

# 100th Day Celebration



Five, four, three, two, one...the 100th day of school is finally here! Mark this happy occasion using the following activities.



## Literature Selections

1. *The 100th Day of School* by Angela Shelf Medearis: Scholastic, Inc., 1996. (Picture book, 32 pg.) A class celebrates the 100th day of school by baking cookies, counting pennies, and making special hats.
2. *100th Day Worries* by Margery Cuyler: Simon & Schuster, 2000. (Picture book, 32 pg.) A first grader worries about what to bring to school for the 100th day celebration.
3. *Miss Bindergarten Celebrates the 100th Day of Kindergarten* by Joseph Slate: Penguin Putnam Books, 1998. (Picture book, 32 pg.) Each student in Miss Bindergarten's class brings in a special project to celebrate the 100th day.

## Celebration Crowns

Kick off your 100th day celebration by having children make festive crowns. Give each child a copy of the crown pattern (page 42) to decorate and cut out. Cut 2"-wide strips of poster board or oaktag and size a strip to fit around each student's head. Have children glue the pattern to the headband, then tape or staple the ends of the headband together to make a crown.

## Museum of 100

One hundred buttons, 100 beads, 100 marshmallows—all of these items can be found in your class museum of 100. Cover a bulletin board or wall with paper, then use colorful masking tape to divide it into sections. Provide small items such as pennies, cereal, and cotton balls. Pair students and give each a container of items to count into groups of 100. Have students cut 100" lengths of yarn, ribbon, and string as well. Place the objects in resealable plastic bags and label them. Post the bags on the bulletin board with the title *Our 100 Museum*. For an added challenge, give each student a mixed bag of 100 items and have him graph how many of each item is in the bag. Then, add the numbers together to get 100.

## Our 100 Museum



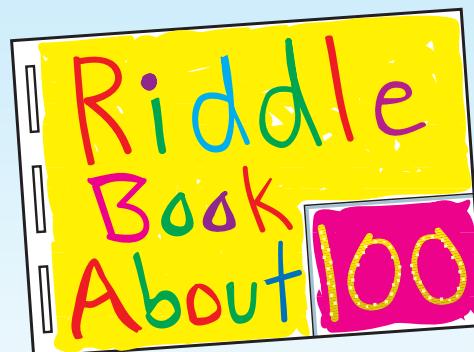


## 100 Words

What is a centenarian? A centennial? Students can quickly find out using their one hundred dictionaries. Explain that cent comes from the Latin word *centum* that means one hundred. Cent often appears in words that have one hundred in their meanings. Challenge students to make a booklet of one hundred-related words using a dictionary as reference. Let pairs of students quiz each other using their dictionary words. Have younger students make simple dictionaries that have one hundred words using word wall words, spelling words, etc.

## Book of 100 Riddles

Here's a riddle book with a twist! Instead of trying to find the answer to a riddle, have students think of a riddle for the answer. To make a riddle book, cut several sheets of paper into fourths. Cut away the lower right corner on each sheet. Give each child a booklet page and have him write a riddle to which the answer is 100. Finish the booklet by making a back cover out of heavy paper. In the bottom right corner of the back cover, draw a number 100 and glue on glitter. Combine the book pages and add a front cover. Let the children read their riddles to the class.



## Count to One Hundred, Then Eat!

Counting leads to snacking when students help make this tasty treat. Bring a variety of snack mix items, such as nuts, raisins, chocolate candies, pretzels and cereal squares. Divide the class into small groups and have each child wash her hands, count out 100 pieces of each snack food, then mix them in large bowls. Enjoy the one hundred snack mix at your classroom celebration.

## Picture Perfect

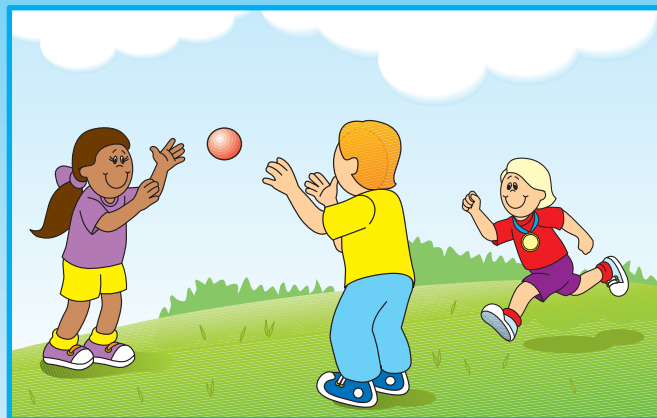
Capture the fun of your celebration with student photographs. Make a large Happy 100th Day! sign, complete with festive decorations. Let students wear their Celebration Crowns (page 39) and hold the sign while you take pictures. Post the pictures on a 100th Day bulletin board display or let students make and decorate craft stick frames for the pictures as keepsakes.





