

5-8th Grade N.E.S.T. Plans

Spreading Holiday Cheer

Coming up this week:

This week our school community will focus on spreading holiday cheer by creating greeting cards. Students will have the option of creating hand-made cards, digital cards or both!

Routine Reminder:

Students should walk into the meeting area and answer the **DAILY NEWS** on the board(s), get into their **CIRCLE**. Students then **GREET** each other and then begin to check-in. Mondays are all about the **CHECK-IN**. It is important to really scaffold students to get them sharing as much as possible. Once each student has had the opportunity to check-in the group may begin the **ACTIVITY**. 5 minutes before transition, the group may **REVIEW** the answers on the daily news board and/or **REFLECT** on the activity.

Day One

OBJECTIVES:

- Students will watch a video on how to create a digital greeting card.

Materials Needed: Smartboard, laptop



Daily News: Merry Monday-

Greeting: Everyone Greets and is greeted (students sit in a circle)

Formal Sharing/ Check-in: (5 minutes)

Share OUT Monday- It's Monday! Students are given the opportunity to share-out. You may ask them the following questions to prompt discussion:

- What's your favorite holiday movie and why? (Ms. Blair's is Home Alone)
- Do you exchange gifts in your home during the holidays?
- Have you ever spent the holidays outside of the United States? (Ms. Blair loves how they decorate Colombia during the holiday season- curious?- watch this video- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vpe3djqq5G0>)

Activity: (5 minutes)

Procedure:

- Watch this video together to learn how to make a digital greeting card:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vpe3djqq5G0>

***Tomorrow and Wednesday we will work on our hand-made and/or digital cards.

Review Daily News and Discuss:

Ask the following questions to guide students in reflection:

- How did you decorate your ornament?

Day Two and Day Three

Objective: Students will create greeting cards to spread holiday joy!

Materials Needed: www.greetingsisland.com

Tuesday's Daily News: TINSEL TUESDAY- "The best way to spread holiday cheer is to sing loud enough for all to hear" -ELF. What is your favorite holiday song?

Wednesday's Daily News: I Wonder Wednesday -



Greeting: Everyone Greets and is greeted (students sit in a circle)

Formal Sharing/ Check-in: (5 minutes)

Activity : Spreading Holiday Cheer

Have students work on their digital and/or hand-made greeting cards.

Interested in creating a hand-made card, check out these sites:

<https://www.countryliving.com/diy-crafts/how-to/g3872/christmas-card-ideas/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wUuK0oy6LaM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PYRydEMKM6s>

Play a Holiday Playlist to set the mood:

KIDZ BOP: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jEY0Zimey34&list=PLvnjO9NdQ-gPxx2AhcKU-gxfP4ViCjxxW>

POP Christmas Songs: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=weMskIMUdZ8>

Christmas Freeze Dance- Movement Opportunity: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n8vt1KgmOyQ>

***If your group finishes on Tuesday, you may continue onto the following activity- You will need a 2-3 bags of M and M's for this game:

The M&M Game

1. Split students in groups of 3-4.
2. Display the Game RULES: <https://www.bookwidgets.com/play/H8RKH5>
3. Direct students to their chromebooks (you can also do this full NEST- if you'd prefer) Provide students the following link so they can play as a small group. <https://www.bookwidgets.com/play/H8RKH5>

(Click the bottom right box titled "The Game" to begin playing.)

Review Daily News and Discuss:

Ask the following questions to guide students in reflection:

- Tuesday: Have students share what holiday song they enjoy most.
- Wednesday: Have students share what makes their hearts grow.

