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**SPECIAL ED**





*These letter of the week units are something I created and started using in my classroom. I had students with significant challenges and most were non-readers. We spent one week per letter.*



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*This unit has 5 group activities and 5 individual activities. They are in both a print and digital format.*

*Color version*

# Letter M

## Letter of the Week Unit

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In separate files, you will:

- Black and white version of this unit
- 5-day lesson plan
- Directions and links to digital activities

*This entire unit comes in 2 separate files. One is completely in color and one is completely in black and white.*



# Letter of the Week Lesson Plan

## Quick Look

### Preparation

- Print out a alphabet board for each student to use throughout unit
  - Laminate or place in page protector
- Books
  - Print out, laminate, and bind
  - There are 2 books: one for the letter of the week and one social st
  - You can also use the link in the digital activities to the movie versio can show rather than printing out the book

### Teaching Tips

1. *Color Coding*: this is a n activity. Outline or colo the corresponding pictur task.
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  - b. I also have a blog pc <https://specialneedsf 3-ways-easily-and-ef>
2. *Make you own copies* a yesterday. For that reax
  - a. I often complete the that I could use year
  - b. My copies were also more support or as a work.
3. *Options for Use*: Turn a laminating and adding M
  - a. For more info, watd <https://www.teacher Activities-3474240>

Day	Activity
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alphabet song</li> <li>• Book</li> <li>• Class circle map</li> <li>• Individual circle map</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alphabet song</li> <li>• Book</li> <li>• Class scavenger hunt</li> <li>• Individual sorting activity</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alphabet song</li> <li>• Book</li> </ul>

### Day 2

Activity	Notes	Materials
Sing alphabet song	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using your favorite alphabet song, sing along using the alphabet board.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Students should point to each letter as they sing</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Special attention is paid to finding the letter of the week as well as past letters learning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Song</li> <li>• Alphabet board</li> </ul>
Read the book: <b>Letter of the week</b> (5 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read through the story, asking lots of questions</li> <li>• Continue to make connections between book and alphabet board</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book</li> <li>• Alphabet board</li> </ul>
Group activity (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scavenger Hunt (See activity for detailed directions)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Students will go around the room looking for the letter of the week and objects that start with that letter</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter of the week cards</li> </ul>
Circle map review (5 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review the circle map completed yesterday</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Circle map completed yesterday</li> </ul>
Individual activity (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do the sorting activity                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Choose to use either picture symbols, actual letters in different fonts or BOTH!!</li> <li>◦ Use color coding if needed for additional support (answer key included)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sorting activity</li> <li>• Scissors</li> <li>• Glue</li> </ul>
Sharing (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each student shares their finished sorting activity with the group using the communication method of their choice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed activity</li> <li>• Communication devices</li> </ul>

The lesson plans contain:

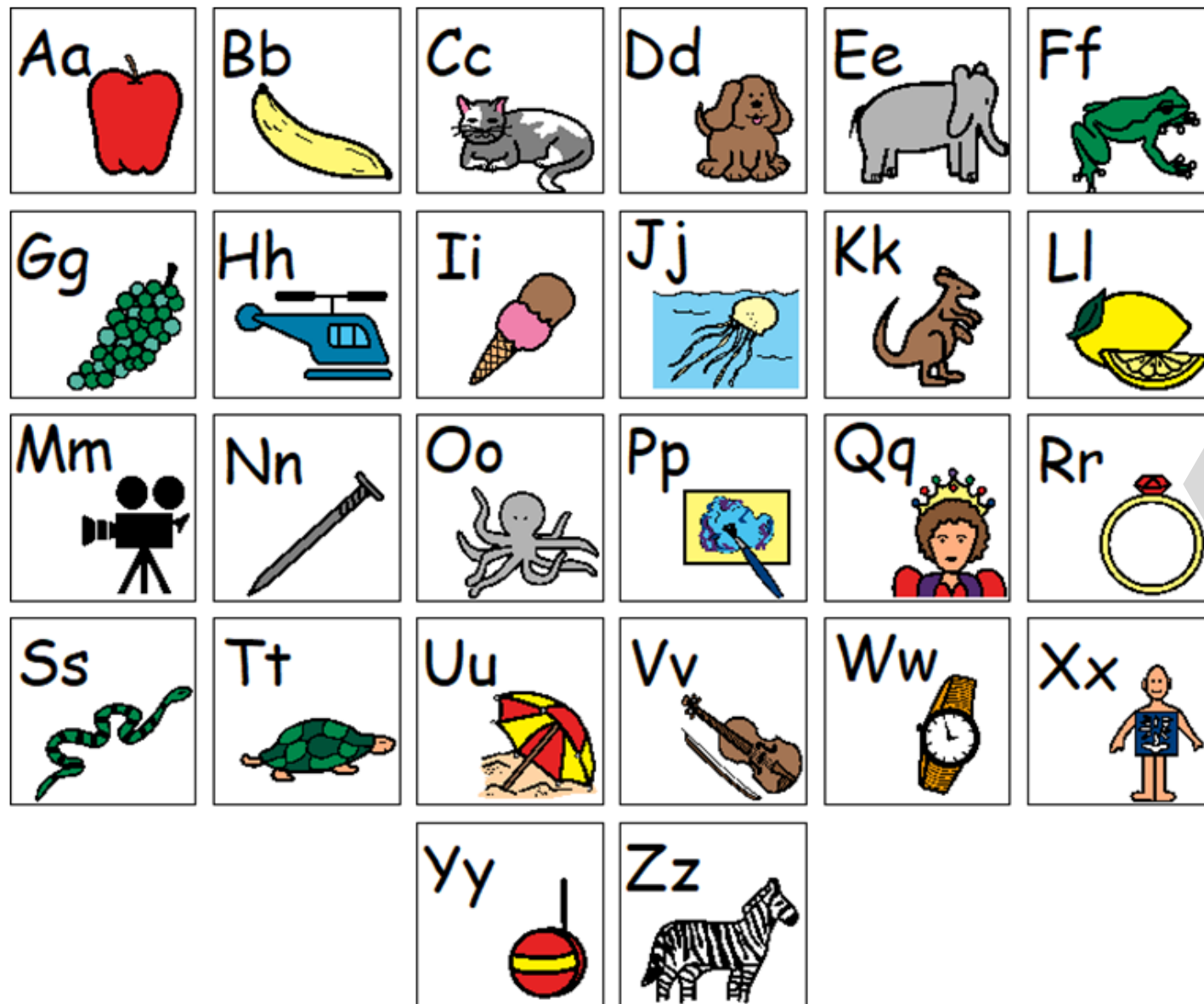
- Things to prepare and suggestions
- Overall look at week
- Detailed plan for each day



This unit comes with an alphabet board.

Vocabulary boards are great for ALL students to assist with participation and engagement in group discussions.

Tips on how to use in the unit!!







Mower starts with M.

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Music starts with M.

This unit comes with a book for that letter. It has photos and simple, repeatable text.

Each daily lesson is started with this book.



Watch the  
movie on the  
Letter M



The Letter M

By Christa Joy

If you do not want to print the book out, there is a link to a movie version (mp4 file) that you can play in a google slide online or project. It is read aloud and has automatic page advancement.

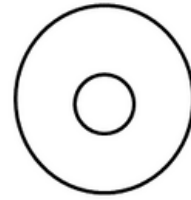


# GROUP ACTIVITIES

- CLASS CIRCLE MAP
  - SCAVENGER HUNT
  - PAPER PLATE GAME
  - CRAFT
  - PICTURE RECIPE
- 
- EACH GROUP ACTIVITY COMES WITH DIRECTIONS AND A LIST OF MATERIALS NEEDED
  - EVERY UNIT HAS THE SAME ACTIVITIES



# Class Circle Map



- Preparation
  - Draw a large circle on a piece of poster board (I used a class trash can)
  - Either laminate or apply pieces of hook Velcro in random places within the circle
  - Cut out follow pictures, laminate and attach loop Velcro if using
- Directions
  - Place a post-it note in center of the letter of the week
  - Distribute prepared letter card symbols to the students.
  - Have them take turns bringing up cards and adding to circle
  - When complete, re-name all pictures in the circle
  - There are enough cards to use different cards throughout the week

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# Day 1

The class circle map comes with directions and suggestions for modifications. There are 30 large picture cards included.

