

# PRIME TIMES



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## Preparing for the Year of Mercy

<http://looktohimandberadiant.blogspot.com/2015/08/year-of-mercy-resources-all-ideas.html>

The above site has a variety of free crafts, resources, printables, coloring pages, and activities that can be



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used

to prepare for and celebrate the Year of Mercy which begins on December 8, 2015.

## Five Little Pilgrims

Five little Pilgrims on Thanksgiving Day  
The first one said, "I'll have cake if I may."  
The second one said, "I'll have turkey roasted."  
The third one said, "I'll have chestnuts toasted."  
The fourth one said, "I'll have pumpkin pie."  
The fifth one said "Oh, cranberries I spy."  
But before the Pilgrims ate their turkey dressing,  
They bowed their heads and said a  
Thanksgiving blessing.



## A song for the Seasons

Tune: This Old Man

Winter, Spring,  
Summer, Fall  
These are seasons  
Four in all  
Look outside and  
You will see  
It is \_\_\_\_\_, yes-siree



## Challenge students to a Jeopardy Math Problem

The answer is: **27 ice cream cones.**  
The question could have been?

Create a question and answer board.  
Post the answer to a problem on the board and have students write a word problem on an index card that matches the answer. Students can do any operation. Have students check each other's questions.  
You may want to save the index cards in a file box and at a later time choose one to read to the class and have students decide whether the answer matches the question.

## An Advent Prayer

O Jesus, come!  
We wait for You.  
And everything we say and do  
Prepares the way  
Until You come on Christmas Day!



### Advent Waiting Song

Tune: Frere Jacques

Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Lord Jesus.  
Come to us. Come to us.  
We wait for Your coming.  
We wait for Your coming.  
Christmas Day. Christmas Day.

### Writing Prompts for December

Santa is looking for one more reindeer to pull his sleigh. Why should he choose you?

What would you do if Santa got stuck in your chimney or on the roof?

If I were Santa Claus.....

### Camels and Wise Men

by: Jackie Owen



Sung to: Frere Jacques

We are camels, we are camels,  
Gold and brown, gold and brown,  
Following the leader,  
Going to see Jesus.  
Come along, come along.

We are Wise Men, we are Wise Men,  
From afar, from afar,  
Following the bright star,  
Bearing gifts for Jesus.

### A Winter Song

Tune: Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Snowflakes, snowflakes falling down  
Falling, falling to the ground.  
Can you catch them on your nose?  
Will they fall and touch your toes?  
Snowflakes, snowflakes, falling down  
Falling, falling to the ground.

### New Year 2016 Writing Activity



To help the children begin the new year with some goals, prepare a large 2 and 0 and 1 and 6 for each child.

Each child will write the following:  
on the 2 – two goals that they have for the year

on the 0 – write about something they would like to stop doing

on the 1 – one new book they would like to read

on the 6 – six things they want to learn

The children can color and decorate the letters, cut them out, paste to a piece of construction paper and then use to display. This activity can be adjusted to your needs and ideas.

### Stretch a Sentence



Sentence Writing – expanding, adding

**who, what, when, where, and why**

Start with the beginning of a sentence.

**Who?**

My little brother...

**Is doing what?**

My little brother is building a snowman.

**When?**

Right now, my little brother is building a snowman...

**Where?**

Right now, my little brother is building a snowman in the front yard.

**Why?**

Right now, my little brother is building a snowman in the front yard to surprise our dad.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**A Song to Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King**

Tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat

Peace, peace, peace and love  
Sweet equality.  
These were Martin Luther King's dreams for  
you and me.

**A Song to Help Teach Money**

Tune: Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Penny, penny  
Easily spent  
Copper, brown  
Worth one cent.

Nickel, nickel  
Thick and flat  
You're worth five  
I know that.

Dime, Dime  
Little and thin  
I remember  
You're worth ten.



**Language Lineup**

As each child lines up, have him/her say a word relating to a particular category, holiday, or phonemic element. This method encourages students to lineup quietly so they can hear their classmates' words.

**Build Student Confidence**

One way to help students become more confident in themselves is to create a bulletin board or decorate a wall that displays positive ways to: **“Change your words – Change your mind-set”**



Instead of: I don't understand.  
Say: What am I missing?

Instead of: I give up.  
Say: I will use some of the strategies I have learned.

Instead of: I made a mistake.  
Say: Mistakes help me improve.

Instead of: I'll never be as smart as \_\_\_\_.  
Say: I'm going to figure out what \_\_\_\_ does and try it.

Instead of: I'm not good at this.  
Say: I am on the right track.

Instead of: This is too hard!  
Say: This may take some time and effort.

Instead of: This is good enough.  
Say: Is this really my best?

**Binding Class Books**

by: Suzanne Gerczynski

Bind class books in a jiffy with the help of plastic cable ties. Simply hole-punch the project and then thread a cable tie through each opening and lock it - leaving plenty of room for the pages of the book to be turned. Snip off any excess plastic at the end of each tie and the class book is ready to read!



## Punctuation Marks

The period is a busy man.  
A small round traffic cop.  
He blocks the helter-skelter words  
And brings them to a stop.

The question mark is a tiny girl,  
She's small but very wise;  
She asks too many questions  
For a person of her size.

Of all the punctuation folk,  
I like the comma best.  
For when I'm getting out of breath  
He lets me take a rest.

Quotation marks are curious.  
When friendly talk begins  
You'll always find these little marks  
Are busy listening in.

The exclamation mark is an elf,  
Who is easily excited.  
When children laugh or cry or shout  
It's then he's most delighted.



## A song to help remember how to print b and d

Tune: Farmer in the Dell

A bat and a ball  
A bat and a ball  
That's how to make a **b**  
A bat and a ball.

A doorknob and a door  
A doorknob and a door  
That's how to make a **d**  
A doorknob and a door.



Another idea to help with **b** is:  
Lower case **b**, as you can see, fits so nicely  
in upper case **B**



# Exploring Computer Lab



Scholastic's "Computer Lab Favorites Student Spinner" offers quick, compelling one-session activities that incorporate interactive learning and technology into your curriculum. Each activity requires no prep and can be completed in 15-30 minutes.



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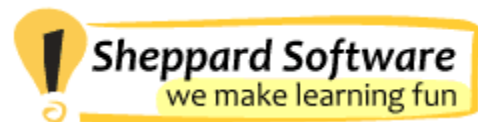
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