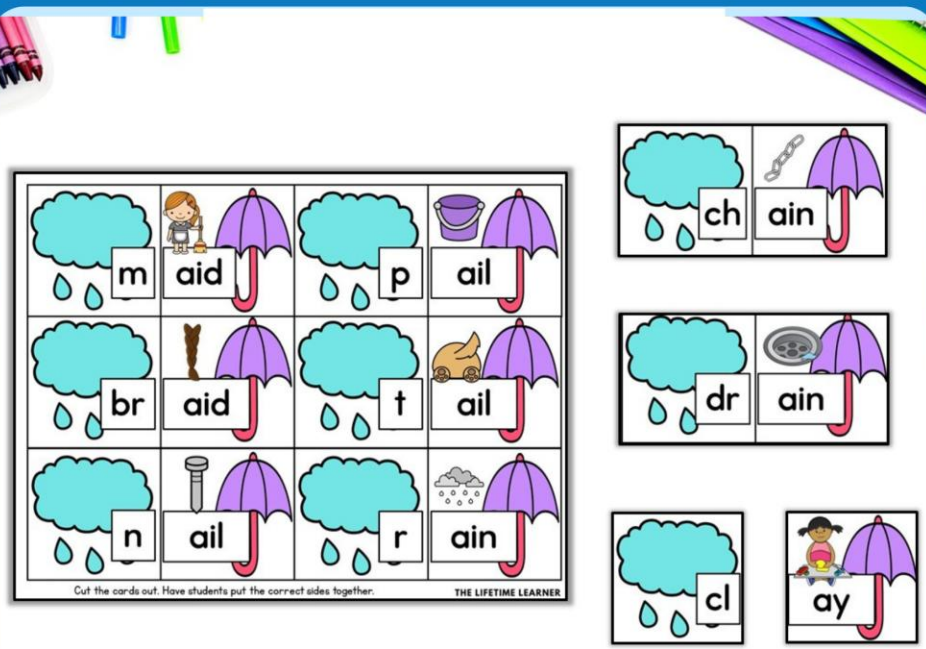
WHAT IS THIS?

It's a low-prep room transformation!

Use the 10 reading stations, included decor, and more for a fun & easy room transformation!



This themed learning day has 10 stations that all practice finding text evidence with nonfiction text in a variety of ways. You can use 1, 5, or all 10--it's flexible!

Room transformations can be stress-free and low-prep.

Keep scrolling to learn how!

Let's start with the basics...

What is a classroom transformation?

A classroom transformation changes your room into a certain setting or theme to engage students in their own learning with rigorous content.

Donut Shop Day

Rock Star Day

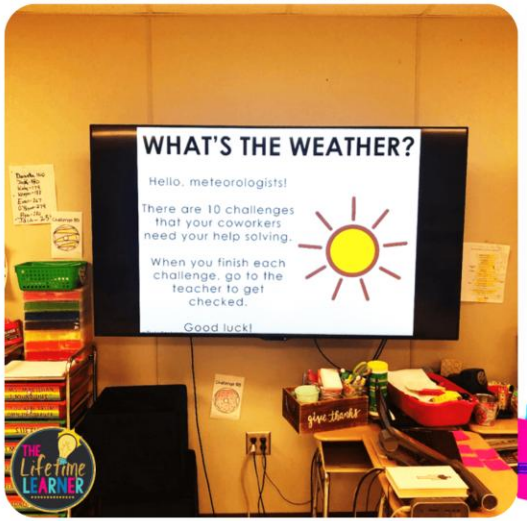
Camping Day

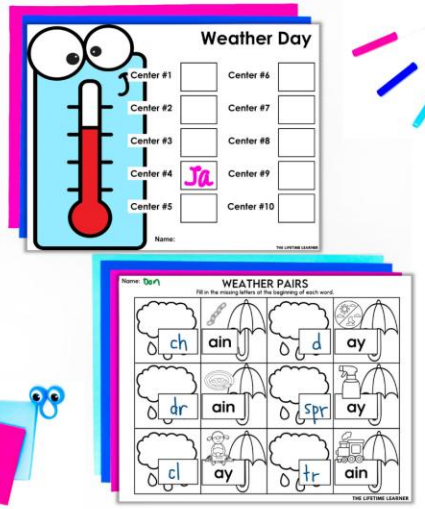
You don't have to spend hours of your time setting up a room transformation or spend lots ofmoney to make it SO MUCH FUN!

STEP 1:

Tell your class they are studying the weather today!

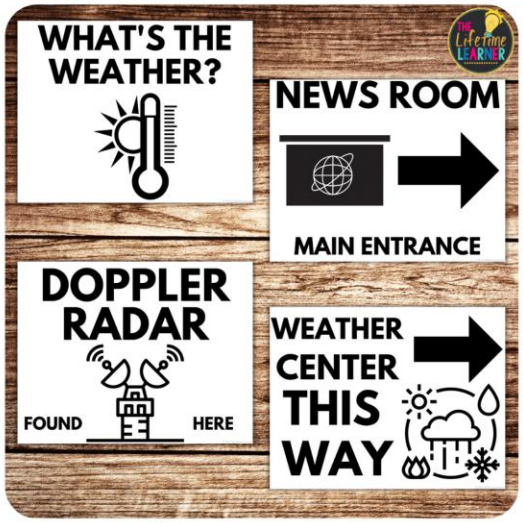
They will complete nonfiction text evidence reading comprehension activities set up around the room. You can do this for a day, a few days, or over the course of a week!





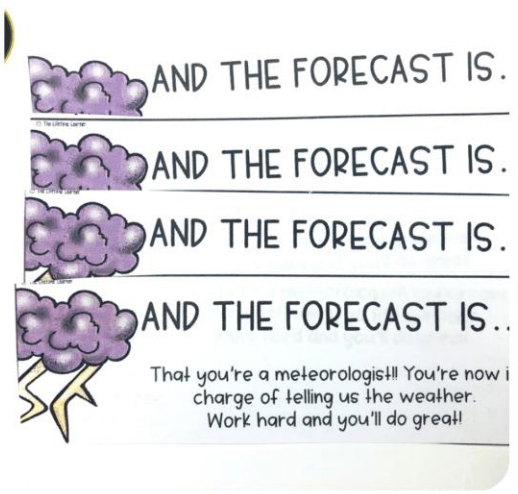
Flexibility is key.

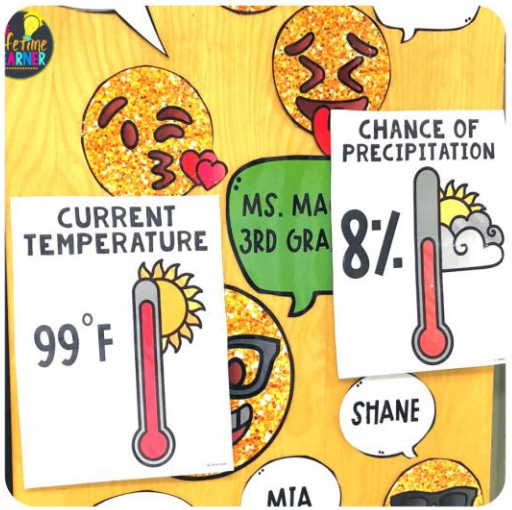
Need to modify? No problem!
Choose how many centers students will need to complete and what time frame they have to meet YOUR needs.



Set-up is quick and easy.

Simply print the posters, 10 activities, and a recording sheet for each student. Place them around your room and you're ready to begin!





STEP 2:

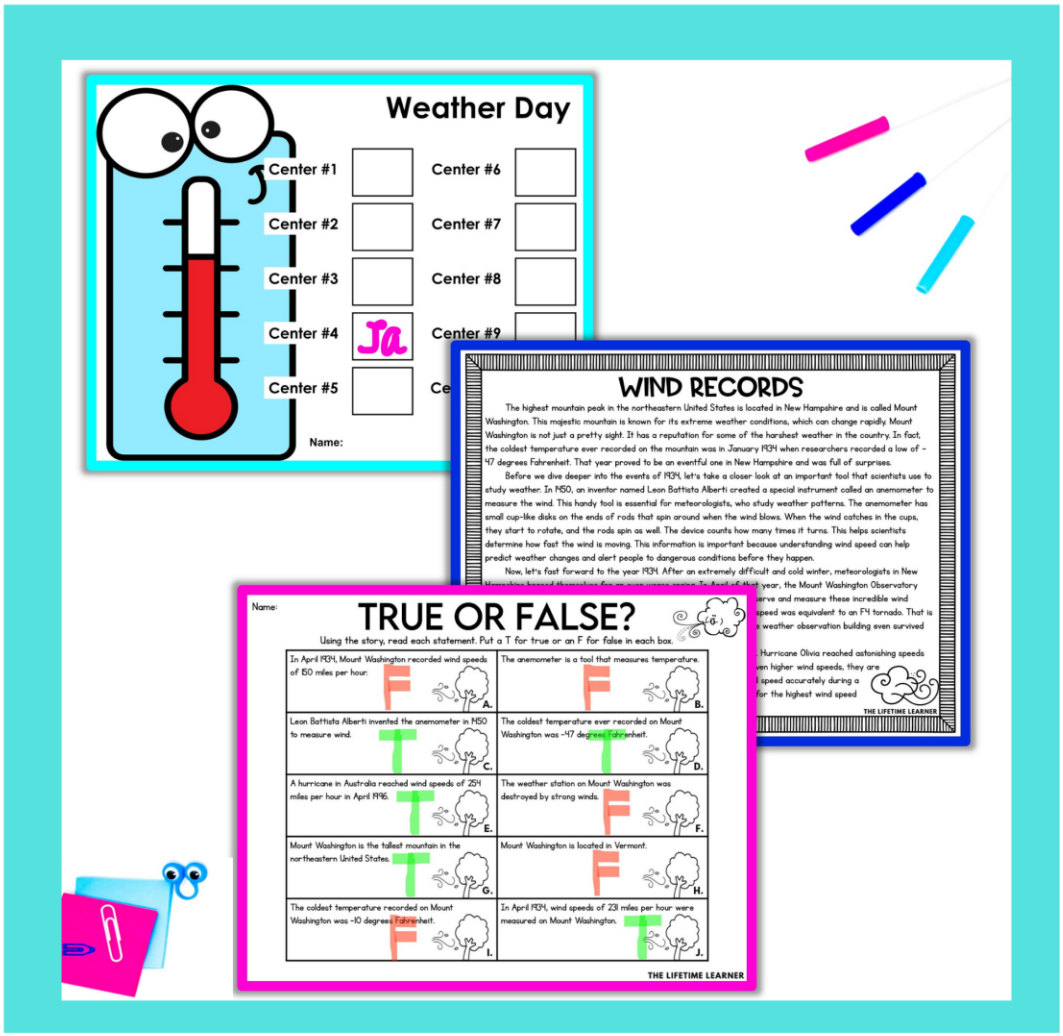
Let students move around the room and complete each station. They read a passage and then complete an activity to go with it. They can be completed in any order. All stations include a variety of nonfiction text evidence activities. You can choose just a few for students to complete or use all 10. This is up to the teacher and the amount of time you'd like to fill.

