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APRIL

DIGITAL BULLETIN BOARD



WORD OF THE WEEK

pastel

(adjective) colors that are pale

In art, pastels also refer to powdered pigments, similar to chalk.

Pastels can be any color, including pastel colors.



lavender



pistachio



butter yellow



apricot



ballerina pink



GRADES
2-5

Scrolling slideshow with printable activity



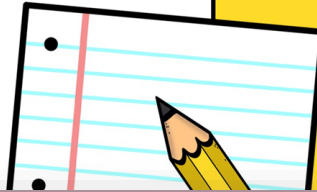
SCROLL 5! SLIDES

WELCOME TO APRIL!

April is the fourth month of the year.

April has 30 days.

April is Na
Watch for some



TRIVIA QUESTION

Fill in the blank: "April showers bring May _____"



hours



powers



flowers



towers

(answer on next slide)

Set slides to scroll on a timed loop –
Instructions for setting timings included.

LESSER-KNOWN APRIL HOLIDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS

COLORS OF APRIL

People often associate April with these pastel colors. Pastel colors are pale.



robin's egg blue

WHICH DAY IS YOUR FAVORITE?



Peanut Butter and Jelly Day (April 2)



Grilled Cheese
Sandwich Day (April 12)

OR

Includes National Poetry Month, National Library Month, World Rat Day, April Fools' Day, Easter, Opening Day (baseball), Earth Day, Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day, Morse Code Day, and more!

LOADS OF FUN FACTS!

THIS OR THAT?

National Pretzel Day is April 26! What kind of pretzels do you like?

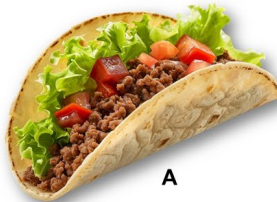


hard mini-pretzels



TRIVIA QUESTION

National Empanada Day is April 8th! Which of these foods is an empanada?



A



B

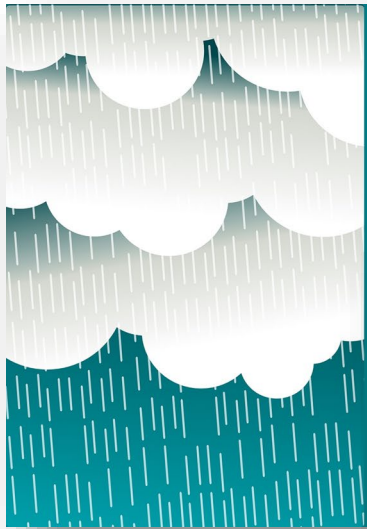


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(answer on next slide)

Includes a mystery animal, vocabulary, famous April birthdays, April holidays and celebrations, facts, announcements, Would You Rather, and more!

POEMS FOR NATIONAL POETRY MONTH



“RAIN”

The rain is raining all around,
It falls on field and tree,

“THE OWL AND THE PUSSY-CAT”

The Owl and the Pussy-cat went to sea
In a beautiful pea-green boat,
They took some honey, and plenty of money,
Wrapped up in a five-pound note.

~by Edward Lear, 1870



Includes three poems + one nursery
rhyme sprinkled into the slides.

ALL TEXT IS EDITABLE

APR. 4th IS WORLD RAT DAY

This is an international celebration
designed to promote rats as pets
and companion animals.

Rats actually make great pets!
They are smart, affectionate, and social.

They can even be trained to
help people with disabilities!



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captions, and headers)**

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(images)**

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DON'T HAVE POWERPOINT?

WORD OF THE WEEK

anthropology

(noun) the scientific study of human behavior, biology, cultures, s

Anthropologists m
writers, archaeolo



WOULD YOU RATHER?



Tie-dye t-shirts for National Tie-Dye Day (April 30)

OR



Fly a kite for National Go Fly a Kite Day (April 21)

You can also edit and scroll the presentation in Google Slides!


SCAVENGER HUNTS


Name _____ Teacher _____


SCAVENGER HUNT


Color the pictures as you see the items in the April Slides. Can you find them all?


easier

kite 

 recycling

 Easter egg

 rat


 robin's nest

April Activities


Name _____ Teacher _____


SCAVENGER HUNT

How many of these pictures and facts can you find in the April Slides?


What is another name for English muffins? 

What does this Morse Code mean? 


What is the date of April Fools' Day? 


"April showers bring May _____" 

harder

At _____ known for _____ people sing about what makes them worried or sad. 

"The Owl and the Pussy-cat went to sea in a beautiful pea-green boat." What did they bring with them? 

What is one way rats are smart? 


