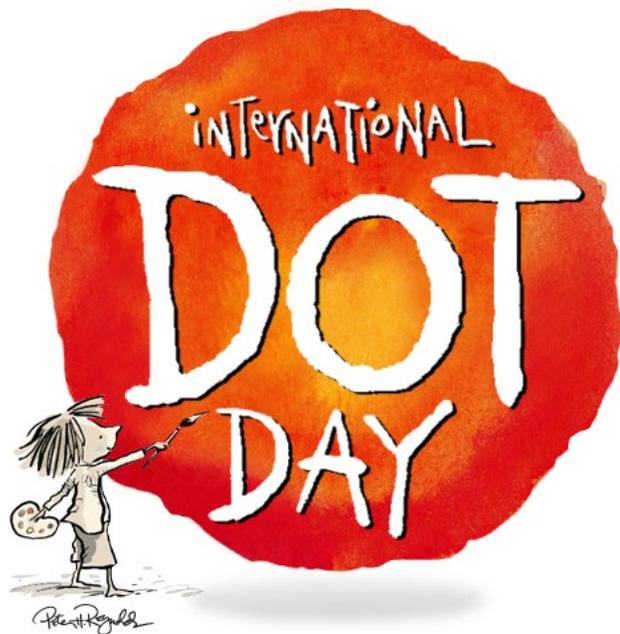


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What is International Dot Day?

International Dot Day is an unofficial day of celebration that takes place on or around September 15th. It's an exciting day because it's all about encouraging kids to discover how they can make a difference. To find out why it's called Dot Day, read the book that inspired this special day. [The Dot](#), by Peter Reynolds, is the story of what happened to Vashti, a student who became upset in art class because she didn't think she could draw. When her teacher challenged her to "Just make a mark and see where it takes you," something amazing happened!

Discussion Cards for The Dot

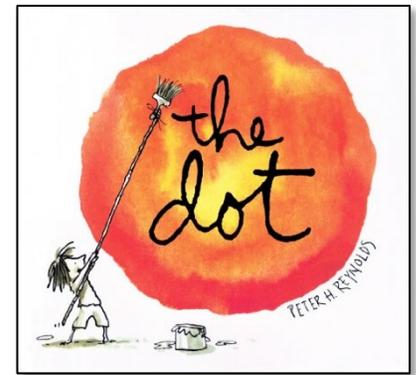
If you want to celebrate International Dot Day with your students, the best place to get started is by reading [The Dot](#) to them. The story is short, but there's so much to discuss! To get started with those discussions, use the printable or digital discussion cards included in this resource. These discussion cards work well as prompts for class discussions, although it might be helpful to give students a chance to discuss them with a team or a partner before sharing their responses with the whole class. You can also use the cards as journal writing prompts after you've discussed them as a class.

Virtual Activities Using Google Slides

There are two Google Slides activities you can use when teaching remotely. The [Virtual Group Chat](#) consists of 8 slides, each having one discussion card surrounded by text boxes where students can respond. The [Dot Day Virtual Journal](#) consists of one slide with all 8 discussion cards placed next to it. Students choose 3 of the cards, drag them into the boxes, and answer the questions in the spaces next to the cards. This independent activity would work well after you've read the book aloud and discussed the questions as a class.

Where to Learn More about International Dot Day

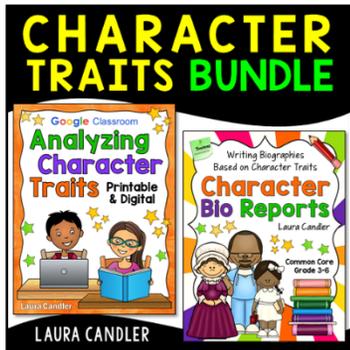
Read [Make Your Mark on International Dot Day](#) to learn more about International Dot Day and to find links to additional activities and where to purchase the book. Happy Dot Day!



This block contains several digital resources for 'The Dot'. At the top, there are two discussion cards: Card 1 asks 'Have you ever felt the way Vashti did at the beginning of the story?' and Card 2 asks 'Describe the sequence of events that helped Vashti discover her unique talents.' Below these are more cards, including Card 5 'What do you think is the most important message or theme of this story?' and Card 6 'What's something a kid could do that might make a big difference in your life?'. A 'Virtual Group Chat #1' template is shown with six colored boxes for responses. At the bottom is the 'Dot Day Virtual Journal' template, which includes a name field and three boxes for students to drag in discussion cards and provide answers. The cards shown in the journal are Card 1, Card 4 'Why do you think the author ended the story with Vashti asking the boy to sign his wiggly line?', and Card 5.