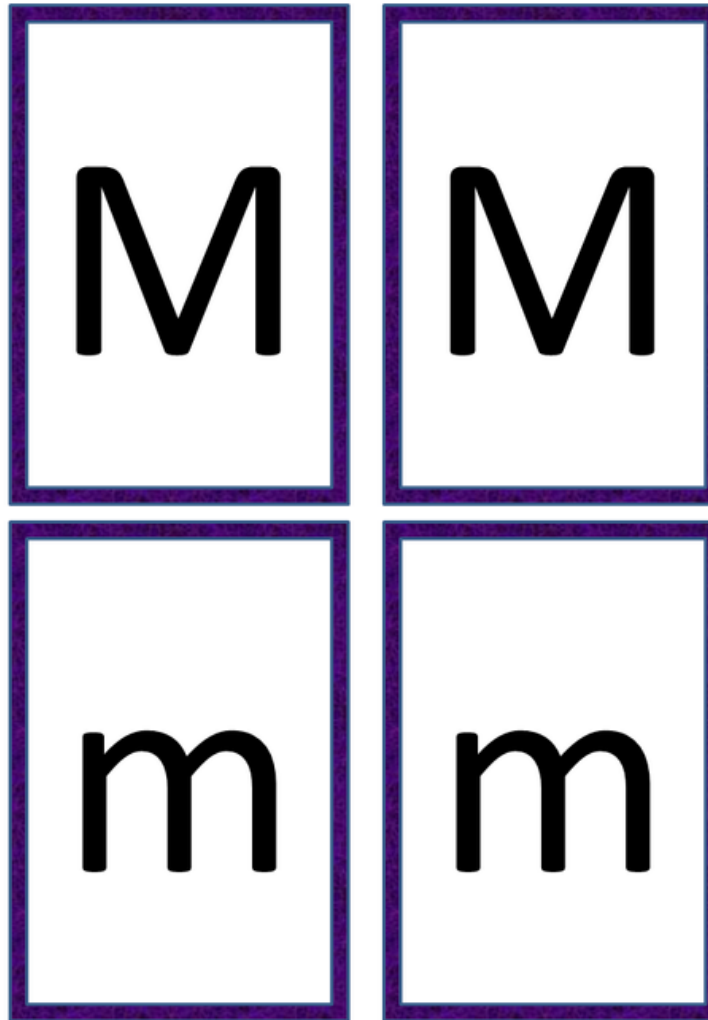


## Class Scavenger Hunt



- **Preparation**
  - Print out as many copies of the letter card as you think you will need. Laminate for durability.
  - Place the letter cards on various things around the room that start with the letter of the week
- **Directions**
  - Have students walk around looking for items that start with the letter of the week
  - Once students find the letter label, they should attempt to name the item they have found
- **Differentiation**
  - For students that need more structure, give them a piece of poster board with blank spaces to show them how many letter cards they should try to find
  - For students still struggling, have pictures of what items they are to find and see if they can match the object that starts with the letter to the picture
- For *5 different ways to do a scavenger hunt*, check out this blog post with free hunts to download:  
<https://specialneedsforspecialkids.org/2019/03/11/5-new-ways-to-use-a-savenger-hunt-in-special-ed/>

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# Day 2

The scavenger hunt also comes with directions and modification options.



# Pick up the Plates



- **Preparation**
  - Print out as many copies of the letter cards as you think you will need. Laminate for durability.
  - Print out letter of the week pictures and “distracters”
  - Attach letters and pictures to inexpensive paper plates
- **Directions**
  - Spread the paper plates around the classroom or work area on the floor
    - You can choose to either place them upside down for variation 1 or right side up for variation 2
  - Variation 1
    - Students take turn picking up a plate and bringing it back to their seat
    - The student gets to keep the plate if it is the letter of the week or a picture that begins with the letter of the week
    - Whoever has the most plates at the
  - Variation 2
    - Student looks at plates and tries to find the letter of the week or a picture that begins with the letter of the week
    - Student gets to keep the plate if correct
    - Whoever has the most plates at the
- **Differentiation**
  - For students that need more structure, color the letter of the week and the pictures that start with the background color. That way students are given a cue to the correct answer.
  - Or, eliminate the distractors all together

M	m	N	n
M	m	T	t
M	m	F	f
M	m	B	b
M	m	M	m
M	m	M	m

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# Day 3

The paper plate game gets kids up and moving around.