Wh Han: 


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crumpets

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S-O-S
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April 1st

answer key

basketball 

Blues 

some honey and plenty of money

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April Activities

Differentiated scavenger hunt activity – Students use the scrolling presentation to find the pictures and the answers.

RECOMMENDED READS

"April Celebrations"



NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

There Was a Party for Langston (Reynolds)
Something, Someday (Gorman)
My Head Has a Bellyache (Harris)
Magnificent Homespun Brown (Doyon)
Hello, Earth!: Poems to Our Planet (Sidman)
Champion Chompers, Super Stinkers and Other Poems by Extraordinary Animals (Ashman)
**Warrior Girl* (Tafolla)
**The Canyon's Edge* (Bowling)
**The One Thing You'd Save* (Park)

EARTH DAY (22nd)

Black Beach: A Community, an Oil Spill, and the Origin of Earth Day (Stith)
Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera (Fleming)
A New Green Day (Portis)
Maybe You Might (Foxell)
The Last Straw: Kids vs. Plastics (Hood)
The Gentle Genius of Trees (Bunting)
The Last Plastic Straw: A Plastic Problem and Finding Ways to Fix It (Romito)
**Total Garbage: A Messy Dive into Trash, Waste, and Our World* (Donnelly)

NATIONAL LIBRARY MONTH

WORLD RAT DAY (APRIL 4th)

Gnome and Rat (Stohler)
**The Rat Queen* (Hautman)
**Oh, Rats!* (Seidler)
**Ms. Frisby and the Rats of*
**Gregor the Overlander*

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

Muddy: The Story of a Dog
Waters (Mahir)
The Watcher: Jane Goodall's Story
Chimps (Winters)
Hans Christian Andersen
Life (Janisch)
**Untamed: The Wild Horses of*
(Silvey)
**What Color Is My World?*
**The Mouse and the Moon*

EASTER (DATE VARIES)

Elijah's Easter Suit (Jackson)
Leprechaun vs. Easter Bunny (Tarpley)
Is This... Easter? (Yoon)

APRIL SHOWERS

The Umbrella (Ferry)
Hello, Puddle! (Sanchez)
Mushroom Rain (Zimmermann)

Give to
teachers
and parents!

Includes 53 elementary books for the holidays and celebrations mentioned in the April Digital Bulletin Board. All titles received positive professional reviews on Titlewave, and many have starred reviews. Titles are editable, so you can change them to suit your library.

TAKE-HOME EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

LET'S TALK ABOUT...APRIL!

Today in the library, we talked about April things!
Here are some ways to celebrate April at home...



April Quiz

1. What is the April birthstone?
2. What sport is sometimes called "America's Pastime?"
3. From a poem by Edward Lear: The Owl and the Pussy-Cat went to sea in a beautiful boat. What color was the boat?
4. What is another name for English muffins?
5. Finish this phrase: "April showers bring May _____"



(answers on other side)

April Picture Books

- *Hello, Earth!: Poems to Our Planet* (Sidman)
- *The Watcher: Jane Goodall's Life with the Chimps* (Winter)
- *A New Green Day* (Portis)
- *Contenders* (Sorell)
- *Go Forth and Tell: The Life of Augusta Baker, Librarian and Master Storyteller* (McDaniel)

Sign Language "Spring"

1. Make a letter "c" sign with one hand. Make the C lying down on its side. This will look like a flower pot.
2. Form an "O" with the other hand. Put the O hand under the C hand.
3. Push your O fingers through the flower pot, like a flower blooming



April Vocabulary

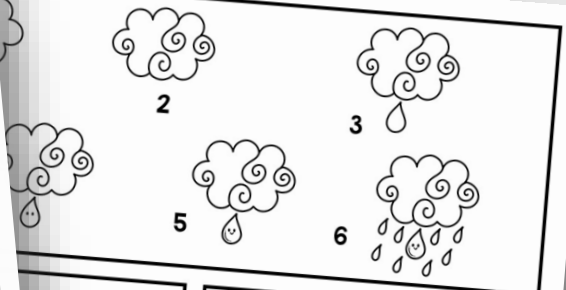
- daisy
- sweet pea
- pastel
- Nowruz
- Blues
- Bavarian pretzel
- empanada
- anthropology
- pseudonym
- crumpets

Easy English Muffin Pizzas

National English Muffin Day is April 23rd!
Celebrate by making these easy English muffin pizzas!

You will need:

- English muffins, cut in half horizontally
 - Jar of pizza sauce or spaghetti sauce
 - Shredded mozzarella cheese
 - Pepperoni
1. Toast the English muffins in a toaster oven.
 2. Spread a large spoonful of pizza sauce over each toasted muffin.
 3. Sprinkle some mozzarella cheese on top.