Optional Recording Sheet

When a student finishes a center, you sign that spot on their recording sheet to keep track of what they've completed.

Freedom to choose.

Students can work in partners, rotations, groups, or independently. Your choice!



STEP 3:

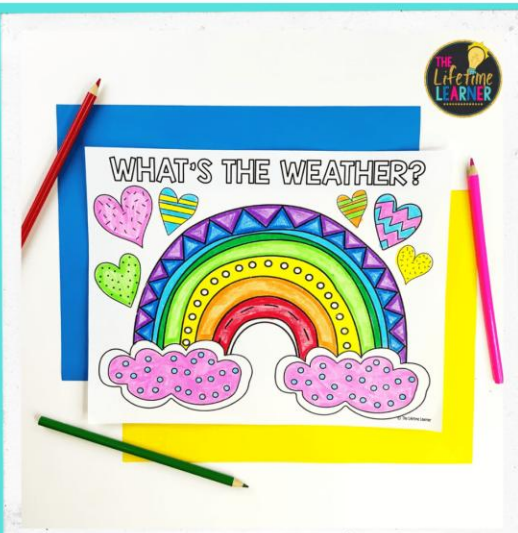
When students finish all activities you've assigned, they win! You can give them the included certificate, coloring page, or a small prize of your choice.

A shopping guide is also included to give you suggestions of optional "extras" you could add in.

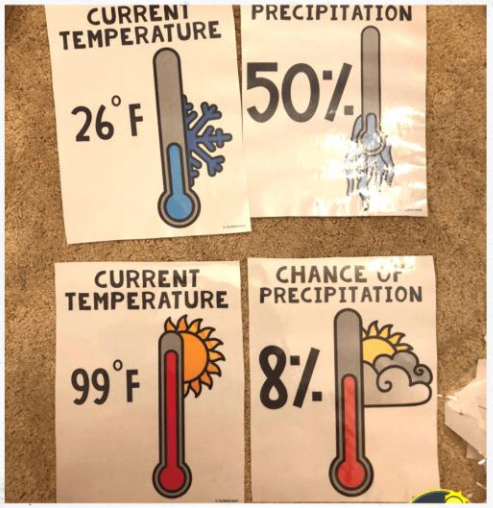
Remember:

Anything different from a "normal" day in the classroom is special to students! A reward at the end isn't required during a classroom transformation.

Certificate



Coloring Page



In Action Pic

Prize

STEP 4:

Most of the time, there are early finishers. These kiddos get to go around the room and read fun facts about the topic! No one is ever bored.

Choose from 3 versions!

1

Digital Scavenger Hunt

Let students "find" the facts on Google Slides

2

Printable Facts

Hang facts around room

3

QR Codes

Students scan to read fun facts

10 READING COMPREHENSION PASSAGES/ACTIVITIES:

ALL ABOUT HAIL

If you've ever seen hail, you may have thought it was beautiful or interesting. This is true when hail is small and when no damage is done. However, some places experience the devastation hail can cause up close, and it is not something to joke about. In 2017, hail damage reached a record high, costing about $22 billion in damages. While not all hail storms cause nearly as much destruction, there have been many recorded in history for their extreme effects.

Hail is formed when icy rain droplets gather in the atmosphere and collect more freezing rain as they move through the air. As these freezing droplets become too heavy, they eventually fall to the Earth. Usually, hail falls as

Name:

ALL ABOUT HAIL: MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. What is hail?	2. What can small hail look like?	3. How much did hail damage cost in 2017?	4. How does hail form?
A) A type of snow	A) Dangerous	A) $7 million	A) When snow falls
B) A type of ice that falls from the sky	B) Pretty	B) $70 million	B) When rain evaporates
C) A kind of rain	C) Heavy	C) $22 billion	C) When tiny icy rain droplets gather together in the sky

DANGEROUS FOG

One big danger people forget about is fog. Fog can be risky for drivers on the road. It's important to know what fog is and how to be safe when we see it.

Fog is a cloud that forms close to the ground. There are different kinds of fog, but they all look similar. Sometimes, fog can be patchy (meaning some places are foggy while others are clear). Thick fog can make it hard to see even your hand in front of you. Thin fog makes everything look blurry, but you can still see.

Fog happens when tiny water drops stay in the air. Think about the

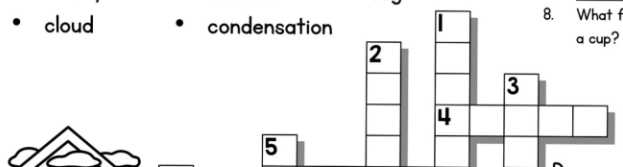
DANGEROUS FOG

WORD BANK:

- water
- blurry
- cloud
- patchy
- hazard
- condensation
- obstacles
- fog

Across:

4. What is a synonym for fog?
7. Thin fog makes everything appear slightly _____.
8. What forms when cold water is poured into a cup?



BEST SNOW ON EARTH

Snow can look magical when it sparkles as it falls from the sky. Many people used to think that every snowflake is different, but scientists have proven this isn't true. One thing snowflakes have in common is that they always have six sides or points. They are made up of tiny ice crystals that connect in the air as they fall

BEST SNOW ON EARTH

Match up each question with the correct answer by coloring each match a different color.

1.	4.	H.	F.
		Most of the drinking	

A CHANCE OF CLOUDS

Have you ever looked up and noticed how different clouds can be? Some are fluffy, while others cover the sky. Scientists group clouds into four main types.

Cirrus clouds are the thin, wispy clouds way up high, normally above 20,000 feet. Since it's cold up there, they are made of ice crystals. They are a sign of nice weather. But if

A CHANCE OF CLOUDS SORT

There are 4 characteristics to go with each cloud type. Color each characteristic the correct color.

RED				
CUMULUS CLOUDS	They are fluffy and	They are dark gray	They are gray and cover the sky like	They are low in the sky,

focuses on:
nonfiction text evidence

2 Versions of Every Passage Included for Students

ICE STORM PREPARATION

Many people think snowstorms are the worst, but ice storms can be even more dangerous. An ice storm happens when freezing rain falls through cold air. This makes slippery ice on roads, sidewalks, and buildings. It can also make trees and power lines heavy with ice. This can cause power outages and fallen branches during the storm. Most ice storms happen in the northeastern part of the United States. So, what do you do in one?

First, turn your refrigerator and freezer to the coldest settings. This keeps food cold longer if the power goes out. Another step is to make an emergency supply kit. This kit should include flashlights, blankets, bottled water, freeze-dried foods, and a battery-operated radio with extra batteries. These supplies keep you safe if you lose power.

Buying a generator can also help you prepare. A generator is a machine that gives you electricity when the main power is out. With a generator, you can keep things like your refrigerator, lights, and even a heater working. When you pick one, think about how much power you will need. Before an ice storm, set it up outside to keep everyone safe.

It's also important to know what the weather will be like. People should listen to the

ICE STORM PREPARATION

The cold winter months can be beautiful. You look out the window and see white snow in the chilly mornings. However, winter also brings dangerous weather conditions that people must prepare for to stay safe. While many people think of snowstorms as a big winter danger, ice storms can be even more hazardous. An ice storm happens when freezing rain falls through cold air. This causes dangerous ice to form on roads, sidewalks, and buildings. It also makes trees and power lines heavy with ice. This can lead to power outages and fallen branches during the storm.

