Teacher Appreciation Week

VOOKS Storybooks brought to life

May 3rd-7th

The National Education Association (NEA) describes National Teacher Day as "a day of honoring teachers and recognizing the lasting contributions they make to our lives." Vooks appreciates the time and energy that teachers dedicate to educating and shaping our children. Teachers affect lives daily with their kindness, compassion, patience, and knowledge. Vooks would like to show our appreciation by providing you with this special resource to help you during Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank you for all you do!



Vooks Titles

The week long lesson plan on the following pages refer to these Vooks titles available at *vooks.com*—

- Slumberkins: Honey Bear
- The Day Punctuation Came to Town
- The Little i Who Lost His Dot
- Our Class is a Family

Additional Activity Ideas

Teacher Appreciation Card or Poster

Create a Teacher Appreciation card or a poster to give to your teacher.

Writing/Drawing

Write a story about all of the nice things your teacher does. Draw a picture to illustrate your story.

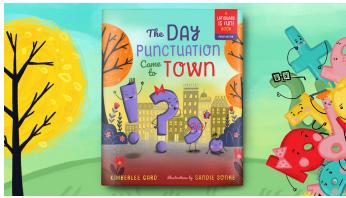
Verbs

Write as many verbs as you can think of that tell what your teacher does.

Adjectives

Write as many adjectives as you can that describe your teacher.

Lesson plan activities can be found in the following pages of this document.









Schedule





Day 1—Slumberkins: Honey Bear

Lesson Focus: Gratitude

Ages: 2–8/ 410L–600L

Honey Bear is here to help little ones appreciate the world around them. The sweet storyline and positive affirmations help children learn and practice gratitude, mindfulness and connecting with others. Follow along as Honey Bear practices recognizing the gifts that are all around.



Day 2—The Day Punctuation Came to Town

Lesson Focus: Punctuation

Ages: 5–8/500L

A new family has moved to Alphabet City—the Punctuations! On their first day at a new school the letters in school begin forming words, the Punctuations join in the fun. Exclamation Point adds excitement! Question Mark helps ask questions. Period brings a nice stop to things. But, Comma isn't sure how he fits in. Do the words even need comma at all?



Day 3—The Little i Who Lost his Dot

Lesson Focus: Letters and sounds

Ages:4-9/400L

When Little i gets to school his alphabet friends notice that he is missing his dot. The alphabet friends are genuinely trying to find things around them to replace his dot. The story introduces the reader to the letters of the alphabet as they take turns proudly showing Little i their replacements for his lost dot.



Day 4—Our Class is a Family

Lesson Focus: Sense of belonging **Ages:** 6–12/410L–600L

Family is a special thing, and family isn't always just your relatives. This heartwarming story helps little ones understand the special bond between their classroom family—their classroom is a place where it's safe to be themselves. No matter where a 'classroom' might be, it's important that students understand the message that their class is a family.

Day 5—Celebration!

Finish the activities and share them with your class!





Slumberkins: Honey Bear

Honey Bear is here to help little ones appreciate the world around them. The sweet storyline and positive affirmations help children learn and practice gratitude, mindfulness, and connecting with others. After children watch the story, ask the following questions:

What is Slumberkins: Honey Bear about?
What are some things Honey Bear is grateful for?
How does Honey Bear feel when he is grateful?
What are some things you are grateful for?
What are some ways you can express gratitude?



Gratitude dice

Share a story about someone who takes care of you.

Share your favorite thing about school. **Share something** you have been taught.

Share something that makes you feel loved.

Share something you admire about someone else.

How to play &...



- 1. Cut the pattern out, fold on the solid lines and add glue to the angled tabs. Fold into a cube and let it dry.
- 2. Roll the dice.
- 3. Share your answer to the prompt that is face up.

Share a story about someone who makes you feel special.







The Day Punctuation Came to Town

A new family has moved to Alphabet City—the Punctuations! It's the first day at a new school for Exclamation Point, Question Mark, Period, and Comma. As the letters in school begin forming words, the Punctuations join in the fun. But, Comma isn't sure how he fits in. What would happen if he wasn't around?

After children watch the story, ask the following questions:

What is The Day Punctuation Came to Town about?
The Punctuations move to a new school. Have you ever moved somewhere new—even to a new class? How did you feel?
The Punctuations knew they were different from letters. Have you ever felt different? Why?
The Punctuations all have jobs. What are some of the jobs you have at home? What are some jobs you have in the classroom? What happens if you don't do your job?
How does comma feel at the end of the story? What changed?