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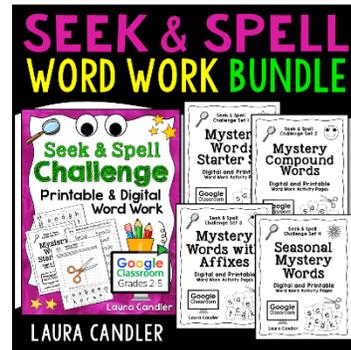
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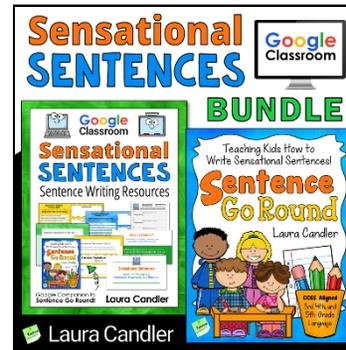
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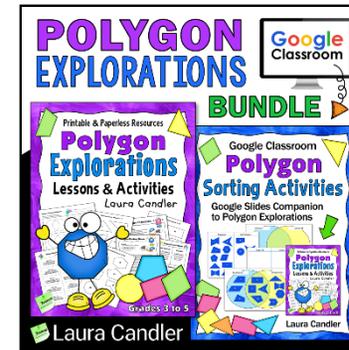
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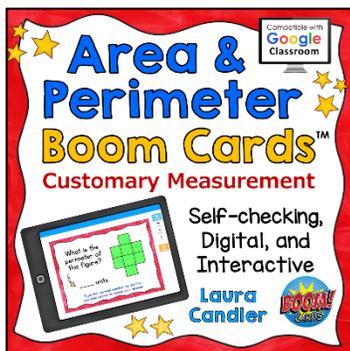
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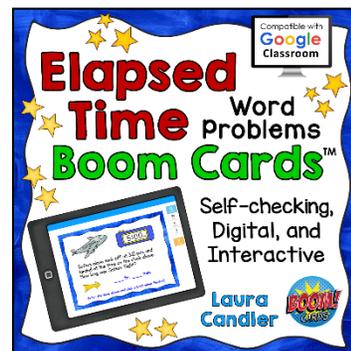