Most ice storms occur in the northeastern part of the United States. People who live in this region need to be prepared before a storm hits. One of the first things you should do is turn your refrigerator and freezer to their coldest settings. This helps keep food cold longer if the electricity goes out. Another important step is to put together an emergency supply kit. This kit should include items like flashlights, blankets, bottled water, freeze-dried foods, and a battery-operated radio with extra batteries. These supplies can help keep you safe and comfortable if you lose power or are stuck inside during the storm.

Additionally, investing in a generator can be a smart way to prepare for an ice storm. A generator is a device that provides electricity when the main power source is down. With a generator, you can keep appliances running, lik your refrigerator, lights, and even a heater, during a power outage. When choosing a generator, consider how much power you will need. There are portable generators that can easily be moved around that can not power that many items at the same time. Then, there are larger generators that can be connected to your home's electrical system that can power a lot more items at the same time. The larger the generator, the more expensive the cost. Before an ice storm, set up the generator safely outside to avoid carbon monoxide buildup. Having a generator can give you peace of mind knowing that you will have power during the storm.

It's also important to stay informed about the weather. People should listen to forecasts and be aware of any storm warnings. If you know an ice storm is coming, it's smart to stay indoors and avoid driving because ice makes roads slippery and dangerous. Preparing in advance for an ice storm can help you stay safe until the storm passes and conditions improve.

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

WHEN IT RAINS, IT POURS

You may have heard the saying, "when it rains, it pours." This means that when one bad thing happens, often many bad things happen too. But rain is usually a good thing, and heavy rain is even better. Here are three reasons why rain is special.

First, rain is very important for plants and all living things. Without rain, there would be no trees to give us oxygen or grass to make the Earth green. We wouldn't have fruits and vegetables to eat. Rain fills rivers, lakes, and underground wells, providing us with water for daily use. It helps all life on Earth.

Second, rain shapes the Earth's landscape. Over time, rain creates landforms like river beds, valleys, and mountains. As rainwater flows over rocks and soil, it wears them down, making sharp edges smoother. This change happens slowly, but sometimes rain can cause fast changes. Mudslides can change the way the Earth looks in a few minutes.

Finally, rain cleans the air. In cities, pollution can make it hard to breathe. Rain helps by pulling down pollution and washing it away. This makes the air healthier for everyone.

WHEN IT RAINS, IT POURS

You may have heard the idiom, "when it rains, it pours." This expression is meant to show that when one bad thing happens, usually a lot of bad things end up happening. The truth is that rain is usually a great thing to have, and pouring rain is even better! Here are three reasons why rain is something to be celebrated and cherished.

First, rain is essential for the world's crops and all life. Imagine a world without trees to provide oxygen. What would the world be like without grass or plants to make the planet green? What would it be like to live without fruits or vegetables to feed animals and people? Rain fills the rivers, lakes, and underground water storage-like wells that provide us with water we use in our daily lives. Rain gives life to the Earth and everything that calls Earth home.

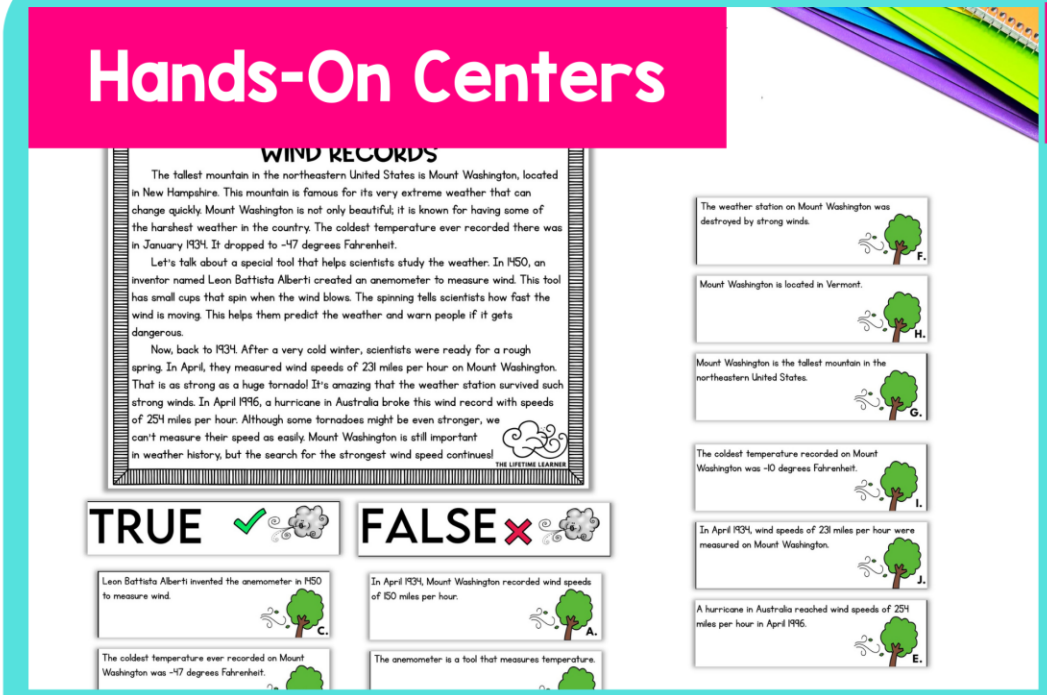
Rain is also important for sculpting the Earth's landscape. Over time, rain shapes various landforms, including river beds, valleys, mountains, and many other formations on our planet. As rainwater flows over rocks and soil, it gradually wears them down. This transforms jagged, sharp edges on rock formations into smoother, rounded surfaces. This process occurs over thousands of years. Most effects of rains happen slowly over long periods of time, but sometimes rain can cause immediate changes in the landscape. Mudslides, for example, can completely change the way

Differentiate and give your students the version best for them!

THE CONTENT:

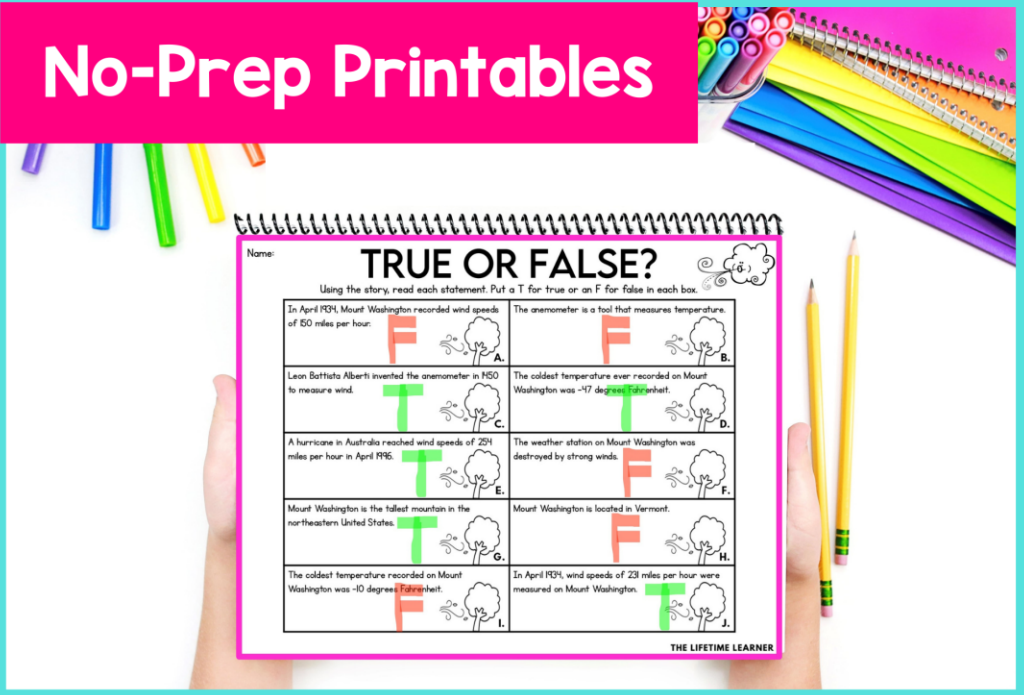
10 high-interest passages & activities in 2 formats: hands-on & no prep!

Hands-On Centers



With this version, students read the passage. Then, they complete a hands-on center activity you can laminate and re-use for years to come.

No-Prep Printables



Or in this version, students read the passage. Then, they complete the activity in worksheet form. This version is NO PREP and PRINT & GO! Just as much fun as the hands-on centers!

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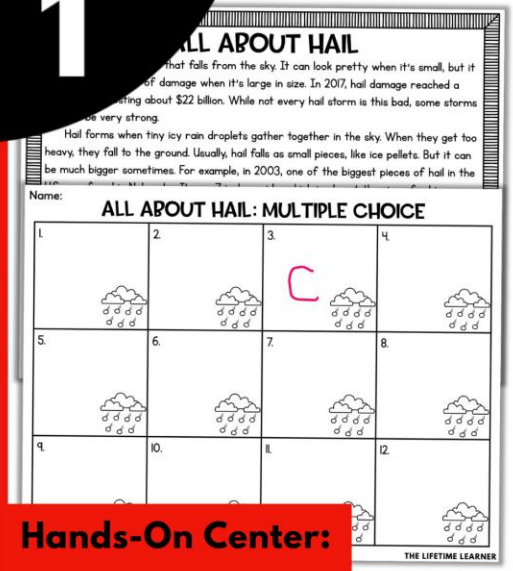
Multiple Choice



How much did hail damage cost in 2017?
A) $7 million
B) $70 million
C) $22 billion
D) $2 billion

3.

