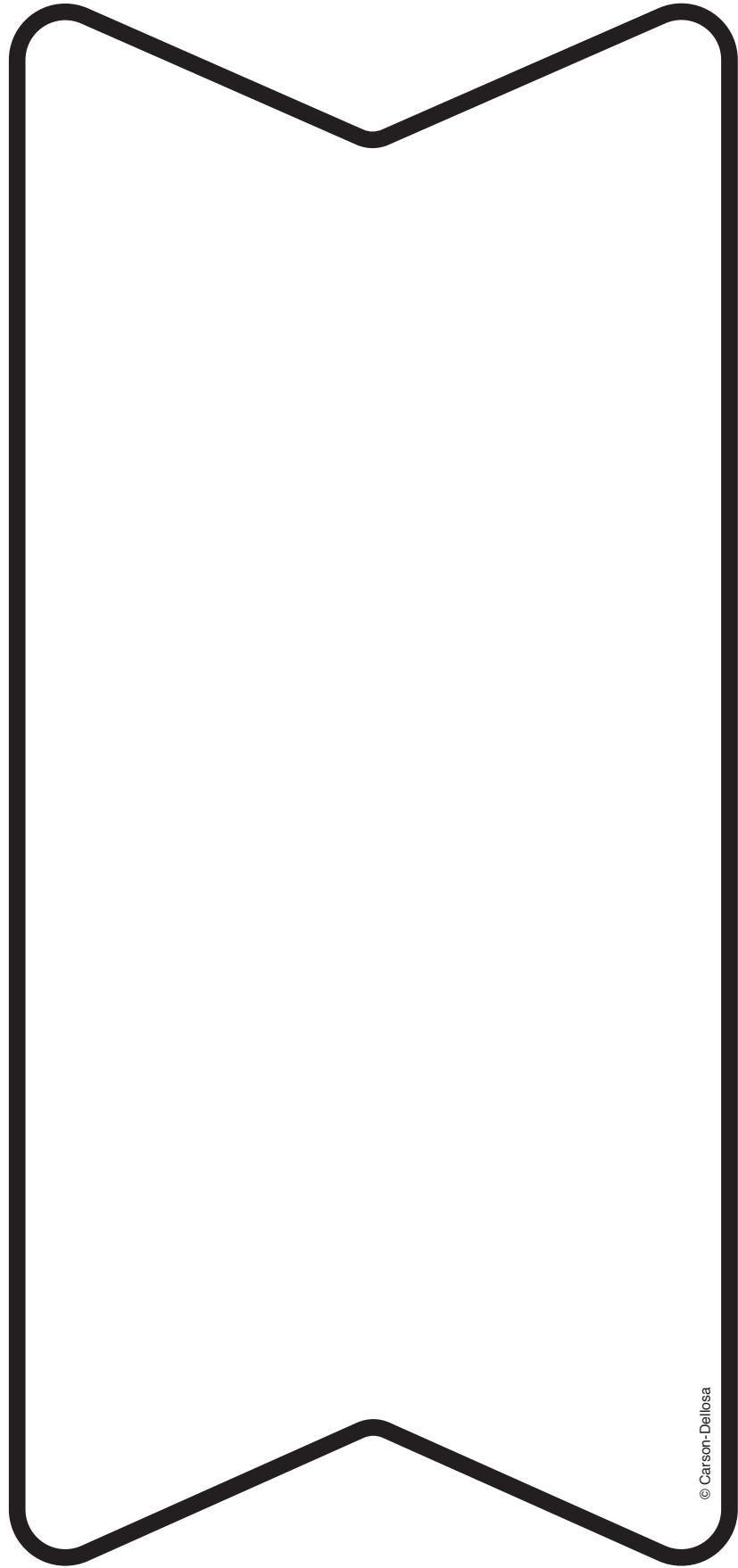