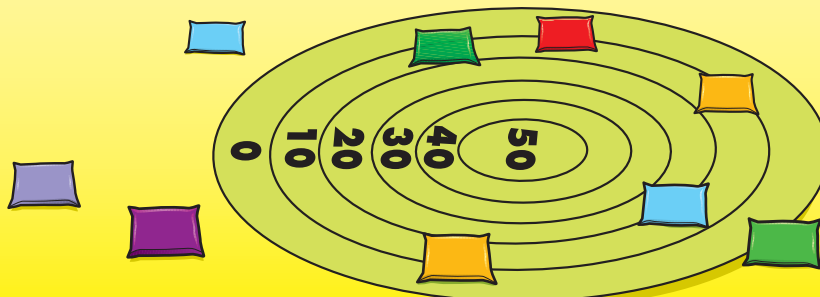
# 100 Day Olympics

Motivate students to go for the gold in your 100th Day Olympics. Challenge students to do 100 jumping jacks or toe touches. Organize the class into pairs and see who can toss a ball back and forth 100 times without dropping it. Take the class outside and use a stopwatch to see who can run the farthest in 100 seconds. At the conclusion of the games, give each child a copy of the 100th Day Olympics medal pattern (page 42).



## Add It Up to 100

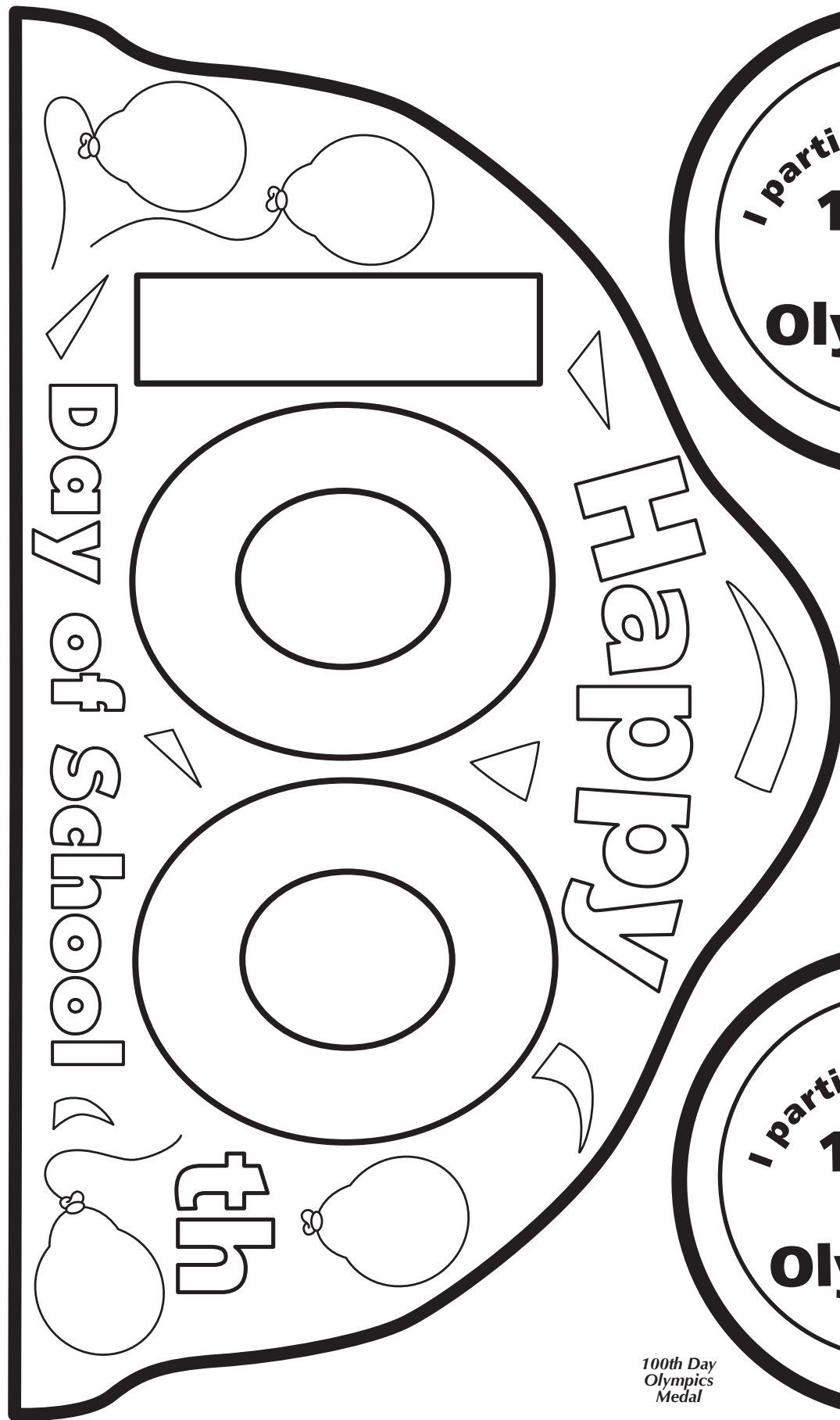
Toss some fun into your 100th Day celebration with a bean bag game. Draw and cut out a 24" circle from poster board. Draw five smaller circles inside the large circle to make a target. Label the outside circle 0, the next 10, the next 20, continuing to the center circle which should be labeled 50. Place the target on the floor and have students stand several feet away. Then, let students take turns tossing a bean bag on the circle and adding up the points they receive. Students keep tossing the bean bag until they reach one hundred points.



## Happy 100 Cake

End your celebration on a sweet note with a delicious 100 cake. Begin with two cake mixes. Prepare one cake mix and bake two round cakes. Prepare the second mix and bake one loaf cake, using any remaining batter to make cupcakes. Place the finished cakes on a large foil-covered piece of cardboard and arrange them to resemble the number 100. Decorate the cake with confetti frosting and tube icing. Place cupcakes decorated as balloons around the cake. Let students enjoy the cake as they work on the Hidden Message worksheet (page 43).





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