How does hail form?
A) When snow falls
B) When rain evaporates
C) When tiny icy rain droplets gather together in the sky
D) When ice melts

4.

Hands-On Center:

Students choose A, B, C, or D on each card.

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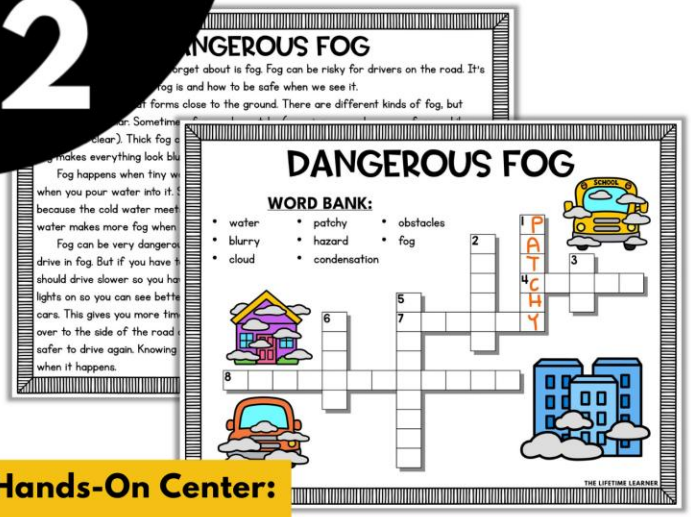
CENTER 2

Crossword Puzzle



5 DOWN
Driving slower in the fog helps you to avoid any _____ you may encounter.

1 DOWN
_____ fog means some places are foggy and some are clear.

7 ACROSS
Thin fog makes everything appear slightly _____.

Hands-On Center:

Students use the clue cards to fill in the crossword puzzle.

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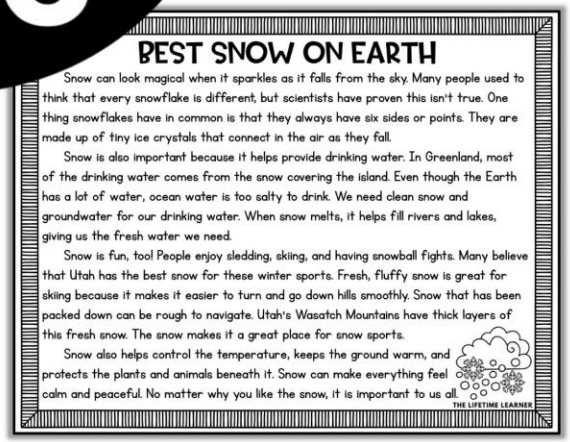
Pairs Activity



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Snow is also important because it helps provide drinking water. In Greenland, most of the drinking water comes from the snow covering the island. Even though the Earth has a lot of water, ocean water is too salty to drink. We need clean snow and groundwater for our drinking water. When snow melts, it helps fill rivers and lakes, giving us the fresh water we need.

Snow is fun, too! People enjoy sledding, skiing, and having snowball fights. Many believe that Utah has the best snow for these winter sports. Fresh, fluffy snow is great for skiing because it makes it easier to turn and go down hills smoothly. Snow that has been packed down can be rough to navigate. Utah's Wasatch Mountains have thick layers of this fresh snow. The snow makes it a great place for snow sports.

Snow also helps control the temperature, keeps the ground warm, and protects the plants and animals beneath it. Snow can make everything feel calm and peaceful. No matter why you like the snow, it is important to us all.

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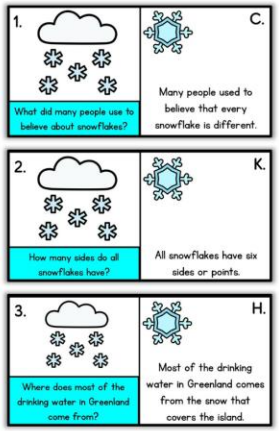

1. What did many people use to believe about snowflakes? — C. Many people used to believe that every snowflake is different.
2. How many sides do all snowflakes have? — K. All snowflakes have six sides or points.
3. Where does most of the drinking water in Greenland come from? — H. Most of the drinking water in Greenland comes from the snow that covers the island.

Hands-On Center:

Students put the two sides together to form each answer.

DON'T FORGET!

BEST SNOW ON EARTH

Match up each question with the correct answer by coloring each match a different color.

1. What did many people use to believe about snowflakes?	4. Why can't we drink ocean water?	H. Most of the drinking water in Greenland comes from the snow that covers the island.	F. When snow melts, it helps fill rivers and lakes, giving us fresh water.
2. How many sides do all snowflakes have?	5. What happens when snow melts?	C. Many people used to believe that every snowflake is different.	E. We can't drink ocean water because it is too salty.
3. Where does most of the drinking water in Greenland come from?	6. What are some fun activities people do in the snow?	D. People enjoy sledding, skiing, and having snowball fights in the snow.	K. All snowflakes have six sides or points.

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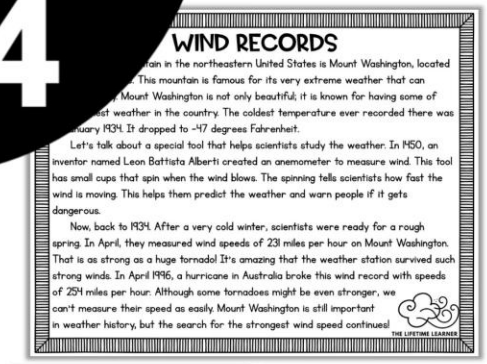
CENTER 4

True or False



WIND RECORDS

…tain in the northeastern United States is Mount Washington, located …. This mountain is famous for its very extreme weather that can … Mount Washington is not only beautiful, it is known for having some of …st weather in the country. The coldest temperature ever recorded there was …uary 1934. It dropped to -47 degrees Fahrenheit.

Let's talk about a special tool that helps scientists study the weather. In 1450, an inventor named Leon Battista Alberti created an anemometer to measure wind. This tool has small cups that spin when the wind blows. The spinning tells scientists how fast the wind is moving. This helps them predict the weather and warn people if it gets dangerous.

Now, back to 1934. After a very cold winter, scientists were ready for a rough spring. In April, they measured wind speeds of 231 miles per hour on Mount Washington. That is as strong as a huge tornado! It's amazing that the weather station survived such strong winds. In April 1996, a hurricane in Australia broke this wind record with speeds of 254 miles per hour. Although some tornadoes might be even stronger, we can't measure their speed as easily. Mount Washington is still important in weather history, but the search for the strongest wind speed continues!

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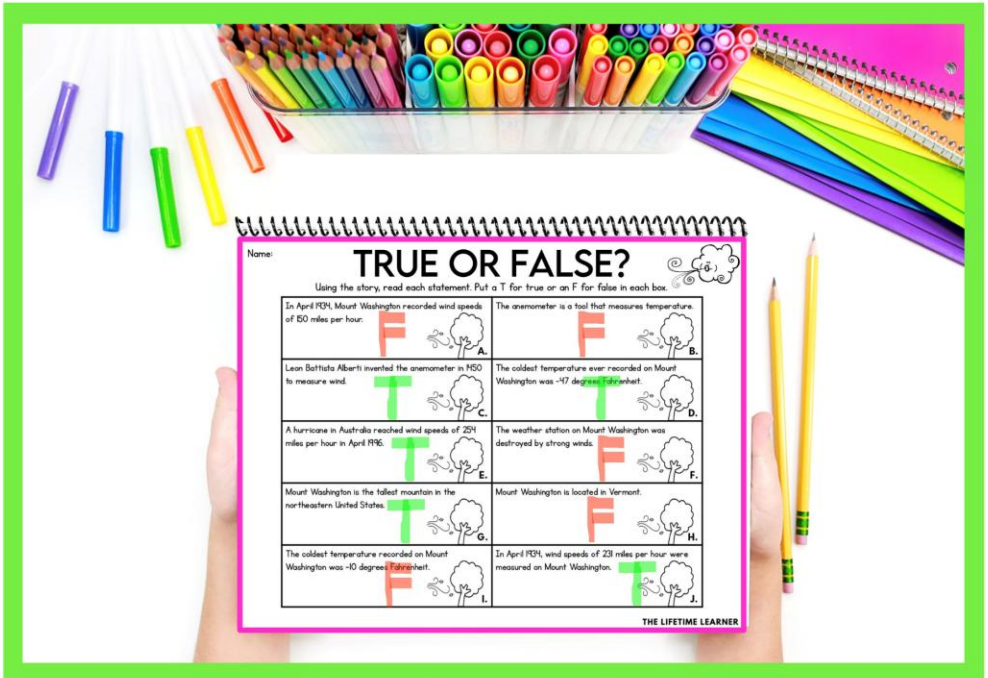
TRUE ✓ FALSE ✗

- Leon Battista Alberti invented the anemometer in 1450 to measure wind. — C.
- In April 1934, Mount Washington recorded wind speeds of 150 miles per hour. — A.
- …he anemometer is a tool that measures temperature. — B.

- The weather station on Mount Washington was destroyed by strong winds. — F.
- Mount Washington is located in Vermont. — H.
- Mount Washington is the tallest mountain in the northeastern United States. — G.
- The coldest temperature recorded on Mount Washington was -10 degrees Fahrenheit. — I.
- In April 1934, wind speeds of 231 miles per hour were measured on Mount Washington. — J.
- A hurricane in Australia reached wind speeds of 254 miles per hour in April 1996. — E.