# Day 4

## Marble Art



- This craft is specifically designed for students with severe disabilities to enable them to complete it as independently as possible.
- This craft also addresses the sensory needs many of our students have.
- This is also not my original idea; I have seen it around for years
- Directions
  - Place a piece of white construction paper inside a box lid
  - Place marbles in cups, each a different color
  - Using gloves, take marble out and place in the box lid
  - Allow student to roll marble around in box lid
  - Remove and add marbles as requested by student
- Let students sign their artwork after it is dry



Each week has a craft that is specifically designed so students can do much of it independently.

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# Marshmallow Mix






- Preparation
  - Print out ingredient labels and affix to ingredients prior to lesson
  - This recipe is focused more on counting than measuring
    - If students are not able to count out a number of objects, pre-count the ingredient into containers that are labeled (use number cards)
  - Review and address any food allergies
  - Write the number you want students to count out of each ingredient in the recipe
  - Depending on learning style of your students, either print a class copy of the recipe directions or make a copy for each student
    - *For students that are visually overwhelmed, cut apart the recipe and mount each step on a separate index card*







- Directions
  - As a class make marshmallow mix following the

In a cup place:

## Ingredient Labels

 marshmallows	 chocolate chips
 goldfish	 raisins

## Recipe

	 marshmallows
	 chocolate chips
	 goldfish
	 raisins
	 peanuts
	 marshmallows

## Number Labels

1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30

*Day 5*

# Marshmallow Snack mix

Each week has a simple picture recipe that is done on day 5 as the last activity of the week.



## INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITIES

- CIRCLE MAP
  - SORTING ACTIVITY
  - COLLAGE
  - CRAFT
  - ACTIVITY TO GO WITH A SOCIAL STORY
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- EACH INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITY COMES WITH SUGGESTIONS FOR DIFFERENTIATION
  - EVERY UNIT HAS THE SAME ACTIVITIES



# Day 1

Each circle map comes with 2 choices:

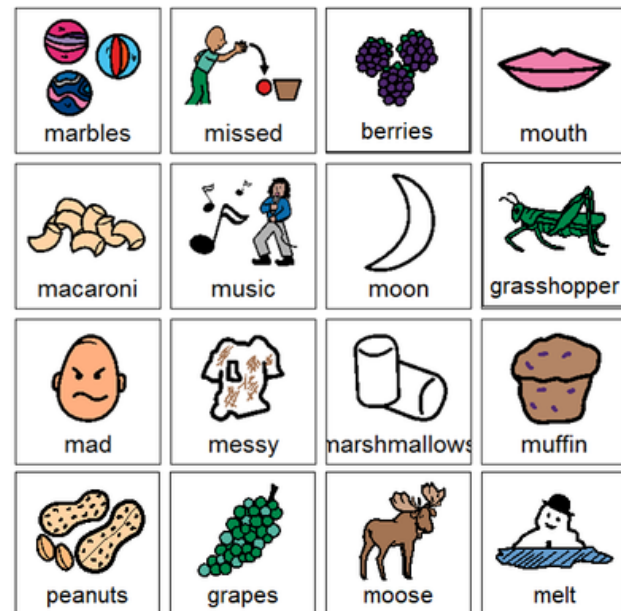
An errorless option with only correct answers

An option that has wrong answers mixed in

Cut out pictures below and paste in circle map.



Cut out pictures below and paste in circle map **ONLY IF** it starts with the letter M.

























# Day 2

There are sorting activities.

One sort uses pictures and one uses letters in various fonts.

Directions for differentiation are included.

