

MATH JOURNALS

YEARLONG BUNDLE

Bob had 10 bears in a jar. 4 of the bears were red. The rest of the bears were blue. How many bears in the jar are blue?

Betty rolled some dice. She rolled a 6 and a 5. Then, Betty made a fact family house. Fill in Betty's fact family house.

The zoo has 9 big cats. 6 big cats are lions, and the rest are tigers. How many tigers?

I less	my number	I more
	22	
I less	my number	I more
	35	
I less	my number	I more
	47	

Alex fills in the charts.

Jess has the number 46. Draw how many tens and ones are in 46.

tens	ones

5 tens and 7 ones. Color Caleb's place and write his number.

Bill sees a number line. What numbers are missing?

I started with 10 cookies in my cookie jar. I ate 9 cookies. How many cookies remain in the cookie jar?

20 WORD PROBLEMS {PER SKILL}

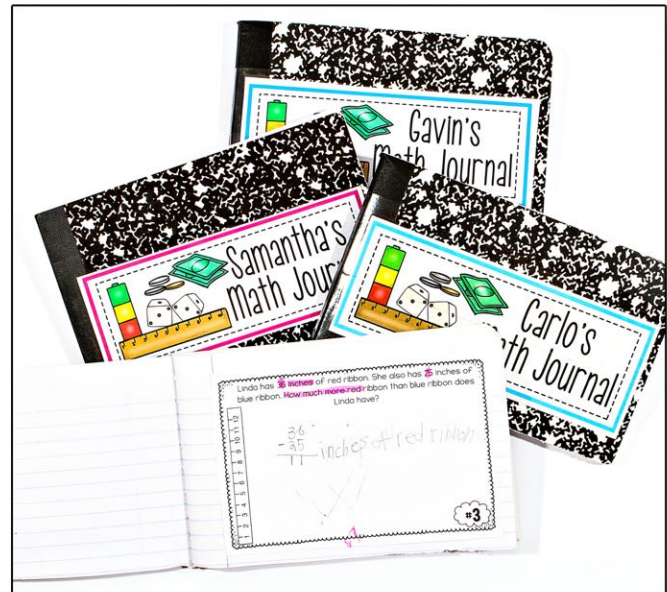
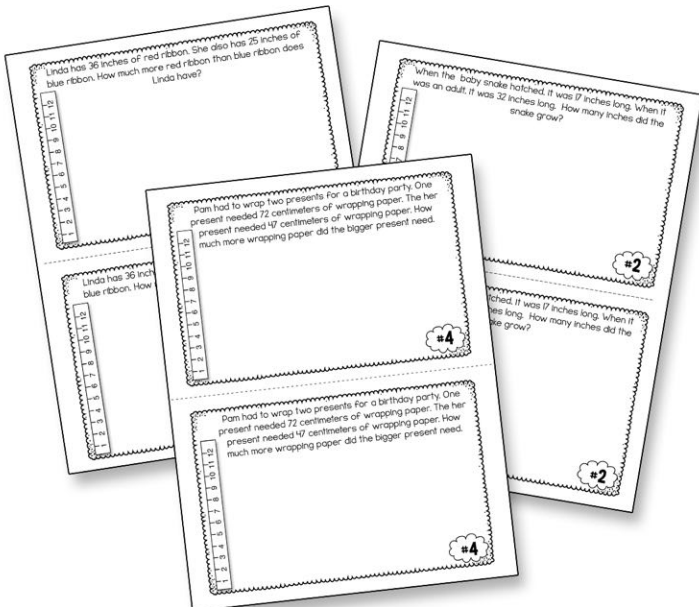
1ST GRADE JOURNAL PROMPTS

Math Journals



These Math Journal Prompts are the perfect addition to your math block. You can use them for Morning Bell Work, as a Problem of the Day activity, a warm-up before your daily math lesson, or for students who are Fast-Finishers! I use these Math Journal prompts during my Guided Math Rotations. When my students finish their independent work after my small group lesson or when they finish a math station, they are expected to do a Math Journal every day! However, when I am using these journal prompts, I always use them as a REVIEW of the skills we learned. For example, if I am in the middle of my measurement unit, I DO NOT expect my students to do the measurement word problems. They will be working on my math journal prompts from the unit prior to teaching measurement. The reason that I do this is to ensure that my students have learned all of the necessary skills to understand the journal prompts and know the proper strategies to solve the word problems.

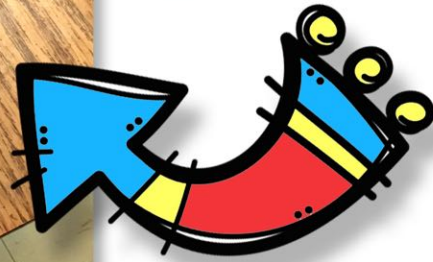
I like to use Composition Notebooks for my Math Journals. I purchase these during the Back to School sales and get them for a bargain. Then I ask my hubby to cut them in half using his table saw/chop saw. The small notebooks are a perfect size for math journals. If you want to do this and you don't have a table saw, you can go to Home Depot or Office Max and ask them if they will cut them for you. If you are planning on using the Journal Prompts inside a 1/2 cut composition notebook, you **MUST SHRINK** the journal prompts to about 70% on your photocopy machine. You can also copy them in collated order, staple them on the top left and in the middle on the left of the packet and you will have two packets of word problems for your students.



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IN ACTION



To cut down on the amount of time that it takes to correct ALL of the work my students do, I have a system to make correcting their Math Journals go much more quickly. As I said, my students do a Math Journal prompt during my Guided Math rotations. When they finish their Math Journal Prompt for the day, they put their book on a small stool next to my desk. The students pile their books one on top of the other. This dramatically cuts down on the amount of time it takes for me to correct all of their math journals. I can get through all twenty journals in less than 10 minutes using this quick and easy system.

I hope you find this Quick Tip helpful!