Hands-On Center:

Students decide if each card is true or false.



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TRUE OR FALSE?

Using the story, read each statement. Put a T for true or an F for false in each box.

In April 1934, Mount Washington recorded wind speeds of 150 miles per hour. F A.	The anemometer is a tool that measures temperature. F B.
Leon Battista Alberti invented the anemometer in 1450 to measure wind. T C.	The coldest temperature ever recorded on Mount Washington was -47 degrees Fahrenheit. T D.
A hurricane in Australia reached wind speeds of 254 miles per hour in April 1996. T E.	The weather station on Mount Washington was destroyed by strong winds. F F.
Mount Washington is the tallest mountain in the northeastern United States. T G.	Mount Washington is located in Vermont. F H.
The coldest temperature recorded on Mount Washington was -10 degrees Fahrenheit. F I.	In April 1934, wind speeds of 231 miles per hour were measured on Mount Washington. T J.

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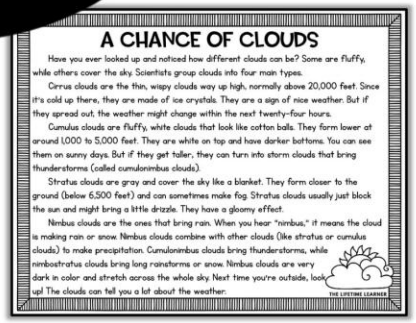
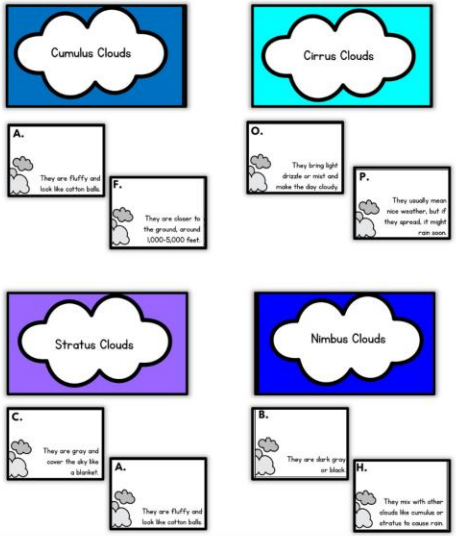
Sorting Game





Hands-On Center:

Students sort each card onto the correct mat.

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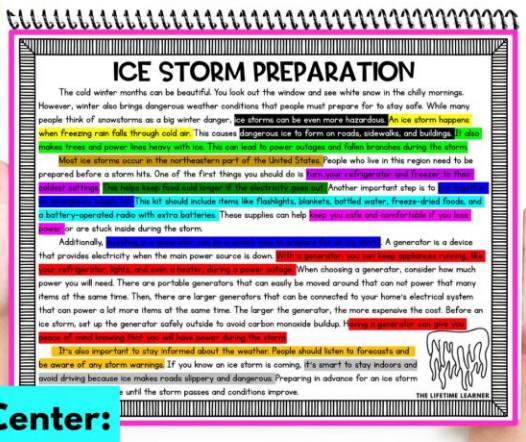
Color by Code



How can a generator help during an ice storm?

1. Color the answer red.

What happens during an ice storm?

4. Color the answer yellow.

What should you include in an emergency supply kit for an ice storm?

2. Color the answer light blue.

Hands-On Center:

Students use the coloring task card questions to color in answers in the text.

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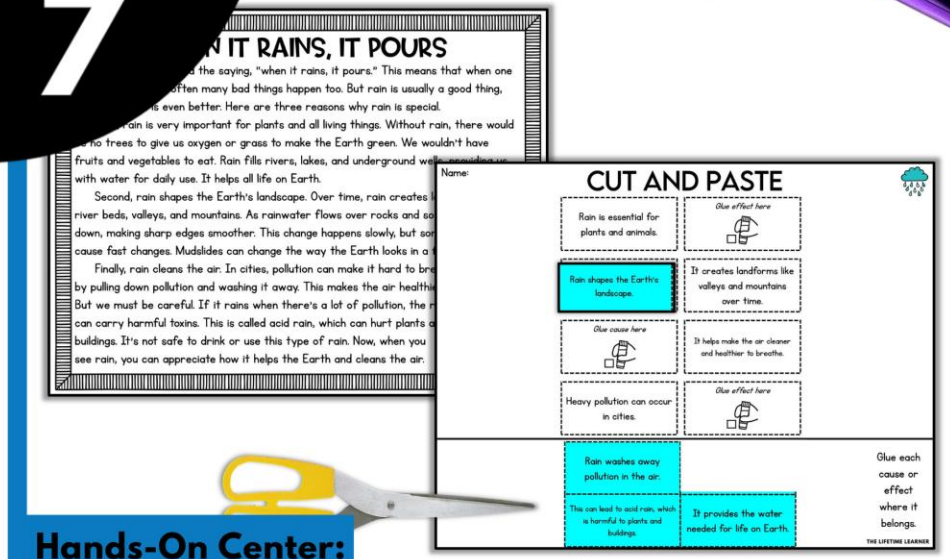
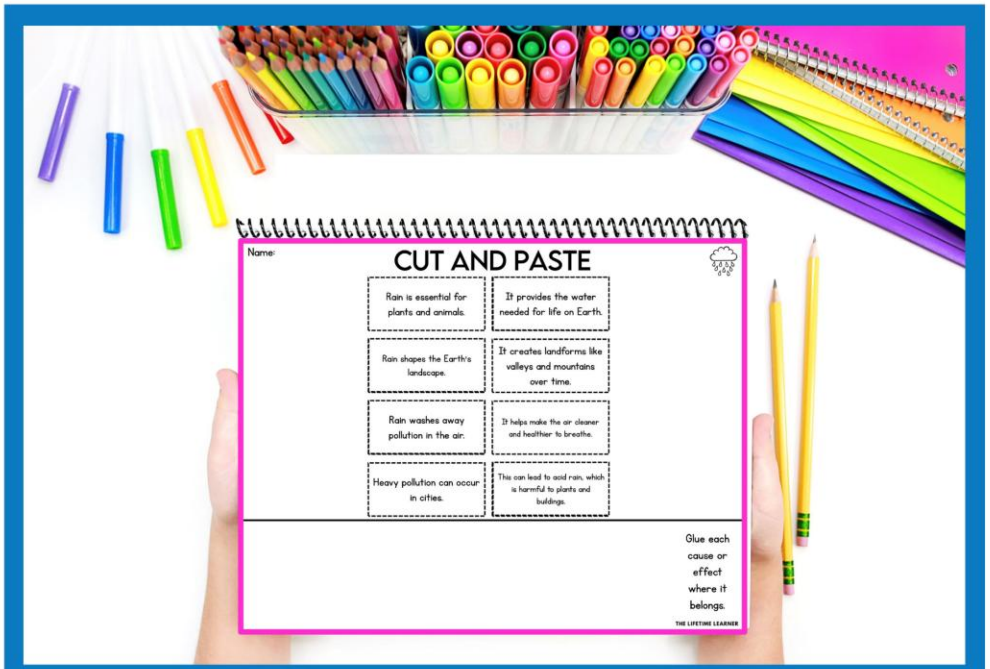
CENTER 7

Cut and Paste



Hands-On Center:

Cut and paste each box where it belongs.



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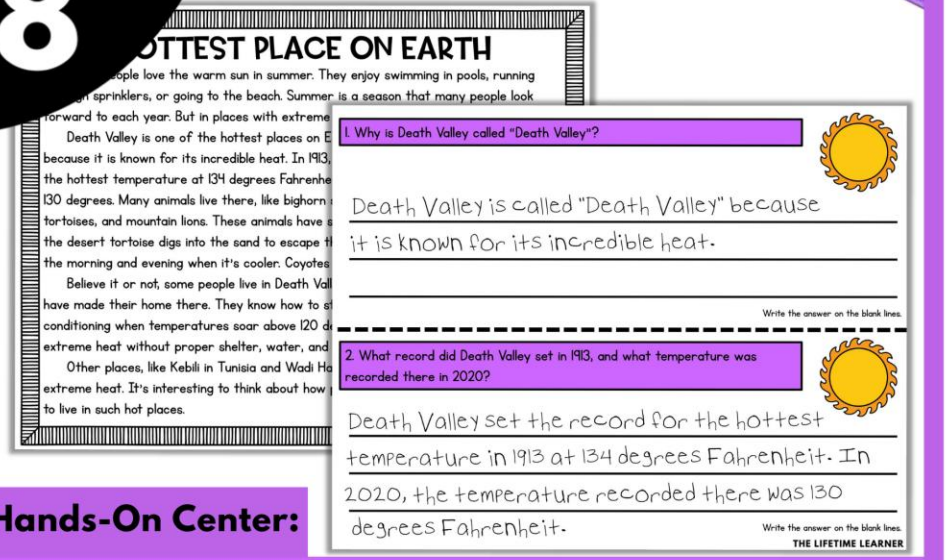
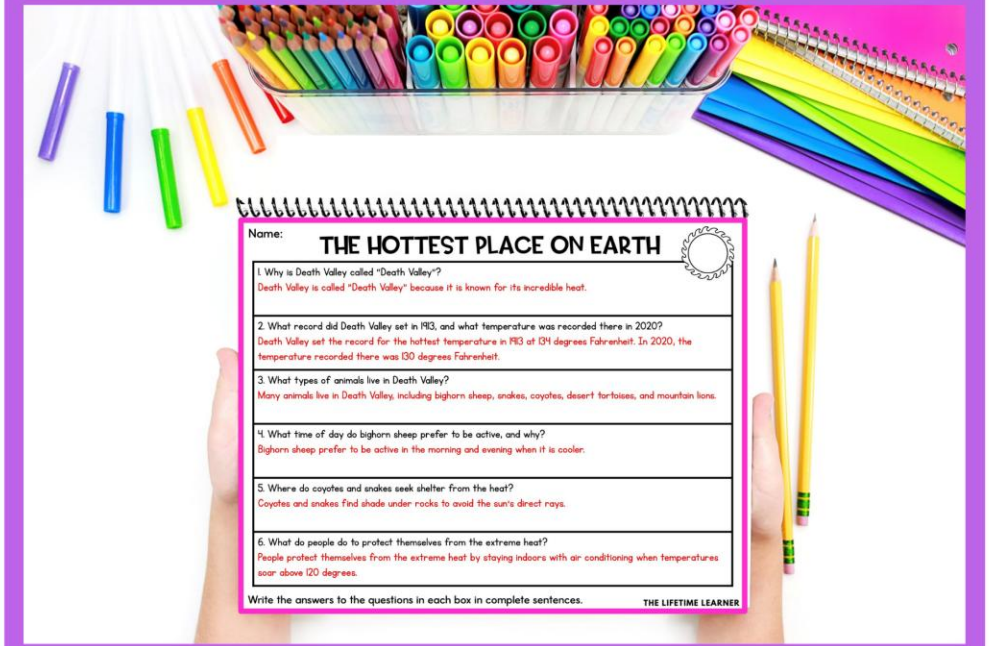
Write a Sentence



