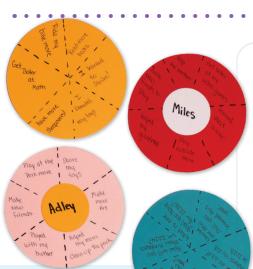
## **New Year Reflections**



The New Year Reflections project is a fun and educational way for students to reflect on the past year and plan for the future. With the help of AccuCut's® MARK 5™ Die-Cutting Machine and Circle-Spinner die, students can create their own circle spinners and decorate them with their thoughts and plans for the new year. The New Year Reflections project is a great way to help students reflect on the past and look forward to the future.

## **Materials Needed**

- AccuCut MARK 5<sup>™</sup> Die-Cutting Machine (AC5500)
- AccuCut Circle Spinner-Jumbo (C2008J)
- · Construction Paper
- Pens, Pencils or Markers
- Paper Fastener (Optional)
- Glue

## **Instructions**

- 1. Place up to 6 layers of construction paper on the AccuCut Circle Spinner die.
- 2. Run the die through the MARK 5 die-cutting machine, cutting one circle spinner for each student.
- 3. Give each student a circle and provide them with prompts to reflect on the past year and plan for the upcoming year. Some examples of prompts could include:
  - What were some of your favorite memories?
  - · What were some challenges you faced and how did you overcome them?
  - What are some goals you have for the next year?
  - · How do you plan to make next year even better than this year?
- 4. Have the students write their answers on their circles using pens, pencils or markers. Encourage them to be creative and use their imagination.
- 5. Option: If desired, cut out the spinner and assemble it using a paper fastener. This can turn the activity into a fun game where students can spin the spinner and answer the prompts on their circles.
- 6. Once the students have completed their reflections, have them glue their circles onto a piece of construction paper to create a display. This can be hung in the classroom as a reminder of the students' goals and plans for the new year.

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