



100th Day of School

Varies in February • United States

Hurray for the 100th day of school! Schools around the country celebrate this day, usually in mid-February. It offers a fun break from the usual routine and an opportunity to reinforce math skills with games based on the number 100.

Having a successful 100th day might require starting the activities on day 98 or 99.

★ Book Links

100th Day Worries by Margery Cuyler (Simon & Schuster, 2000). Picture book, all ages. A little girl worries about bringing the right 100th day of school items to class.

One Hundred Hungry Ants by Elinor J. Pinczes (Scholastic, 1993). Picture book, easy. Learn simple division with the help of some cute little ants.

One Hundred Is a Family by Pam Muñoz Ryan (Hyperion, 1994). Picture book, all ages. A simple lesson in numbers adds up to a message about the importance of teamwork in a community.

★ Teacher Resources

Fresh & Fun 100th Day of School by Jacqueline Clarke (Scholastic, 2001). For grades K–2. Many cross-curriculum activities, book suggestions, and teacher tips for your day's event.

50 Thematic Songs Sung to Your Favorite Tunes by Meish Goldish (Scholastic, 1999). For grades K–2.

One Hundred-athon

Math

Give teams of students 100 of something—for instance, pretzels, raisins, paper clips, or buttons. Challenge them to complete a project using those objects and the number 100. For example:

- ★ 100 raisins forming the number 100
- ★ pretzel-stick frame around the number 100
- ★ a 100-paper clip chain
- ★ a 100-button necklace

FOR OLDER STUDENTS: Have each student work on an individual 100-piece construction project at home. Give students 100 minutes to complete the project. Let them share their project with the class, and have fellow students reward (with 100 claps of applause!) uniqueness and creativity.

Say Cheers to the 100 Days of School!

Language Arts

Math

Pour cups of root beer and sing to the tune of “Ninety-Nine Bottles of Beer on the Wall.” **FOR OLDER STUDENTS:** Make up new verses with addition and subtraction problems that add up to 100!

~ 100 Days of School ~

100 days of school in all,
100 days of school,
We managed to count a large
amount,
100 days of school in all!

How did we get to 100 days?
100 days of school?
We started the fun with number 1,
Counting the days of school in all!

1 day of school at first,
Then 2, then 3, then 4.
We got up to 10, but didn't stop
then.

We went to 100 days in all!
20, 30, 40 days,
50 days and more!
60, 70, 80, 90,
Up to 100 days in all!

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100 days of school,
We managed to count a large
amount,
100 days of school in all!

—from *50 Thematic Songs Sung to Your Favorite Tunes*