

Skill Building For Grade 6



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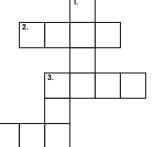
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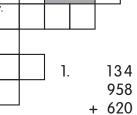


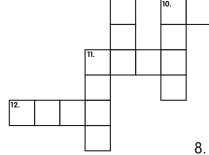
Week 1: Monday Math

Directions: Solve each problem. Write each sum in the number puzzle.

Across









The Aztecs

Week 1: Monday Reading

Directions: Read the passage, and then circle the correct answers below.

The Aztecs were the last people to settle in the Valley of Mexico, high in the volcanic mountains of central Mexico. There, on the shores of shallow, marshy Lake Tezcoco, they built an impressive center for their empire.

The Aztecs were a semi-nomadic tribe of Chichimecs who arrived in the Valley of Mexico about 1200 CE. According to oral traditions and codices (ancient manuscripts), the ancestral home of the Aztecs was Aztlan, a place northwest of Mexico City. No one has identified an exact location. Legend has it that about 1100 CE, the god Huizilopochtli (Blue Hummingbird) instructed them to wander until they found an eagle on a cactus eating a snake. There they would build their capital.

After many stops and skirmishes, they settled on the west side of Tezcoco, at a place called Chapultapec (Grasshopper Hill). Other tribes drove the Aztecs out, but the Colhua allowed the Aztecs to live near them in exchange for the services of Aztec soldiers. Finally tired of being under the Colhuacans, the Aztecs killed the daughter of the ruler and then fled into the marshy lake. On one island, they saw an eagle on a cactus. At the site of this sign, the Aztecs built their capital, Tenochtitlán.

In the 200 years from the sighting of the eagle (about 1325 CE) to the arrival of the Spanish (1521 CE), the Aztecs grew to be the most powerful people in the Valley of Mexico. They adopted many elements from the cultures that had preceded them and built one of the most impressive cities of Mesoamerica.

1. Based on the passage, how do you think people first learned about the Aztecs?

a. reading textbooks

c. in the newspaper

b. oral traditions and codices

d. on the Internet

2. What does *Huizilopochtli* mean?

a. Valley of Mexico

c. Grasshopper Hill

b. Blue Hummingbird

d. capital city

3. The Aztec capital was named

a. Aztlan.

c. Tenochtitlán.

b. Tezcoco.

d. Mesoamerica.

4. What sign did the Aztecs look for to know where to build their capital?

- a. an eagle on a cactus
- b. a fish in the lake
- c. lightning hitting the mountain
- d. a blue hummingbird

Multiply Supplies



Week 1: Tuesday Math

Directions: Use the chart to solve each problem below. The first one has been done for you.

Supply Room Inventory			
pencils	erasers	crayons	markers
68 per box	847 per box	271 per box	199 per box
rulers	notepads	hole punchers	binders
952 per box	88 per box	348 per box	17 per box
pens	rubber bands	sheets of paper	folders
1,107 per box	23 per box	7,127 per box	1,104 per box

1. 61 boxes of rulers 952 x 61 952 + 57,120 58,072	2. 37 boxes of pencils	3. 58 boxes of binders	4. 759 boxes of erasers
5. 373 boxes of notepads	6. 19 boxes of pens	7. 99 boxes of rubber bands	8. 314 boxes of hole punchers
9. 510 boxes of paper	10. 217 boxes of markers	11. 71 boxes of crayons	12. 861 boxes of folders



Sensory Words

Week 1: Tuesday Writing

Sensory words are words that describe how something *feels, looks, sounds, smells,* or *tastes*.

Directions: Write a sentence that uses one of the five senses to describe each of the following. Circle the word that describes how the item feels, looks, sounds, smells, or tastes. On the line after the sentence, write which of the senses you used. The first one has been done for you.

soccer ball	I wiped off the dusty soccer ball.	looks
pizza		
camel		
sports announcer		
notebook		
tennis shoes		
desert		
beach		
surprise		
happiness		
embarrassment		
snake		
rock		
lemon		
	pizza camel sports announcer notebook tennis shoes desert beach surprise happiness embarrassment snake rock	pizza camel sports announcer notebook tennis shoes desert beach surprise happiness embarrassment snake rock

Divide and Multiply



Week 1: Wednesday

Math

Directions: Write the division problem and solve. Multiply to check the answer. The first one has been done for you.

