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.

**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!

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**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.

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~ 100 Days of School ~

100 days of school in all,  100 days of school in all!
100 days of school,  20, 30, 40 days,
We managed to count a large amount,  50 days and more!
100 days of school in all!  60, 70, 80, 90,

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

1 day of school at first,  We went to 100 days in all!
Then 2, then 3, then 4.  20, 30, 40 days,
We got up to 10, but didn’t stop then.  50 days and more!

[from 50 Thematic Songs Sung to Your Favorite Tunes]