
color the number!

ABC Order

1.	5.
2.	6.
3.	7.
4.	8.

Color the
Picture



New Year's Vocabulary

New Year

Countdown

Celebration

Fireworks

Midnight

Ball Drop

Resolutions

Streamers

What is Your Dream?

Miss Jones tells her class they are going to learn about MLK. She asks the class what they know about him. Avery raises her hand. Avery says, "He wanted peace and equality for all people." Jack raises his hand and says, "He had a dream that all kids can be in the same room and play with one another." "Very good," Miss Jones says. Miss Jones passes out a piece of paper. On top, it says "What is Your Dream?"

1. Highlight all of the vocabulary words.

2. Who is the teacher?

3. If you were MLK, what would your dream be?

Beginning

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Middle

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End

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Hidden Message

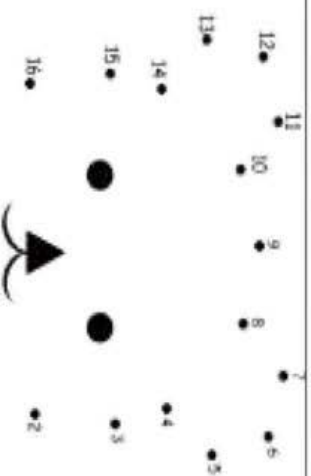
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Connect the Dots



Happy Groundhog's Day!

Groundhog Day Vocabulary

Groundhog Day

Shadow

Cloud

Sun

Hibernate

Winter

Spring

Punxsutawney Phil

Word Search

T P T Y X V G T E T B T S F M A L H
 S P R I N G S W F S N N J H Z C T N
 L B U K V Q V I K G F R T R A O U Y
 H T F W H R W Z X C S P B S J D T P
 Z K C G N X Z P X F X U L R F Q O Y
 W I N T E R L N O Y U I N I S R C W
 Q E P Q L E C L O U D H C X S S H Y
 Q I Z T A Z N N E C K K U U W F D D
 Q P U N X S U T A W N E Y P H I L P
 M O S A C O Y W O F Q P V M B K Z J
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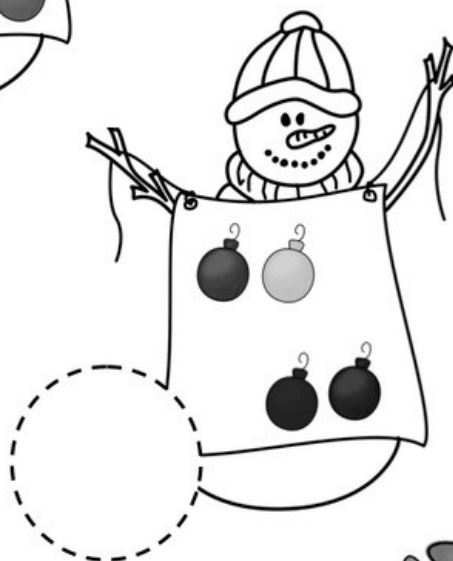
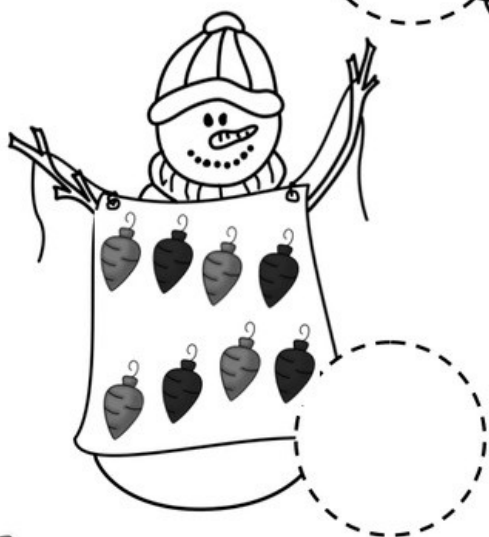
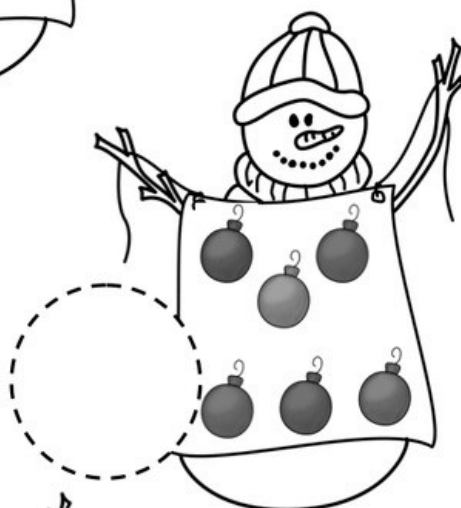
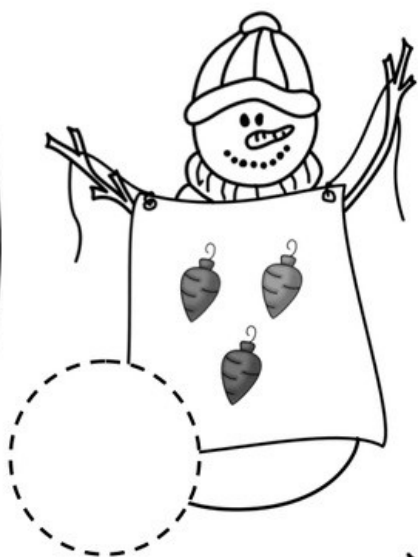
Cloud	Punxsutawney Phil	Sun
Groundhog Day	Shadow	Winter
Hibernate	Spring	

Draw a Picture



Name: _____ Date: _____

How many ornaments do you see? Write the number.



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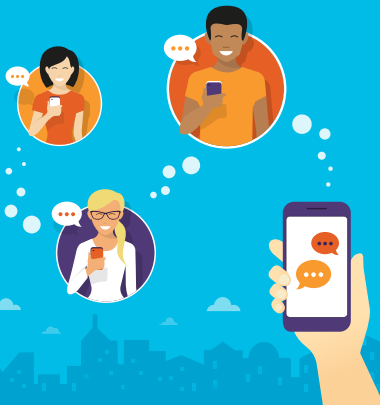
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in this *together.***



**Stay strong,
stay safe.**



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students, parents,
and families will
get through this
together.