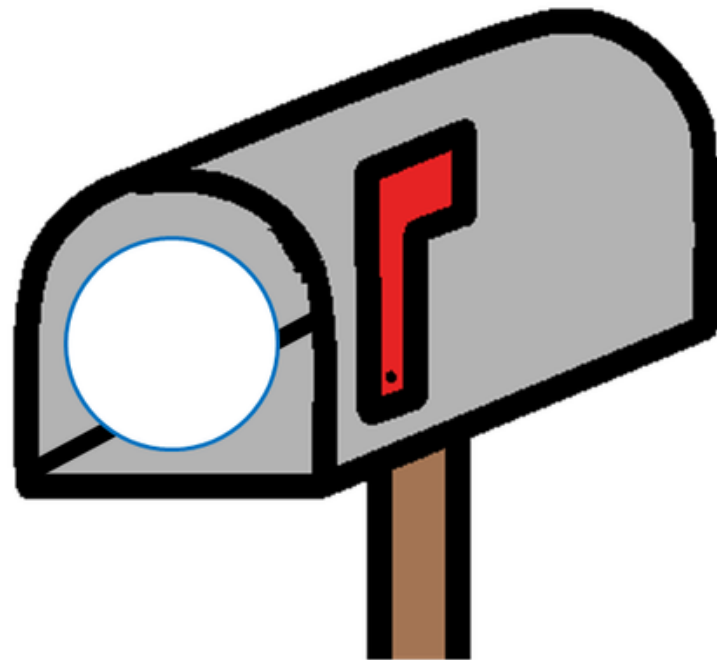
B,b		M,m	
			
			
			
			
			

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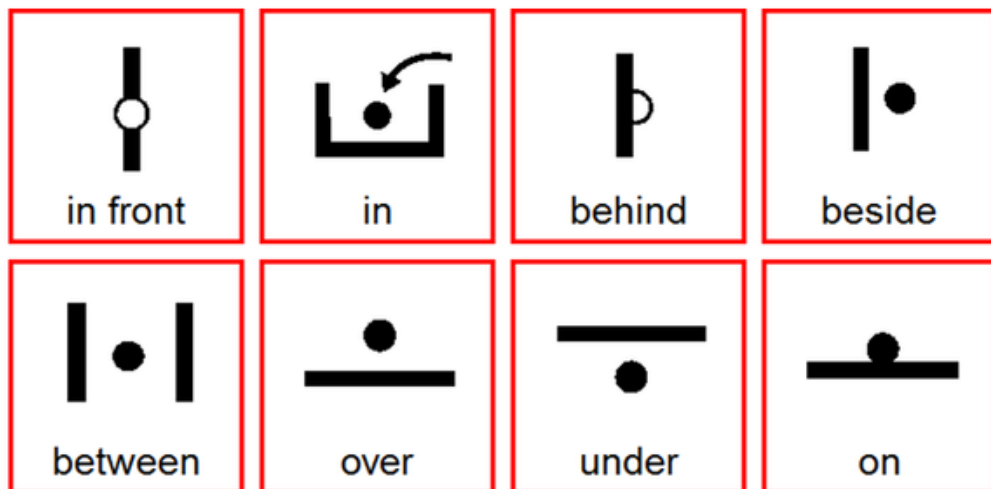
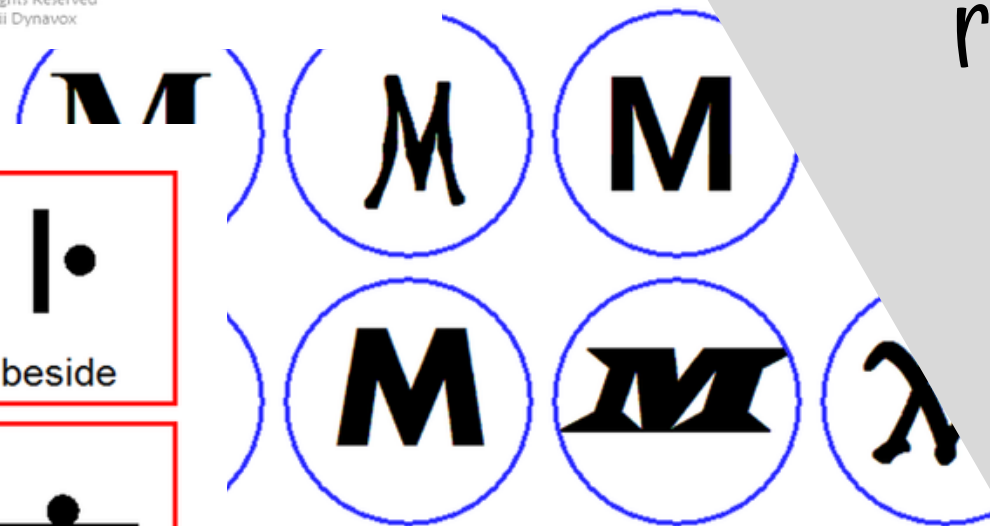
# Day 3



The letter M is  the mailbox.

