

June, 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Second Grade! I have heard how incredibly hard your child has worked this past school year! I know that you want them to keep that knowledge so that when the fall rolls around, they are ready for Second Grade. Did you know that children lose an average of 2 months of learning if they do not read and practice skills during the summer months?! Scary, right? I don't want that to happen, which is why I am sending home a pack of summer learning activities to be completed throughout the summer months. Reading daily and practicing both addition and subtraction math facts will help your child retain what he or she has learned in First Grade.

I ask that you please have your child bring in their book reports and math packets on the first day of school. This does not need to be emailed or scanned to me. It is so important that this is done throughout the summer and not in the last few weeks. Reading daily is a key part of this and there are so many ways that children can read every day! He or she can read on their own; listen and follow along as an adult reads to him or her; partner read with a sibling or friend; read to an adult, older sibling, or pet; or even listen to a recording while reading along.

Here are the following summer activities that must be completed:

1. Complete the Addition and Subtraction Smart Cookie Fluency Packets.

These fast facts are a huge part of second grade. Knowing them by

heart will only help your child be more successful in math! I recommend doing one page at a time, highlighting the facts that did not come instantly to them, and making them into flashcards. (Flashcards are not mandatory but I highly recommend!) If you are looking for an educational math facts app to coincide with fact fluency, here is a great one linked below (also not mandatory).

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- 2. Every student should read "Clark the Shark" by: Bruce Hale. (ISBN #: 9780062192264). After reading this story, your child is asked to complete the comprehension worksheet listed below. This book should be purchased and sent to school the first day with the family name written inside! We will continue to work on the story during the first weeks of school.
- 3. Your child should also pick <u>one</u> book of his or her choice and complete beginning, middle, and end worksheet about this book.

If you have any questions please feel free to email me. I hope you have a wonderful summer and I am looking forward to an exciting 2023-2024 school year!

In Love and Peace,
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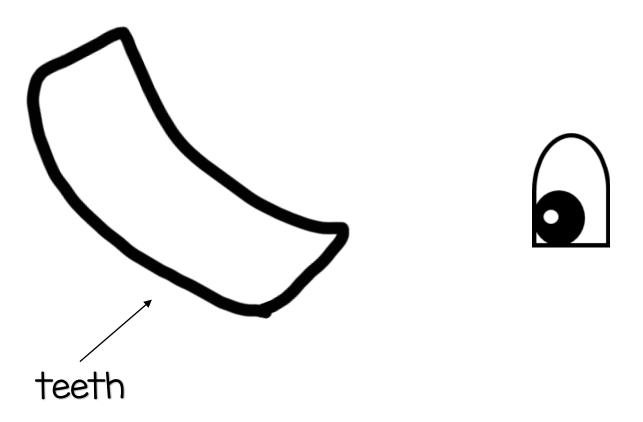
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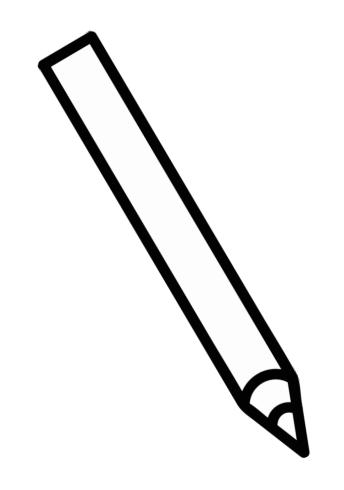
After reading, students will draw a picture of Clark the Shark in the box labeled #MeetClarktheShark. Next, they will describe the setting in words and draw a picture. They will also write Clark's problem he has and the solution. After completed, students can color and construct their paper shark and paste it at the top of their paper. An example is listed below:

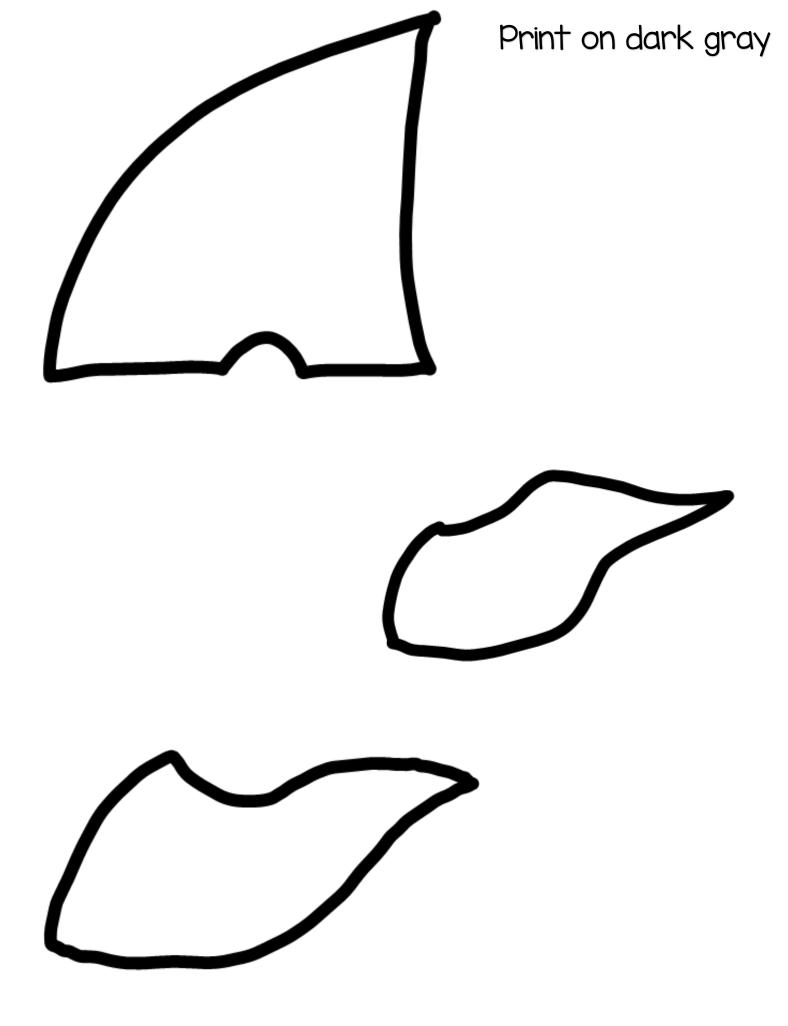


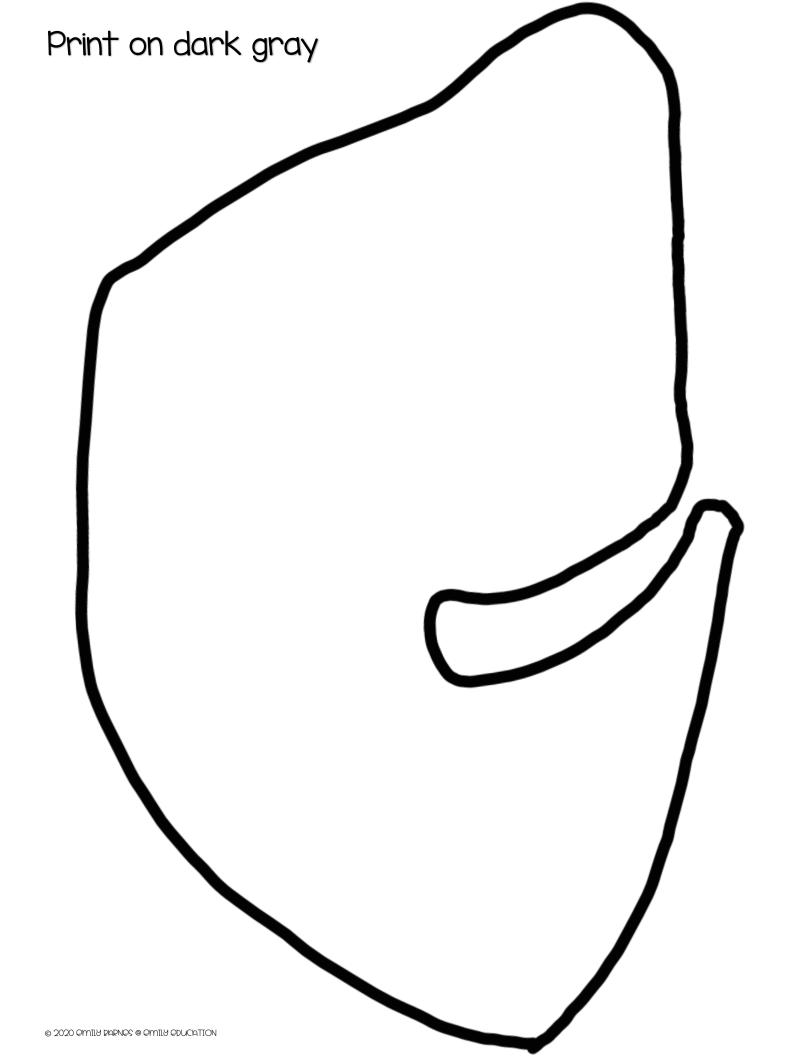


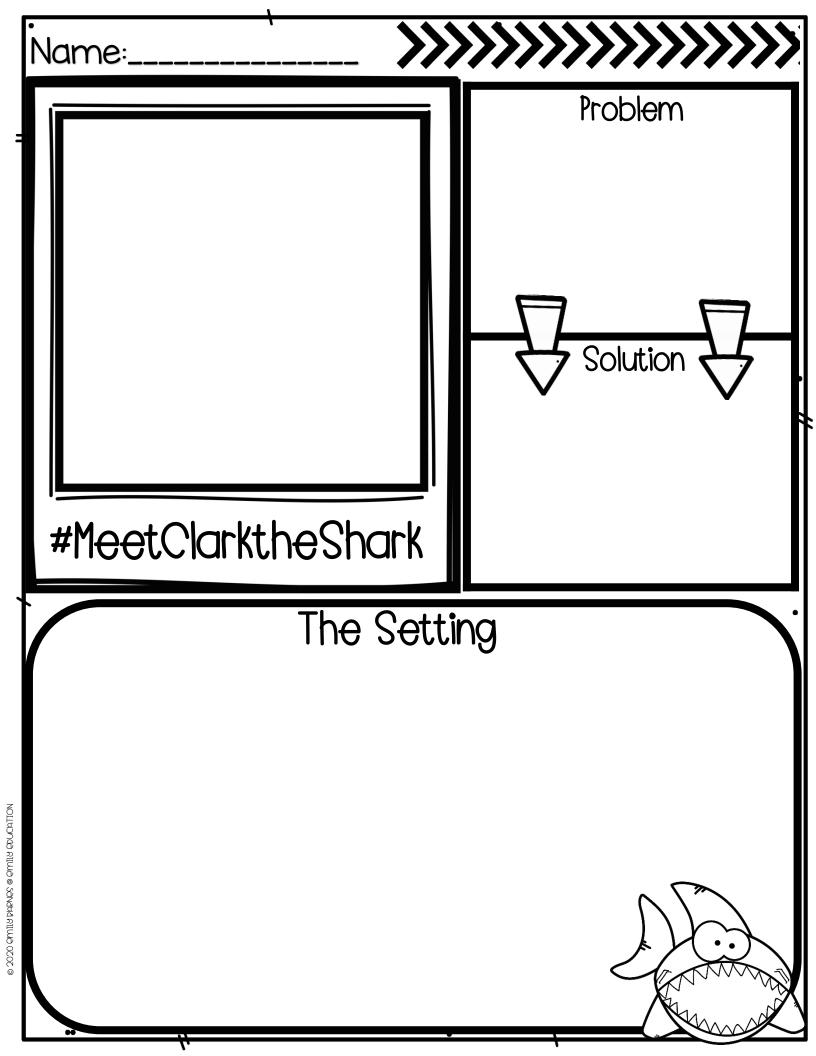
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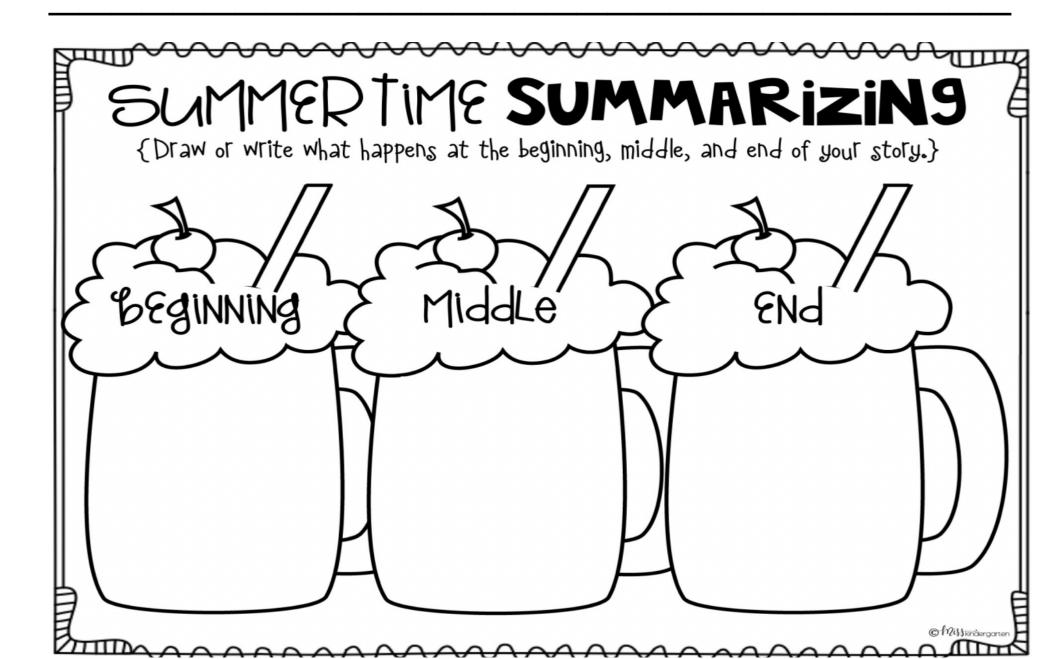








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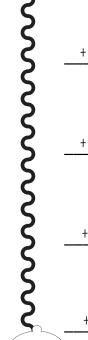
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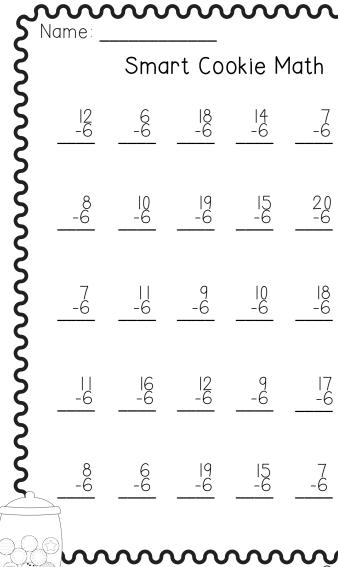
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