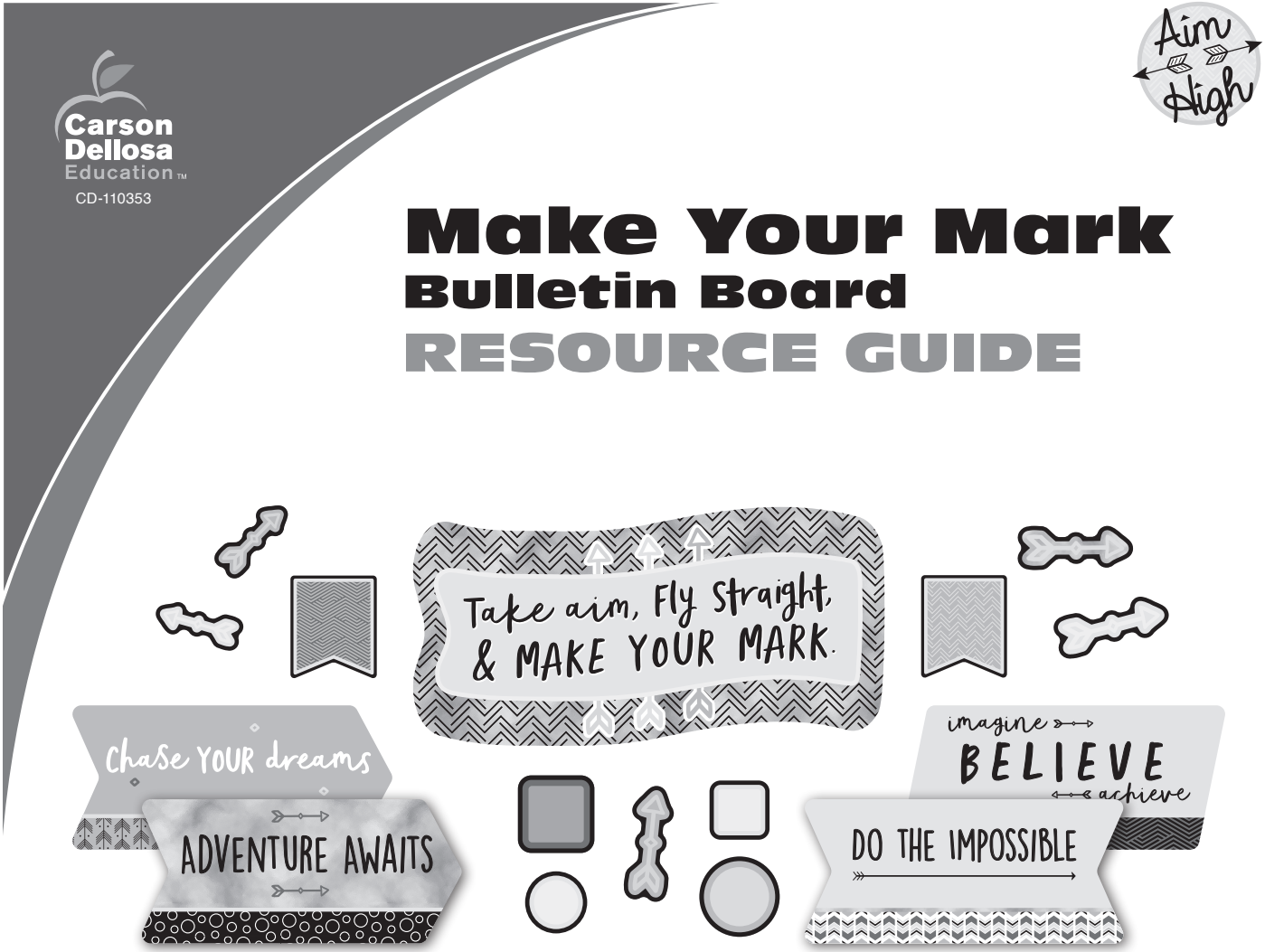