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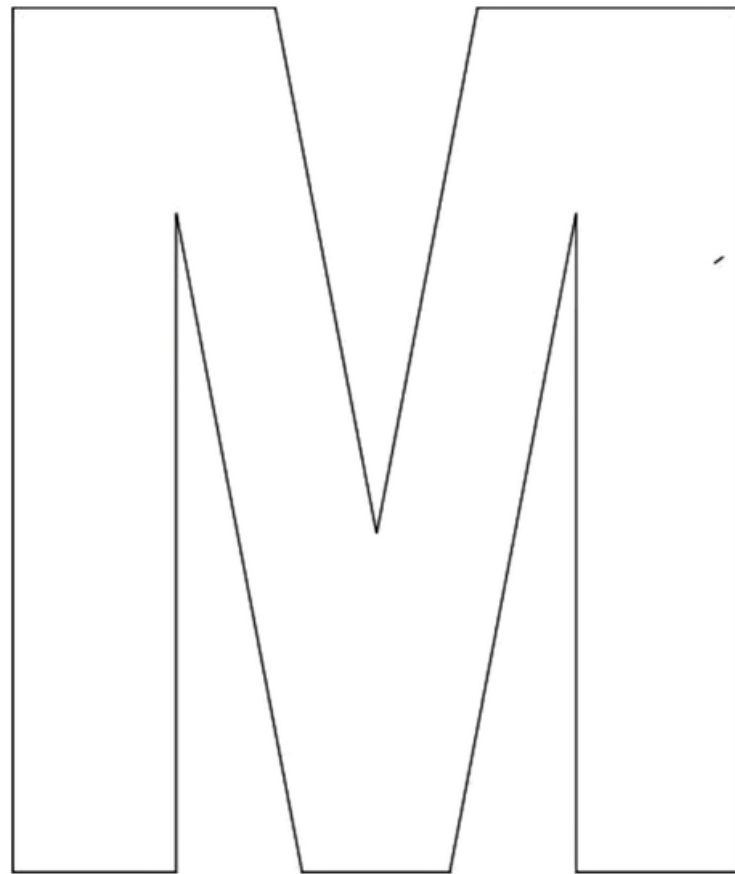
Students complete a preposition booklet indicating where the letter of the week is located in relation to various objects.





# Day 4

Students make a collage using a letter template and an item for that letter of the week. There are modifications and ways to differentiate included.



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Cut out McDonald's symbols and glue in template



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Whenever I ask for something, I should use the word "please."



"May I have an apple please?"

It is important for me to do my best to use my manners.



One thing I can do is say please after I ask for something.