Hands-On Center:

Students write the answer to each prompt on the lines.



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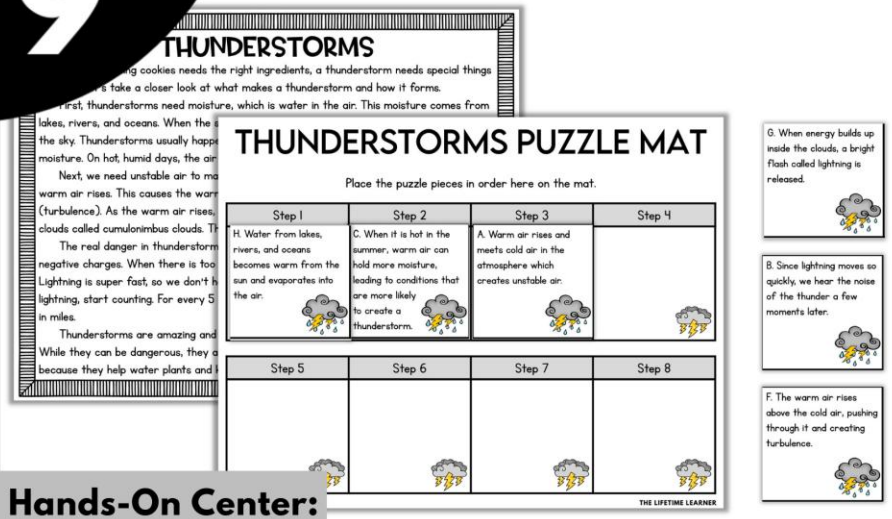
Sequencing Puzzles



Hands-On Center:

Students put the puzzle pieces in chronological order.

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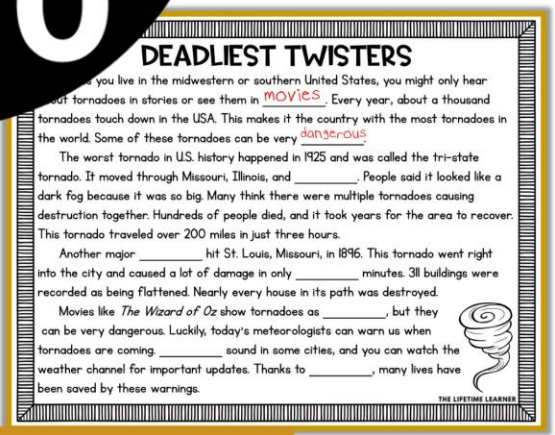
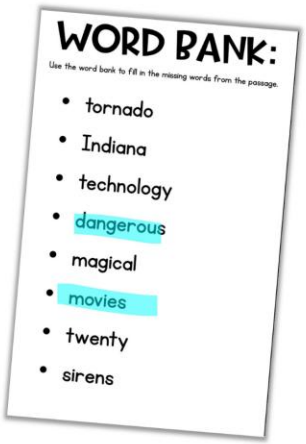
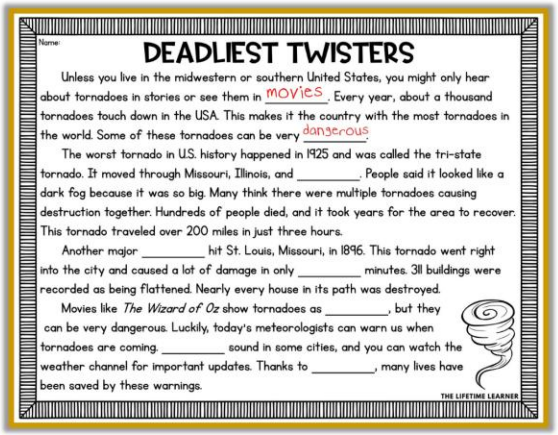
Fill in the Blank

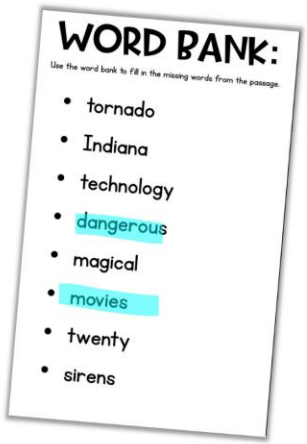




Hands-On Center:

Students read the passage and use words from the word bank to fill in the blanks as they read.





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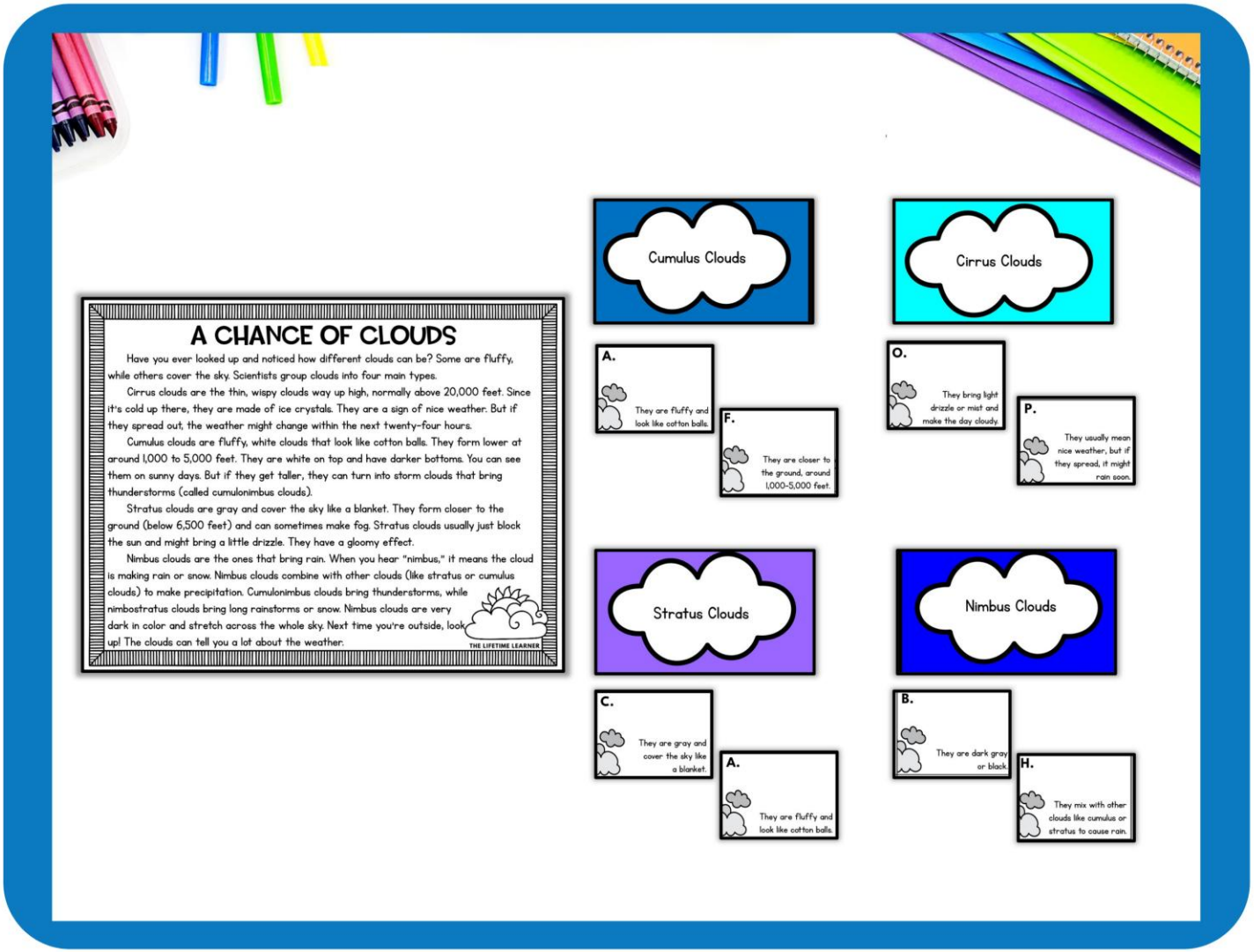
HOW TO USE THIS:

Ideas for Implementation:

- pick and choose the centers you want to use: do what works best for your class!
- give less than 10 centers to students if you are short on time
- give students the whole day to complete all 10 centers/activities OR spread the room transformation out over a couple of days
- use the hands-on centers during your room transformation and the no-prep printables as a review during your reading block



PRINT & DIGITAL

Print & Go

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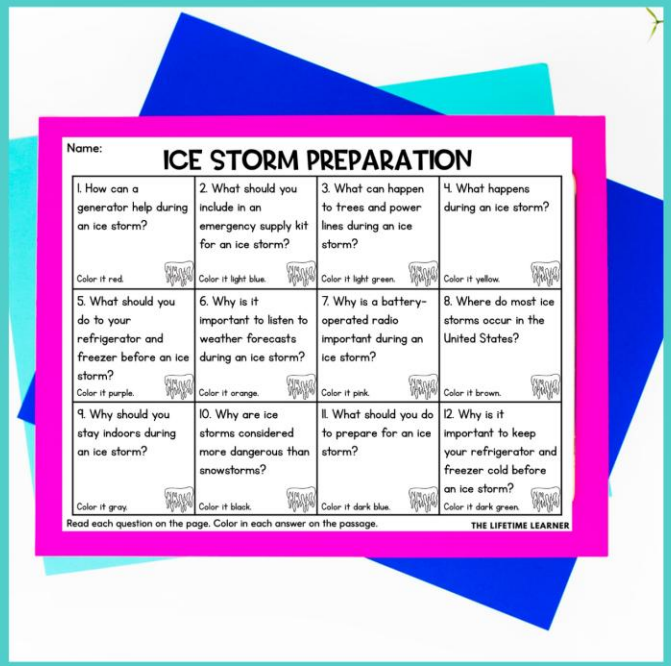
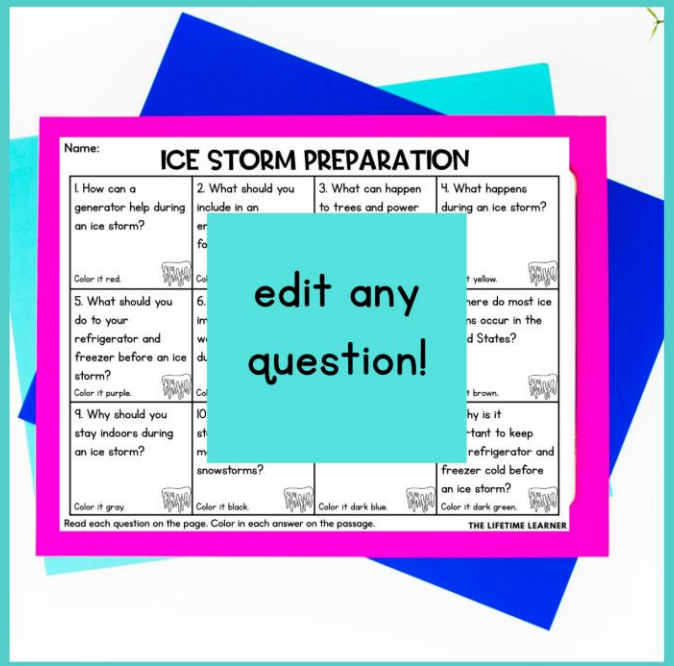
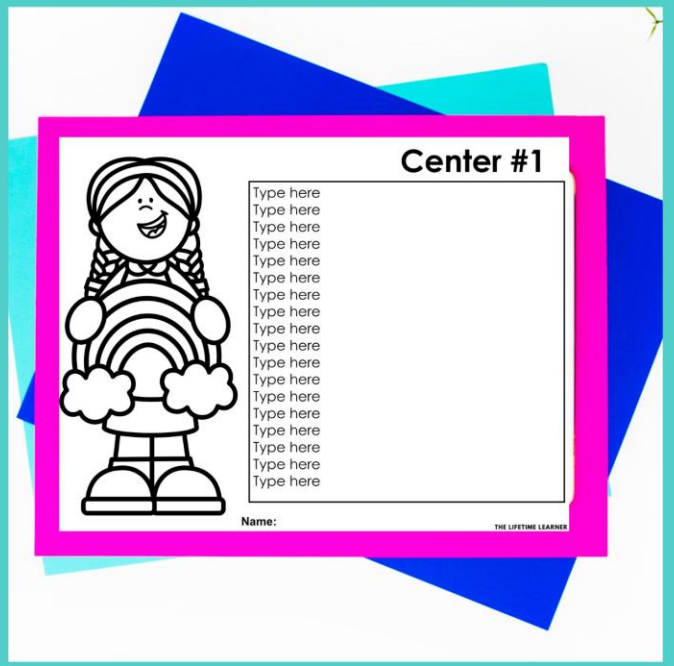
The no prep printable questions are 100% editable!







10 Pre-Made Centers (Print & Go)

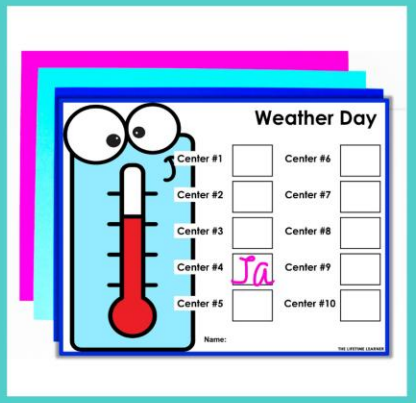
10 Pre-Made Centers: Editable Version

10 Blank Centers To Add Your Own Content

3 Versions Included

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

10 Color & B/W Posters



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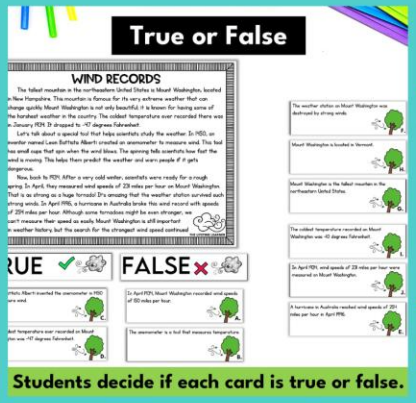

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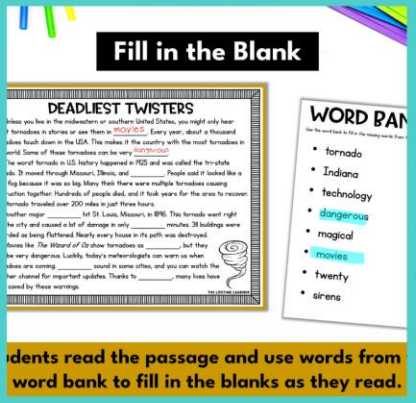

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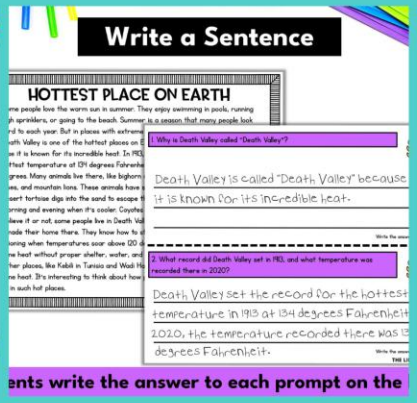

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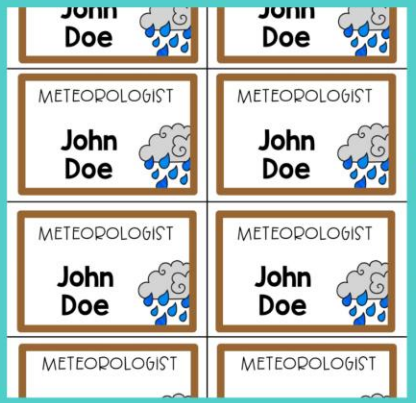

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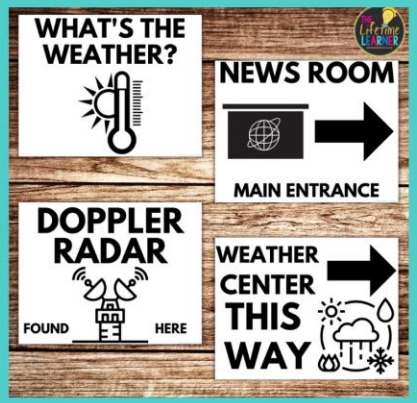

Decor Posters

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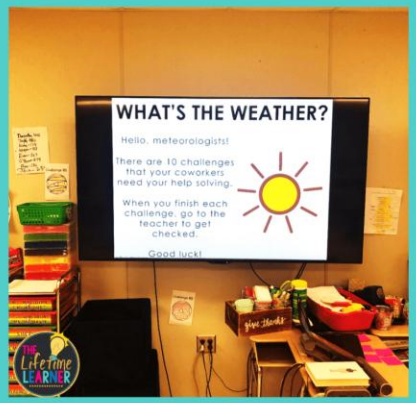