Reproducible Patterns



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(A partial set is shown.)

Putting It Together

- Laminate the Make Your Mark Bulletin Board for durability.
- The Make Your Mark Bulletin Board can be displayed on a wall or bulletin board.
- Refer to the diagram above for a picture of the Make Your Mark Bulletin Board.

Title Ideas

Aim High
Targeted for Success
Chase Your Dreams
Ms. ____'s Class Is on the Mark!
On Your Mark, Get Set, Go!

Activities by Subject

Classroom Management

Motivational Welcome Welcome students to a new school year with the Make Your Mark Bulletin Board. Write your name in large letters on the blank header accent. Write students' names on the flag accents and display them around the header. Place the motivational chart accents around the display. If your school policy permits, add photos of each student. Encourage students to write goals they have for the new school year on self-stick notes or a copies of the blank flag pattern [page 3]. Then, attach them to their pictures on the first day of school.

Language Arts

The True Meaning Divide the class into six groups. Write the following statements on slips of paper:

Be bold, be brave, be you.

Adventure awaits.

Mistakes are proof that you're trying.

Do the impossible.

Chase your dreams.

Imagine, believe, achieve.

Distribute a statement to each group and have them discuss the meaning of the statement. Then, have each group design a poster that illustrates the meaning of their statement.

Marking New Words Have students brainstorm a list of motivational words such as *achieve*, *dream*, etc. Encourage students to use the dictionary to look up the definitions of any words that are unfamiliar to them. Then, distribute copies of the blank banner pattern [page 4] and have each student design her own motivational poster using words from her word list.

Dream Journal Encourage students to freely write thoughts and ideas in a journal to express ways to achieve their goals and dreams. The emphasis should be on the content rather than on conventions.

Believe to Achieve Have students think about a time when they had to overcome an obstacle to make a goal or dream become a reality. Then, have each student write a short narrative about the experience. Display the narratives around the Make Your Mark Bulletin Board.

Motivational Poetry Use the Make Your Mark Bulletin Board to display creative writing. Provide students with blank sheets of paper. Have students choose a word from the bulletin board, such as *Dream*, and write it vertically down the left side of the paper. Then, ask them to write a word or sentence that would describe a way to achieve the meaning of the word for each letter of the word.

For example:

Doing whatever it takes

Reaching for the stars

Envisioning the future

Always trying to achieve

My dreams

Display the poems around the Make Your Mark Bulletin Board.

Math

Stick with It Select students to explain to the class how they solved the math problem of the week. Have them describe any difficulties they may have encountered and the strategies they used to persevere and stick with the problem in order to solve it. Then, have students use the flag accents or copies of the flag pattern [page 3] to list more strategies for solving math problems. Display the strategies in a math center for students to use as a reference.

Social Studies

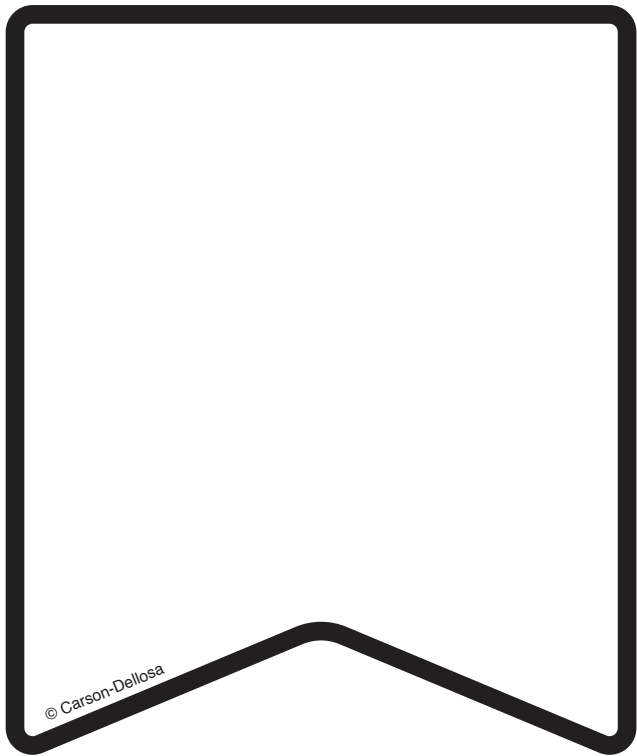
Chasing a Dream Discuss famous figures, athletes, or scientists who overcame obstacles to achieving their goals or dreams. Provide resource books and Internet access. Then, have students choose a person to write a biography about. Display the finished biographies on or near the Make Your Mark Bulletin Board.