1. 8,400 cookies divided into 40 boxes	2. 41,916 pieces of bubble gum divided into 28 cartons	3. 33,320 decks of playing cards divided into 136 cases	
Solve Check 210 210 40)8400 x 40 -80 000 40 + 8,400 -40 8,400	Solve Check	Solve Check	
4. 3,600 marbles placed into 90 pouches	5. 8,928 potato chips placed into 9 gigantic bowls	6. 28,917 game pieces for 81 board games	
Solve Check	Solve Check	Solve Check	
7. 35,620 paper clips placed into 260 canisters	8. 180,930 ants in 37 colonies	9. 8,840 peanuts for 65 elephants	
Solve Check	Solve Check	Solve Check	



Week 1: Wednesday Reading

Directions: Read the passage, and then circle the correct answers below.

Hundreds of years ago, American Indian tribes lived in Mexico. The Aztecs built beautiful cities. They had a calendar and a written language. However, the Spanish destroyed the Aztecs in 1521. For the next 300 years, Spain ruled over Mexico. That's why Mexicans speak Spanish.

Every September 16, the Mexican people hold a celebration in Mexico City, their country's capital. It is their Independence Day. On that date in 1821, they told Spain they would no longer be ruled. Breaking free from Spain caused a war. When it was over, the Mexicans had their own government. They made their own laws.

Today, America and Mexico are friends, but it wasn't always that way. President James Polk wanted America to reach from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean. He tried to buy what is now the American Southwest from Mexico. Mexico would not sell. So from 1846 to 1848, Mexico and America fought a war to **ascertain** where their borders would be. When the war ended, Mexico had lost a lot of land. Now the Rio Grande River forms the border between the two nations. America is on the north side of the river. Mexico is on the south side.

Mexico has mountains and a hot, dry climate. Crops can grow on only a small part of the land. Still, Mexicans grow much of the coffee, oranges, and sugar used in the United States. Mexicans have influenced building styles in the southwestern U.S. and have added words such as *patio* and *canyon* to the English language. Americans also enjoy eating many Mexican foods like burritos, tacos, tortillas, and tamales.

- 1. President Polk wanted
 - a. the U.S. to expand its borders.
 - b. Mexico to change its Independence Day to July 4th.
 - c. the country of Mexico to become one of the states of the Union.
 - d. Americans to adopt the Mexican language.
- 2. According to the passage, what happened second?
 - a. Mexicans declared their independence from Spain.
 - b. The Spanish ruled over Mexico.
 - c. The Aztecs built cities in Mexico.
 - d. Americans fought a war with Mexico.
- 3. Another word for ascertain is
 - a. inspect. b. change.
- c. discover.
- d. determine.

- 4. Before the Aztecs were conquered, they probably
 - a. didn't speak Spanish.

- c. didn't have any tools.
- b. couldn't read or write any language.
- d. didn't understand the concept of time.

Multiplying Decimals



Week 1: Thursday Math

Directions: Multiply to solve each problem.

Keys to Multiplying Decimals

- 🜣 Line up the numbers. However, you don't need to line up the decimal points.
- Multiply the numbers as you would multiply whole numbers.
- © Count the number of decimal places in both numbers that are being multiplied. Make sure the decimal places in the product equal the number of decimal places in the problem.



Connections

Week 1: Thursday Writing

Directions: Think of a word that could be used with each given word to make a compound word or phrase. The first one has been done for you.

1.	opera	box	hand _	soap
2.	head	Easter	fried _	
3.	Christmas	flies	Magazine _	
4.	whipped	sour	cheese _	
5.	shelter	atomic	time _	
6.	book	garbage	pipe _	
7.	light	cards	back _	
8.	go	wheel	shopping _	
	moon	night	year _	
10.	city	way	mark	
	Adam's	tree	core	
	ballpoint	pal	pig	
	power	shoe	race	
	birds	sick		
	ball	lid	puppy _	
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Map Madness!



