

Daily math journals can be a great way to reinforce and review math concepts in a creative way.

- 1. Each child should have a Math Journal. I use composition books and glue the label to the front of the cover. My students store their journal in their desk.
- 2. Print the journal prompt for your students. I cut them out in advance and store them in a Zip-lock snack sized bag (or you can just clip them together with a paperclip.)
- 3. I read the prompt to the kiddos several times (or as often as needed).
- 4. The students glue the prompt to the top of their page then illustrate to show that particular prompt.
- 5. When they are finished, I simply walk around the room and put a smiley face on their paper (smelly markers are VERY motivating).
- 6. Because their entries are sequential, it is a wonderful way to show progress and they are fun to show parents during conferences.

HINT: You will need to provide explicit instruction on how to turn to the NEXT blank page. Students will tend to want to open their journal to a random page in the middle of their journal. Please take a little extra time during the first 3-4 weeks to reinforce this skill... It will be worth it in the end.

NOTE: Because math curriculum and pacing is different in each classroom, these journal prompts are not intended to be taught sequentially (in the order I placed them). Pick and chose the prompts that fit your curriculum. Do not feel you need to use them all each month. I like to use the prompts in a spiral fashion, so I am constantly reviewing and revisiting various math concepts.

If you feel this is a routine you would like to continue in your classroom, please check back for more monthly themed math journals prompts.

Thank you!

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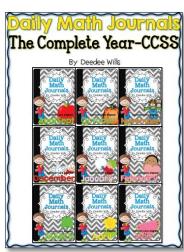






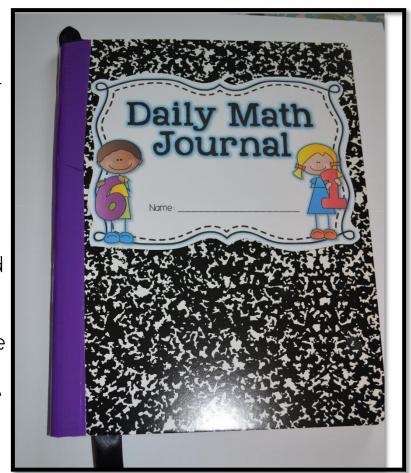
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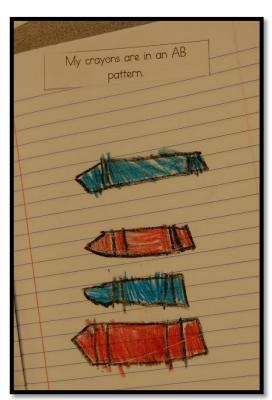


## Constructing the journals:

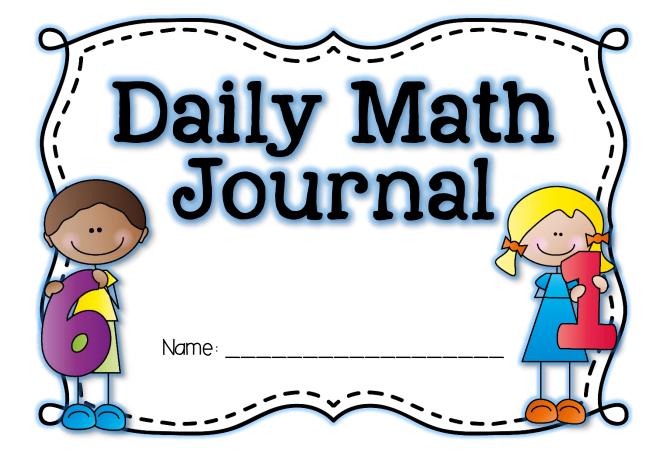
- I. Glue the label on the front, then cover it with clear contact paper (not pictured due to glare in the photo)
- 2. Glue a ribbon to the spine. I used E6000 Glue, but Gorilla Glue works really well too. This will help your students find the "next blank page" easily.
- 3. Add a colored strip of duct tape to the spine. It will help keep the ribbon in place. If you are like me, my students have multiple journals. I use different colored duct tape so they can quickly grab the correct one.

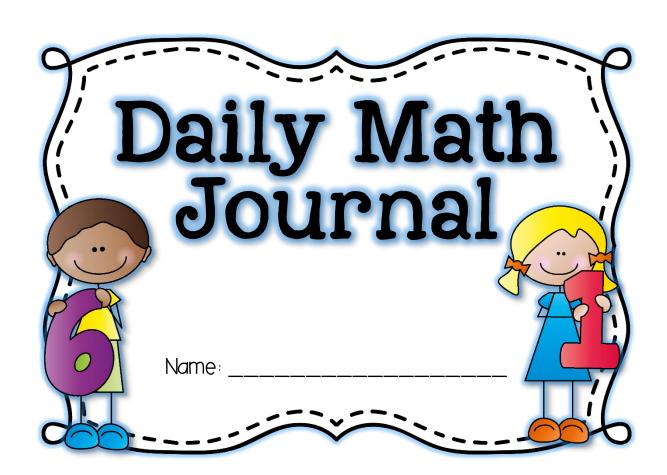


Here are some student samples from my previous prompts.









Students will count forward showing the next 3 consecutive numbers.) K.CC.A.2	
I saw 3 crayons in my crayon box. Then	I saw 3 crayons in my crayon box. Then
I found 3 more on my desk Count on to	I found 3 more on my desk Count on to
show how may crayons I saw in all.	show how may crayons I saw in all.
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	N.UA.A. 2
I have 2 green pencils and 3 blue	I have 2 green pencils and 3 blue
pencils How many pencils do I have	pencils How many pencils do I have
in all?	in all?
I have 2 green pencils and 3 blue	I have 2 green pencils and 3 blue
pencils How many pencils do I have	pencils How many pencils do I have
in all?	in all?
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in all?	in all?
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in all?	in all?
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pencils How many pencils do I have	pencils How many pencils do I have
in all?	in all?
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I found 5 balls on the playground. 2 of	I found 5 balls on the playground. 2 of
them were red and the rest were yellow	them were red and the rest were yellow
How many yellow balls did I find?	How many yellow balls did I find?
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I had 5 grapes for my snack. I ate 2 of them. How many did I have left?	I had 5 grapes for my snack. I ate 2 of them. How many did I have left?
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Draw 4 crayons. Some of them are red	Draw 4 crayons. Some of them are red
and some are blue. Now draw another	and some are blue. Now draw another
way to show 4 crayons with red and blue.	way to show 4 crayons with red and blue.
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I need 5 stars for my craft. I already

have 2. How many more do I need?

I need 5 stars for my craft. I already

have 2. How many more do I need?

Draw a circle above a pencil.	Draw a circle above a pencil.
Draw a circle above a pencil.	Draw a circle above a pencil.
Draw a circle above a pencil.	Draw a circle above a pencil.
Draw a circle above a pencil.	Draw a circle above a pencil.
Draw a circle above a pencil.	Draw a circle above a pencil.
Draw a circle above a pencil.	Draw a circle above a pencil.
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Draw a circle above a pencil.	Draw a circle above a pencil.
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Draw a circle above a pencil.	Draw a circle above a pencil.
Draw a circle above a pencil.	Draw a circle above a pencil.
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I can make an AB pattern with small and large erasers.	I can make an AB pattern with small and large erasers.
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