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Introduction

Teacher Tips and Inspirations has been designed do to just what the title implies. It provides tips for both experienced and beginning teachers to make your day in the classroom easier and pleasurable. The organization section includes the basics from setting up a classroom to storage issues to organizing parent communication. The section titled Help Is On the Way has ideas for establishing a discipline plan, parent involvement, and ideas for teaching and reviewing curriculum content. The section titled Express Yourself provides creative bulletin board ideas that are simple yet effective. Also included in this section are clip art patterns and stationery. The final section, Wit and Wisdom, includes monthly calendars with quotations useful for inspiration, as well as instruction and discussion. Within the contents of *Teacher Tips and Inspirations*, the classroom teacher will find hints helpful to make any classroom run more smoothly and effectively.



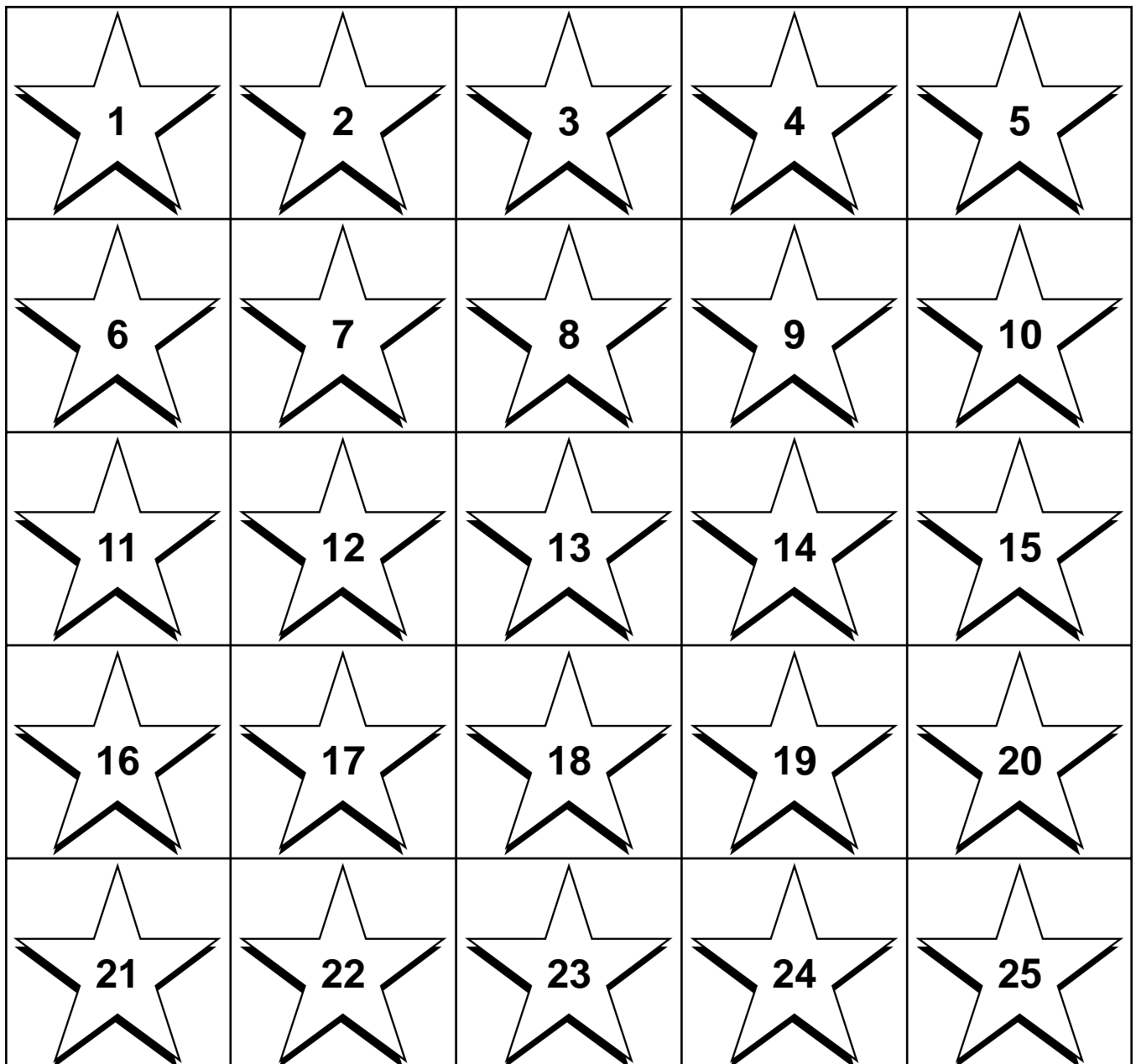
Learning Centers *(cont.)*

Star Quiz

In this game start with the numbers 1 through 25 are taped on the wall or chalkboard. Each numbered star corresponds to a question. Questions may be chosen from a question bank or from material you are studying in class. Teams take turns choosing a number and answering the assigned question. If a team answers correctly, they are awarded the star. If they are incorrect the other team has a chance to steal. If neither team answers correctly, the answer is given. Play continues until all the question have been read. The team with the most stars is the winner.

Optional: Have the question increase in difficulty and assign points based on the star number. For example, question 25 would be the most difficult and would be worth 25 points. At the end of the game, teams total their points.

Copy the stars below. Cut them apart and use tape to affix them to a wall or chalkboard.





On This Day . . . (cont.)

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- 1** Canadian cat Gros Minou fell out of a twenty-story apartment building in 1973. It survived!
- 2** In 1519 Italian inventor and painter Leonardo da Vinci died. He was also a gifted sculptor, architect, scientist, and engineer.