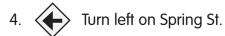
Week 1: Friday Fun

Do you see Juanita? She is lost! Follow the directions to get her back on track. Mark her ending spot with an ${\bf X}$.

Directions:

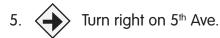
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Go north on 2nd Ave.





Turn right on Union St.





Turn right on 4th Ave.

6. **END** End at the corner of James St.

	Union St.	7 th Ave.
Canaca St		6
Seneca St.		Ave.
2 nd ,	4 th Ave.	Spring St.
Ave.	Olivia St.	8 th Ave.
1st Ave.	Marion St.	
	Ave.	James St.



Hidden Animals

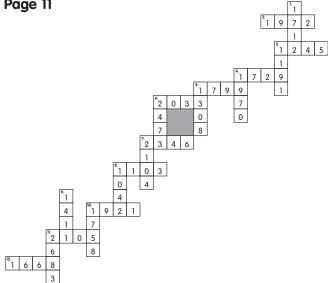
Week 1: Friday Fun

Directions: The name of one animal is hidden in each sentence. It is not one of the obvious animal names used and may be hidden inside one or several words. Can you find each one? Circle each name and write it on the line. The first one has been done for you.

1. Jim was painting a picture.	wasp
2. The car I bought yesterday is shiny and beautiful.	
3. Mary took a picture of a panther in a cage.	
4. All amazing tricks are fascinating.	
5. Ramon keys into more projects than other kids.	
6. My new neighbor, Mo, uses peppers on his pizza.	
7. To and fro, Gary pushed his sister on the swing.	
8. Jennifer ate three pieces of fudge.	
9. The team of oxen pulled the wagon.	
10. The new car glimmered in the light.	

Answer Key

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- 1. b
- 2. b
- 3. c
- 4. a

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- 2. 2,516
- 3.986
- 4. 642,873
- 5. 32,824
- 6. 21,033

- 8. 109,272
- 9. 3,634,770
- 10. 43,183
- 11. 19,241
- 12. 950,544
- 7. 2,277

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Answers will vary.

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- $2.41,916 \div 28 = 1,497$
 - Check: $1,497 \times 28 = 41,916$
- $3.33,320 \div 136 = 245$
 - Check: $245 \times 136 = 33.320$
- $4.3,600 \div 90 = 40$
 - Check: $40 \times 90 = 3,600$
- $5.8,928 \div 9 = 992$
 - Check: $992 \times 9 = 8.928$
- 6. $28,917 \div 81 = 357$
 - Check: $357 \times 81 = 28,917$
- $7.35,620 \div 260 = 137$
 - Check: $137 \times 260 = 35,620$
- $8.180,930 \div 37 = 4,890$
 - Check: $4,890 \times 37 = 180,930$
- $9.8,840 \div 65 = 136$
 - Check: $136 \times 65 = 8,840$

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- 1. a
 - 2. b

6. bag

7. flash

3. d

7. \$585.39

8. \$256.50

4. a

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- 1. \$93.96
- 2. \$4.47
- 3. \$105.30
- 4. \$69.93
- 5. \$53.38
- 6. \$420.52
- 10. 1.872

9. 2.646

- 11. 2.6628
- 12. 0.00228
- 17. \$8.37 18. 0.1218

14. love

15. eye

13. \$6.30

14. 4.78

15. 137.74

16. \$1.38

- - 10. hall
 - 11. apple
 - 12. pen
- 8. cart 9. light
 - 13. horse

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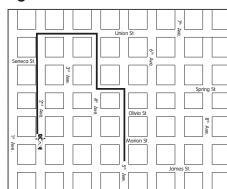
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2. egg

3. time

4. cream

5. bomb



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2. caribou

3. okapi or ant

- 5. monkey(s)
- 6. mouse
- 8. rat 9. fox

- 4. llama
- 7. frog
- 10. hen

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