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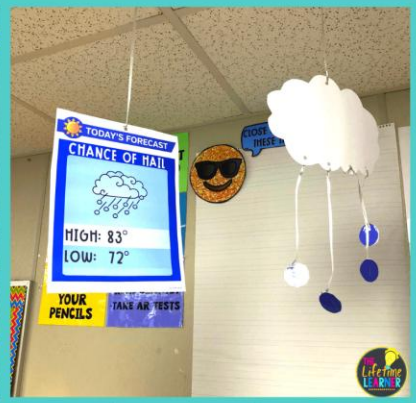

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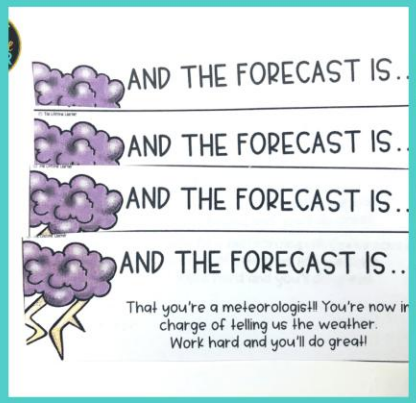

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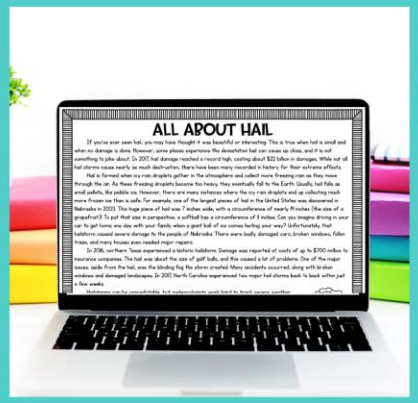

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Answer Keys

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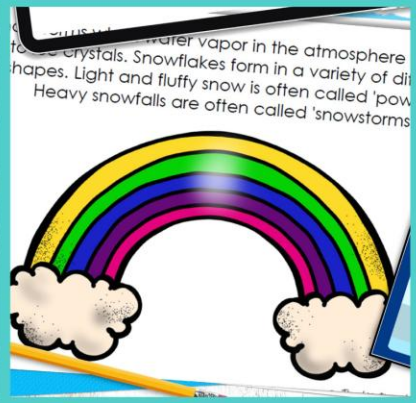

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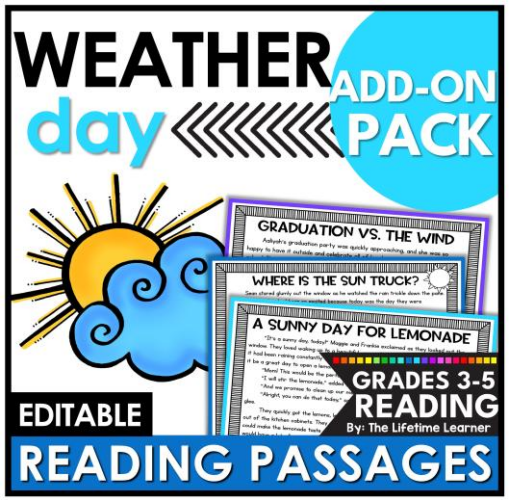

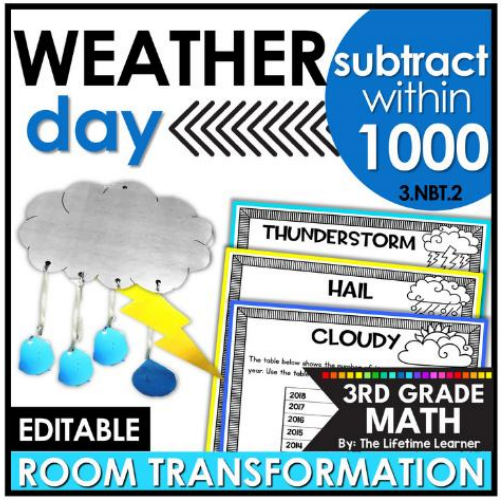

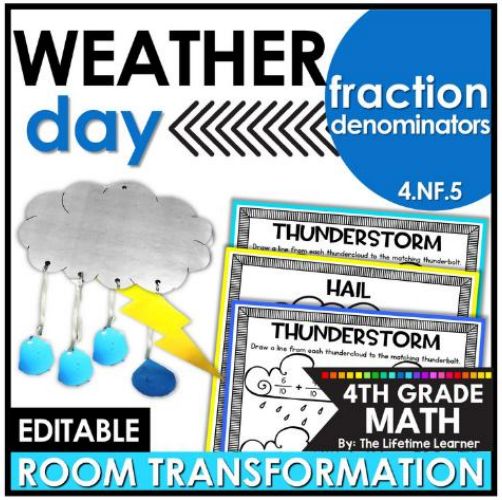

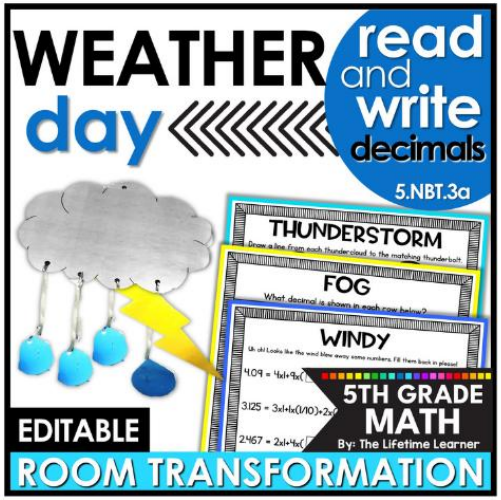

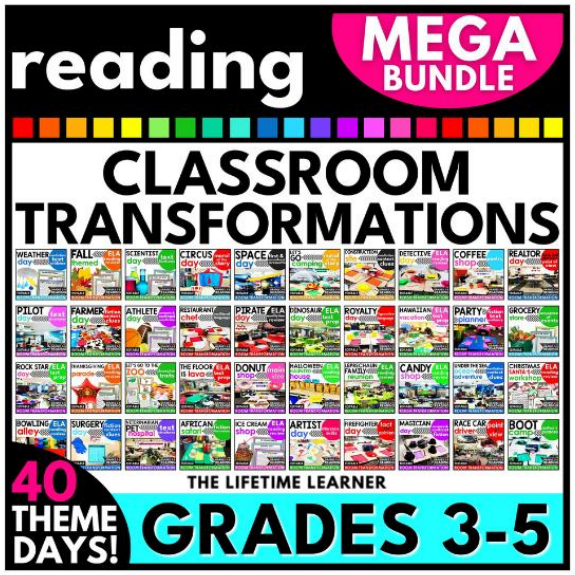

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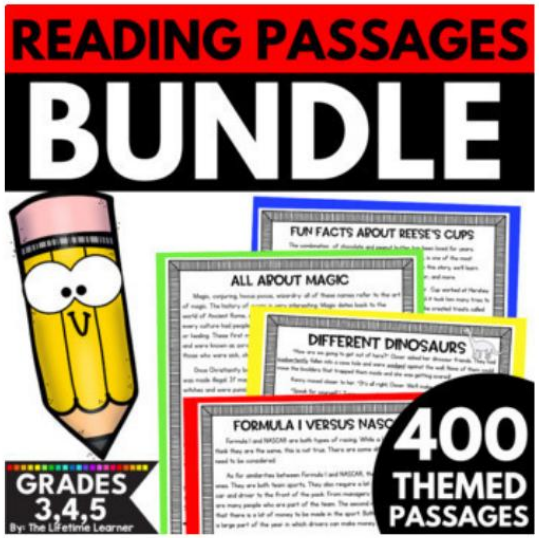

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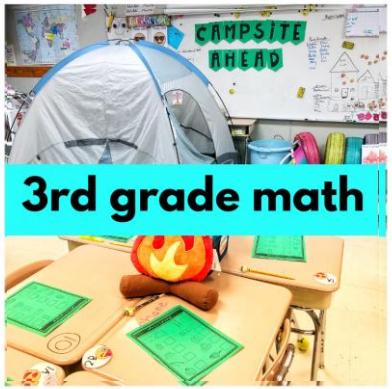

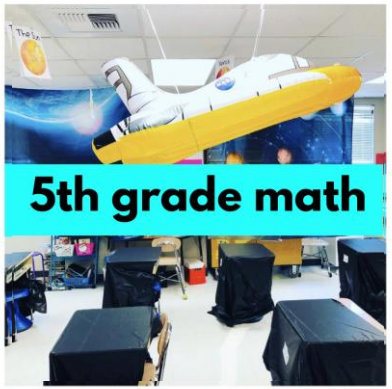

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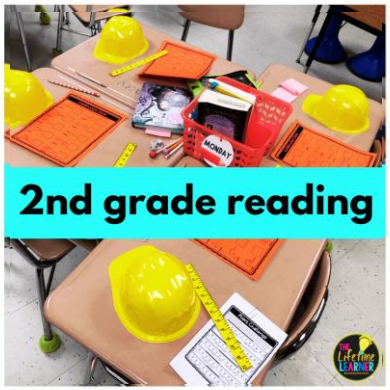

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