Activities by Subject

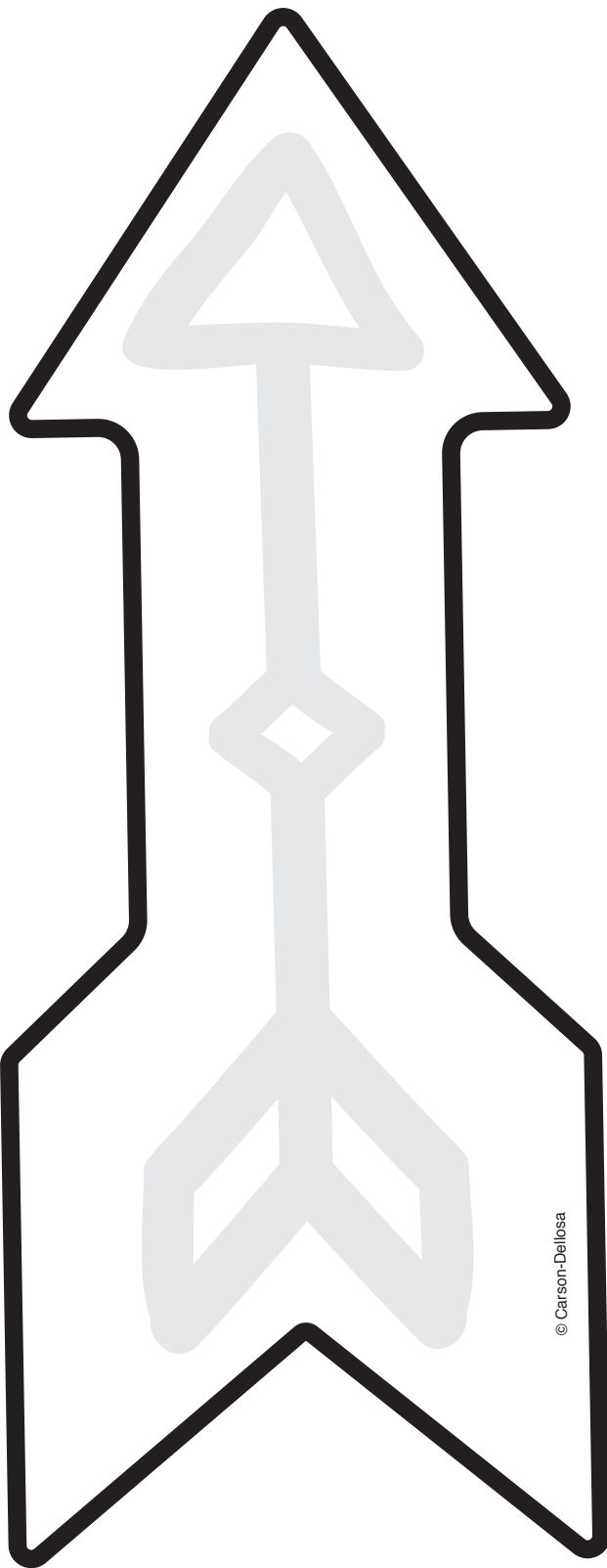
Character Education

Encouraging Notes Use the Make Your Mark Bulletin Board to allow students to encourage each other in achieving their dreams and goals. Place copies of the flag pattern [page 3] in a basket near the bulletin board. When students notice other classmates trying hard to reach a goal in the classroom, have them write encouraging notes on a flag pattern. Display the notes around Make Your Mark Bulletin Board.

Make Your Mark Discuss the power of a positive attitude with the class. Ask students how a positive attitude can affect elements of their school year, such as grades, homework, new friends, etc. Distribute a copy of the blank arrow pattern [page 3] to each student. Then, students should draw pictures or write words showing how they will leave their mark on their classroom, their friends, and their academic record for the year. Answers may include perseverance, being respectful, being a good listener, having a positive attitude, making more friends, etc. Display the arrows around the Make Your Mark Bulletin Board.



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