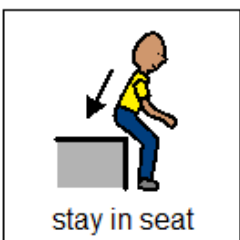
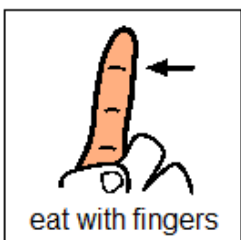
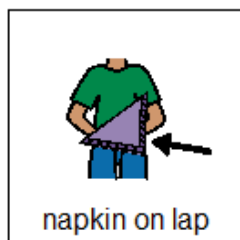
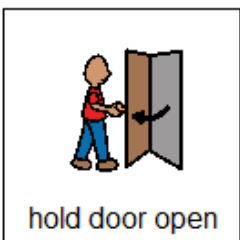
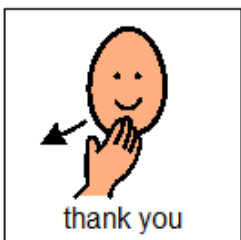
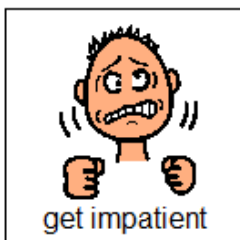
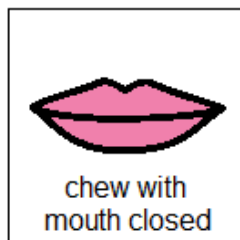
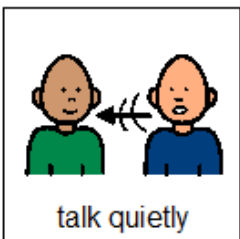
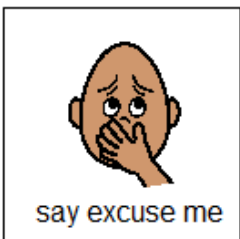
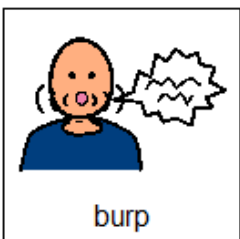
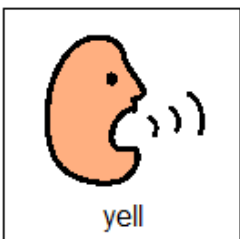
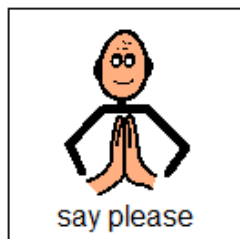
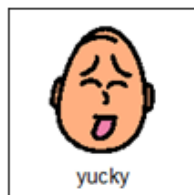
Can I have a cookie please?

# Day 5

Each unit has a social story. This one is on manners. It also comes in a black and white booklet.



# Day 5



There is an individual activity that relates to that social story. This one has students sort good vs bad manners. Directions and modifications are provided.



# DIGITAL ACTIVITIES

- CIRCLE MAP
- 2 SORTING ACTIVITIES
- CIRCLE ALL THE OBJECTS STARTING WITH THE LETTER OF THE WEEK
- PREPOSITION BOOK
- ACTIVITY TO GO WITH A SOCIAL STORY
  
- THERE ARE 2 SETS OF SLIDES.
  - ONE IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENTIATED WITH COLOR
- BOTH BOOKS ARE EMBEDDED AS MOVIES INTO THE SET OF SLIDES



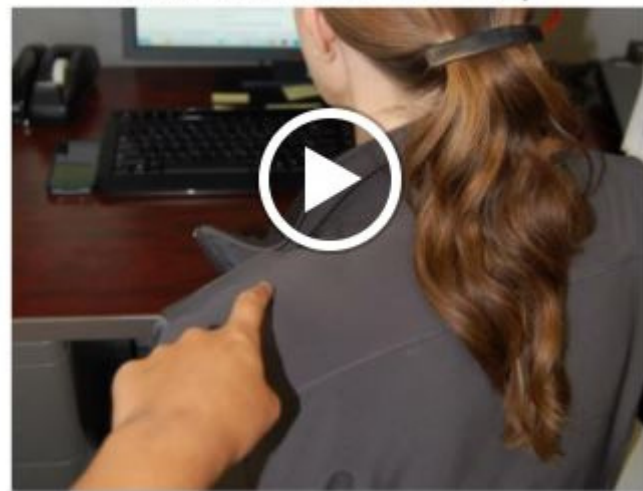
Watch the movie on the Letter M



The Letter M

By Christa Joy

If I need to ask someone a question, I can say "excuse me" before I ask them, especially if they are already having a conversation or busy.



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Watch the movie on Good Manners

Students can watch the movies of both the letter of the week book and the social story.



**Great for review**

Place the pictures in the circle map that start with the letter M.

 marbles	 missed	 moose	 m
 macaroni	 music	 moon	 m
 mad	 messy	 marshmallows	 m

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Each activity is set up so students can click and drag answers. No typing is required.



**perfect for any learning level**

M,m

B,b

Sort the following into the correct column depending on what letter they begin with.



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The second set of slides uses color for differentiation and extra support for students who may need it. Mix and match slides from both sets to make the perfect set for each student.



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