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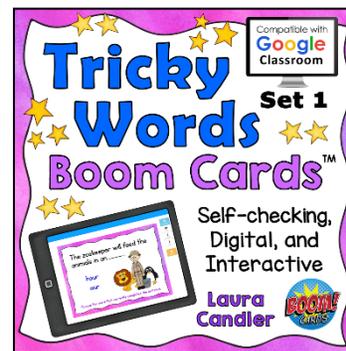
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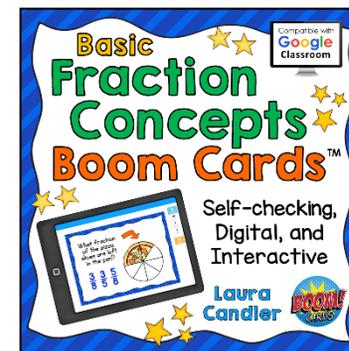
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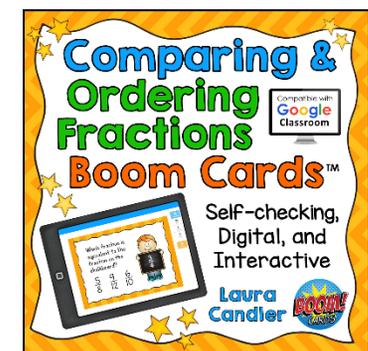
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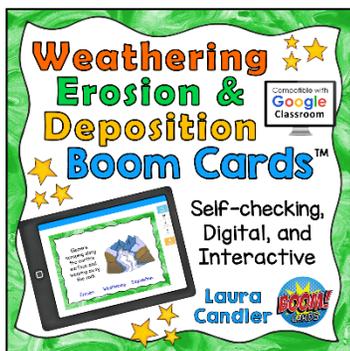