- 3** The first observance of "Sun Day," a solar energy celebration was in 1718. The day brings awareness and advancement to alternative energy development.
- 4** In 1780 the 6-4 favorite horse Diomed won the very first Derby race in the U.K. The horse race was called the Derby after its sponsor, Lord Derby.
- 5** Nellie Bly, a famous journalist for the *New York World*, was born in 1867. Her real name was Elizabeth Cochrane Seaman although she was nicknamed "Pink" after her christening gown.
- 6** In 1937 the German dirigible Hindenburg was hit by lightning and exploded. The disaster, in which 35 people were killed, was captured "live" on a radio broadcast and film.
- 7** The Pearl of Lao-tze was found at Palawan in the Philippines in 1934. At 9.58 in. x 55 in. (240 mm x 140 mm) the pearl is the largest ever found. It has been valued at over \$32 million!
- 8** In 1902 the volcano Mount Pelée exploded on Martinique in the West Indies. Nearly every one of the 30,000 inhabitants of the town of Saint-Pierre were killed in the explosion.
- 9** Anti-slaver campaigner John Brown was born in Torrington, Connecticut in 1800. In an effort to free slaves by force, he captured Harper's Ferry, a small town in West Virginia.
- 10** A giant squid reportedly attached itself to a 150-ton ship and dragged it to the ocean's depths in 1874.
- 11** In 1811 the Siamese twins Chang and Eng were born. They were born connected by a small band of flesh in the chest. They toured the world for 30 years.
- 12** Florence Nightingale was born in 1820. Because of her work amongst the casualties of the Crimean War, she was named "The Lady of the Lamp."
- 13** Tunnel workman George Monroe found "daylight" in 1886. He was working on a subway beneath the Thames when an explosion sucked him into the wall of the tunnel.
- 14** Schwappe and Company (the original makers of Schweppes) was formed in 1783. The bubbles were put into Schweppes to make it taste like spa water.
- 15** In 1940 the first nylon stockings went on sale in the United States. Competing producers bought their yarn from E. I. DuPont, whose nylon production would go almost entirely into parachutes the following year.
- 16** Japanese mountaineer, Junko Tabei climbed Mount Everest via the South-East Ridge in 1975. She was the first woman to reach the peak and was one of a group of 15 woman mountain climbers chosen to make the climb by a Japanese TV company.