≠ Fill in the Commas

Day 2

Commas help put a pause and slow words down in sentences. Without commas, some sentences can be very silly. Add commas to fix the silly sentences below.

Hint: Some sentences need more than one comma.



Example without comma:

I need to study Grandpa.

Example with comma:

I need to study, Grandpa.

Without a comma, the sentence is pretty silly. It reads that you need to study Grandpa. With a comma, we understand that you are telling Grandpa that you need to study.

Your turn:

Let's eat mom. I like baking my toys and recess. Sara kept walking her head a little 3 higher than usual. The teacher said the child is sad. 4 **Commas are important students!** 5





Day 3

The Little i Who Lost His Dot

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After children watch the story, ask the following questions:

What is The Little i Who Lost His Dot about?	
Have you ever arrived somewhere and found that you have forgotten something? What did you do?	
Have you ever lost something? What did you do?	
What letter does your first name start with? What letter does your last name start with?	
How does Little i change in the story?	

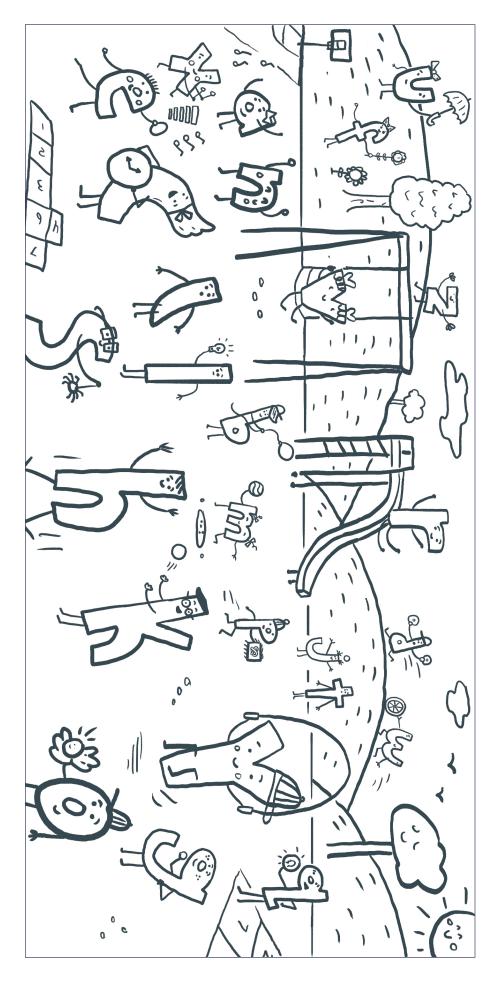


NAME

M Coloring Sheet

Can you find all of the lowercase letters in the coloring sheet? Find each letter and color them the correct color from the lowercase letter chart.

Hint: Little i is missing his dot.



	Letter Chart		
0	σ	Ω	
yellow	orange	red	
→	ወ	٥	
purple	blue	green	
	Ъ	9	
brown	black	pink	
_	~		
yellow	orange	red	
0	ם	3	
purple	blue	green	
7	Q	ъ	
brown	black	pink	
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yellow	orange	red	
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purple	w blue	green	
	N	~	

black

pink





Our Class is a Family

Family is a special thing, and family isn't always just your relatives. Family can be those you love and who love you, the people who would do anything for you and love you no matter what. This heartwarming story helps little ones understand the special bond between their classroom family—and that their classroom is a place where it's safe to be themselves, it's ok to make mistakes, and it's important to be a friend to others. Now more than ever, no matter where that 'classroom' might be, it's important that students understand the message that their class is a family.

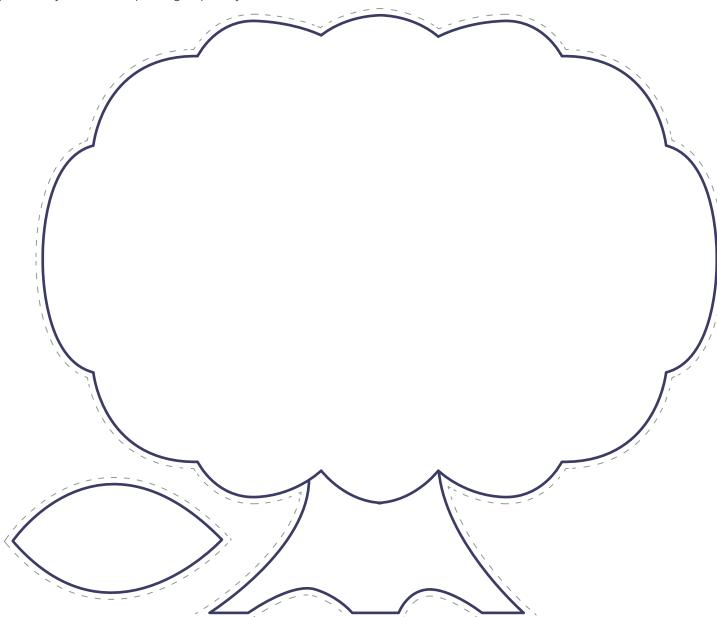
After children watch the story, ask the following questions:

What is <i>Our Class is a Family</i> about?
What does your family look like?
How many people are in your family? How many people are in your class?
What do you think makes a family?
Who is on your team?



© Classroom/Family Tree

"Family doesn't have to be who you are related to. It can be another special group who love and care for you." Create a family tree using members of your family or another special group like your classmates.



Materials

- Colored Construction Paper
- Coloring Utensils
- Scissors
- Glue

Instructions

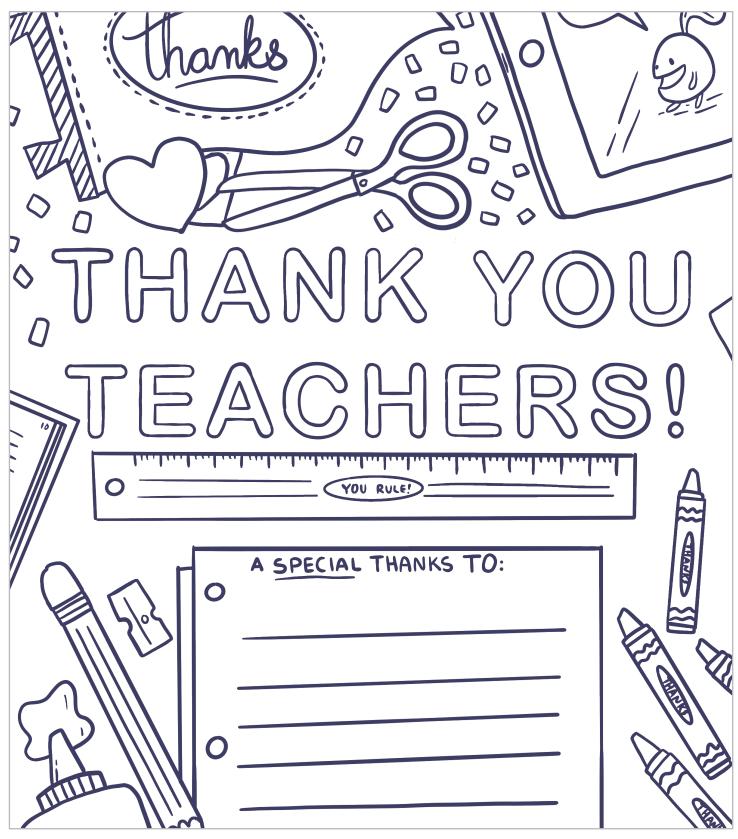
- Cut out the tree template and trace it onto brown construction paper, or on white paper and color the tree brown.
- Cut out the leaf template and use it to trace leaves onto your colored construction paper.
- 3. Write names on the traced leaves that represent your family members (one person per leaf).
- Cut out the traced family member leaves and glue them onto your tree.



Celebration!

View your favorite title from the week and just enjoy! Then, color the coloring sheet, write down your teachers name in the Special Thanks section, and write down why you are thankful for your teacher.

Day 5



Word Search



Find the words from the word bank in the word search below.

The word can be positioned in all directions, written from left to right, from right to left, horizontally, vertically, and diagonally, but is always on one straight line.

WORD BANK

- ☐ TEACHER
- ☐ SCHOOL
- □ APPRECIATION
- □ LEARNING
- ☐ CLASSROOM
- ☐ STUDENTS
- ☐ READING
- ☐ MATHEMATICS
- □ DESK
- ☐ WORKSHEET
- ELEMENTARY
- ✓ SPELLING
- ☐ FRIENDSHIP
- □ SCIENCE
- ☐ RECESS
- ☐ WHITEBOARD
- ☐ VIRTUAL
- ☐ PRESENTATION
- ☐ GRADE
- ☐ PRINCIPAL
- □ BACKPACK
- ☐ PENCIL
- ☐ RULER
- □ VOOKS
- ☐ STORYTIME

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⊖ I Love My Teacher Because... Poem

Day 5

Write a poem about your teacher using the letters in TEACHER to start each line. For example, for T you might write "Teaches me something new everyday."