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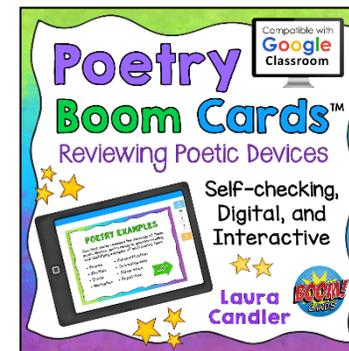
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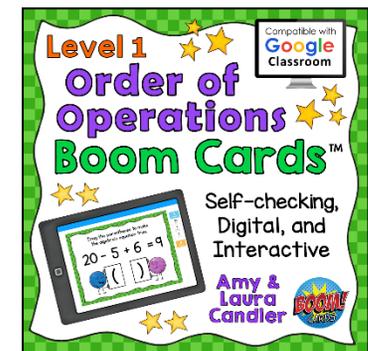
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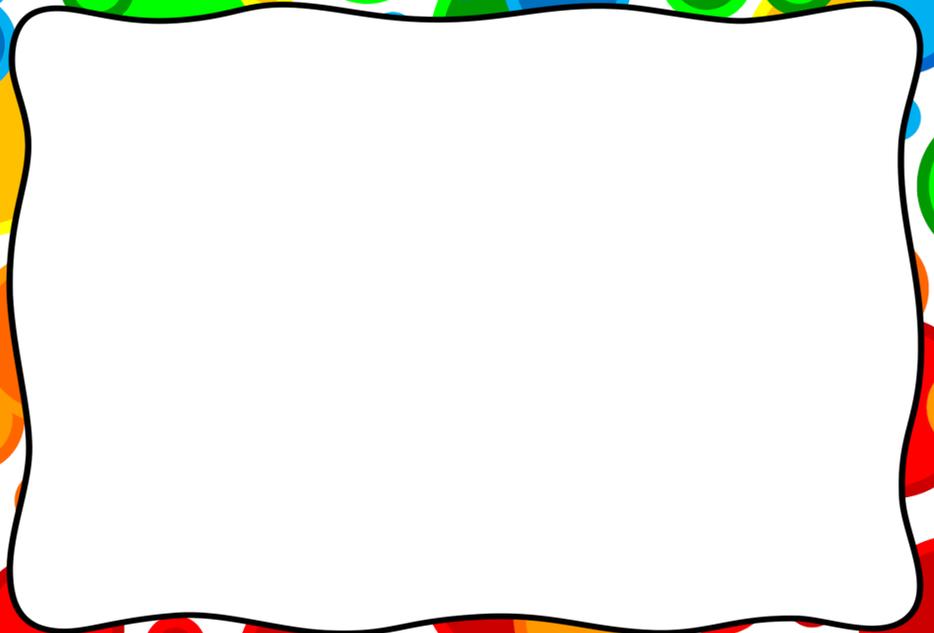
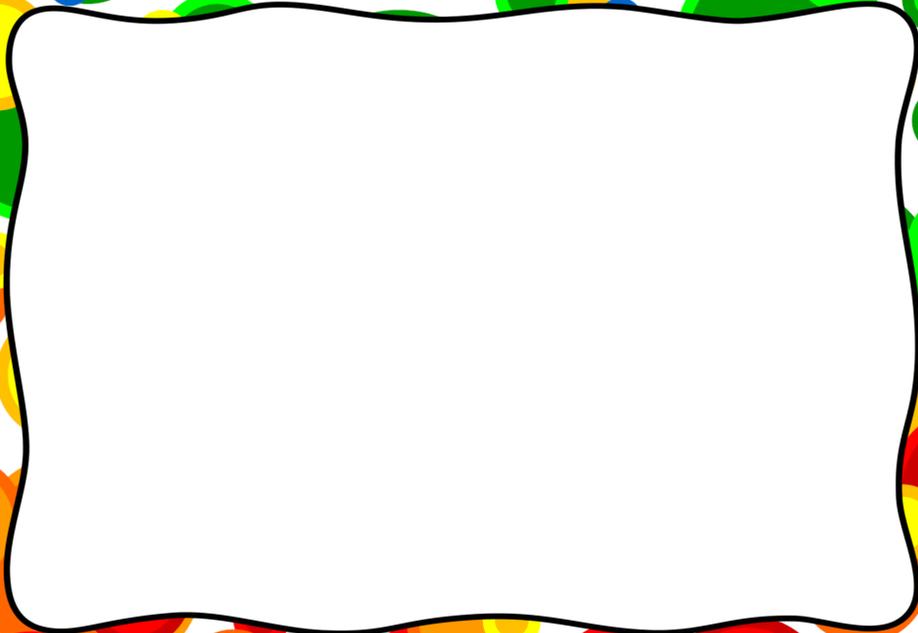
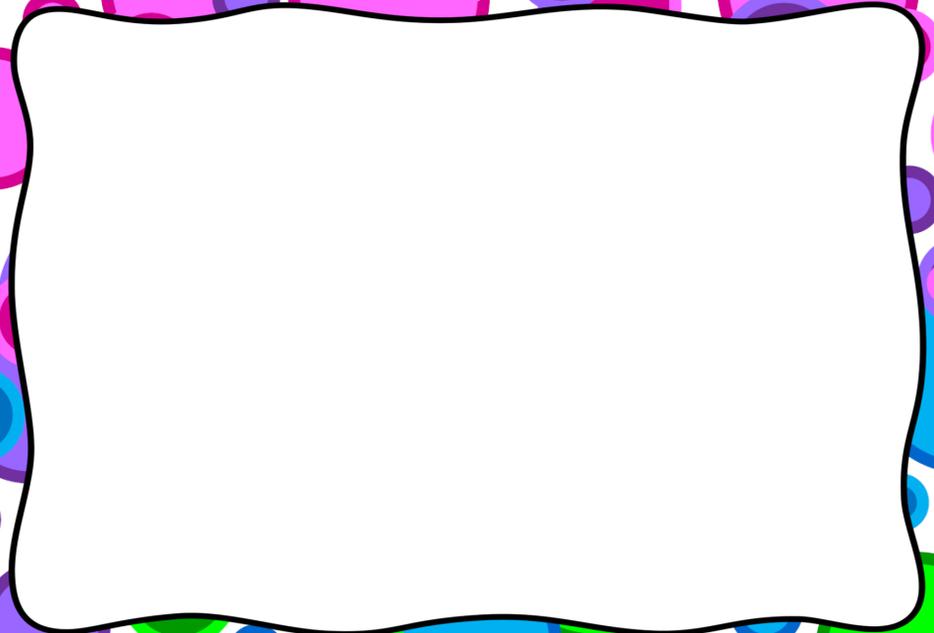
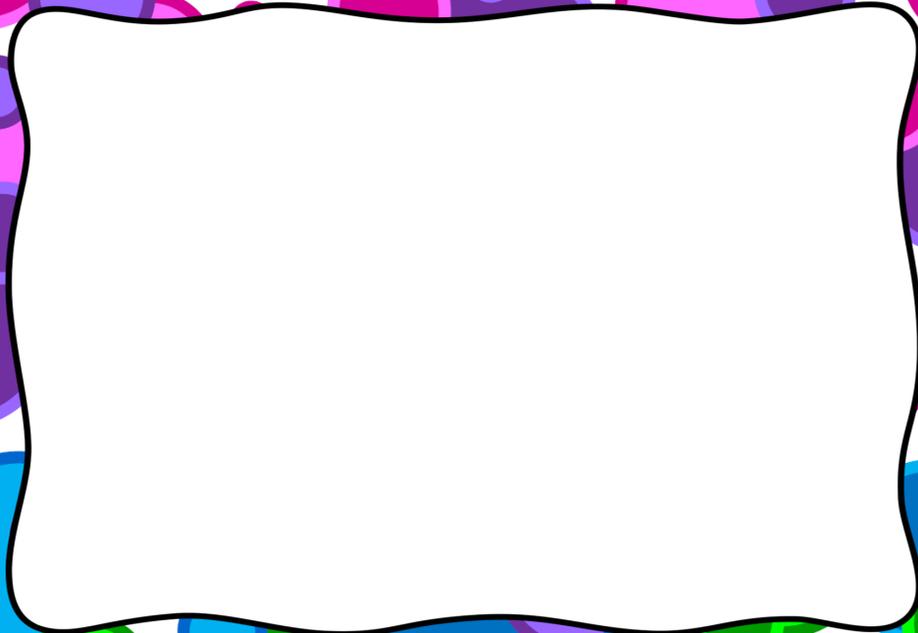
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