Draw an
cloud!

April Celebrations

- National Poetry Month
- National Library Month
- April Fools' Day (1st)
- Peanut Butter and Jelly Day (2nd)
- World Rat Day (4th)
- National Empanada Day (8th)
- Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day (12th)
- National Go Fly a Kite Day (21st)
- Earth Day (22nd)
- National English Muffin Day (23rd)
- National Pretzel Day (26th)
- Morse Code Day (27th)
- National Tie-Dye Day (30th)
- Baseball Opening Day (date varies)
- Easter (date varies)
- Eid Al-Fitr (date varies)
- Stoop Food Waste Day (date varies)



April Quiz Answers

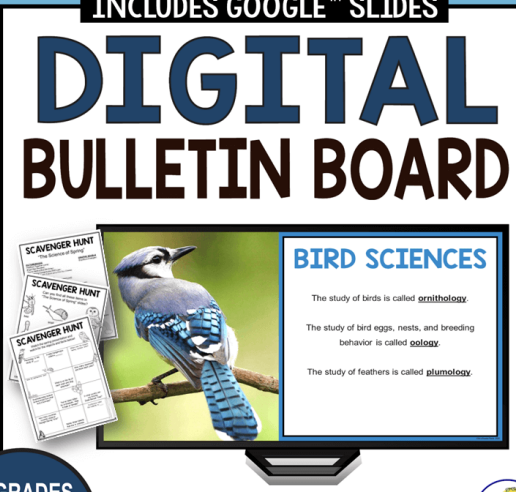
1. diamond
2. baseball

Students love to show off what they've learned! This is a take-home extension activity for the April Digital Bulletin Board.

MORE LIBRARY LESSONS

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BIRD SCIENCES


The study of birds is called ornithology.

The study of bird eggs, nests, and breeding behavior is called galology.

The study of feathers is called plumology.

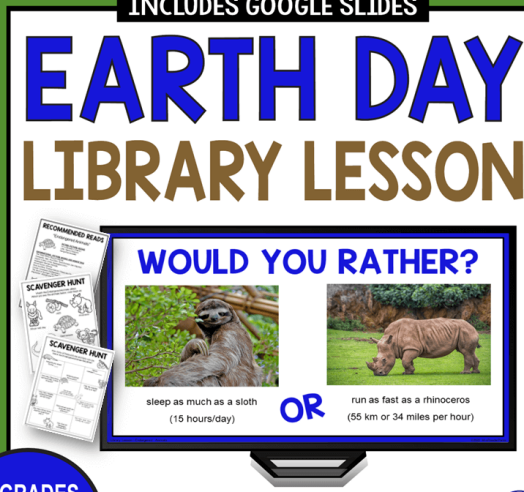
GRADES 3-6

"The Science of Spring"



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EARTH DAY LIBRARY LESSON




WOULD YOU RATHER?

sleep as much as a sloth (15 hours/day) **OR** run as fast as a rhinoceros (55 km or 34 miles per hour)

GRADES 3-6

"Earth Day / Endangered Animals"



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HAIKU WRITING TEMPLATES



WRITE YOUR OWN HAIKU

Teacher Directions: Use the shape below to write your own haiku!

Top 4 lines second third line

*Jellyfish
Slurpy-jellyfish
Blue and green and pink and white
Swim a wavy beam*

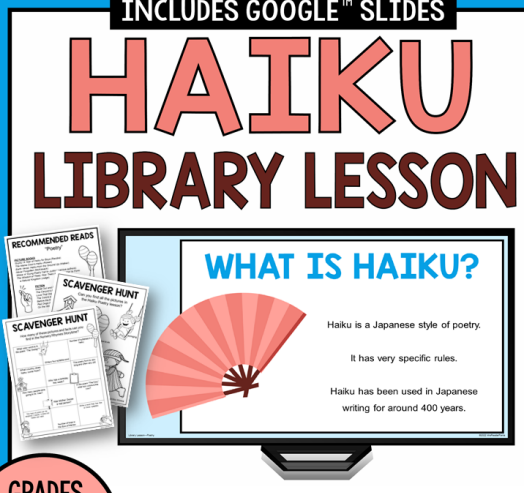
GRADES 3-6

April is National Poetry Month!



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HAIKU LIBRARY LESSON



WHAT IS HAIKU?

Haiku is a Japanese style of poetry.

It has very specific rules.

Haiku has been used in Japanese writing for around 400 years.

GRADES 3-6

Teach your students to write a haiku!

