

THE

KISSING

HAND

Activity
Pack

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What You Get

- Quote interpretation writing response: Given 2 quotes from the book, write about what they mean to you and give examples of times you have related to that quote.
- Interactive Class graph: Our First Day Feelings; comes with large graph pieces for whole class display and a smaller student size
- The Kissing Hand parent gift/craft: Includes envelope template, Kissing Hand poem explaining the craft, and materials to make a kissing hand, kissing heart, or other kissing object
- The Kissing Hand student feelings response
- My Favorite Part writing response
- The Most Important Part writing response
- A Text-to-Self connection writing response
- Chester & Myself T-Chart: Compare & contrast feelings about school
- The Kissing Hand I Spy: Color in the animal grid each time a new animal is spotted in the book
- The Kissing Hand Discussion Questions: 12 Questions for before, during, and after reading the book
- The Kissing Hand writing craftivity: Create a raccoon holding a heart and write about a time somebody made you feel better
- The Kissing Hand vocabulary word cards for the word wall: Includes 15 words from the book
- Writing Activity: What does your teacher do at night?
- The Kissing Hand: Count & Tally: Locate all 16 animals in the book and make a tally each time one is spotted
- The Kissing Hand Data Collection page: Record the number of times each animal is spotted in the book, and answer follow-up data analysis questions
- Nocturnal or Diurnal? Animal Sort: Using all 16 animals seen in the book, sort each one into the Nocturnal or Diurnal group.
- Chester's First Night Of School: A writing extension for the book! Create a story about Chester's first night at school; also comes with story starters to jumpstart thinking!

"I don't want to go to school. I want to stay home with you."

Just like Chester, there are some times when we don't want to do something and would rather do something else. Make a list of these things!

I don't want to...

Instead...

I want to...



"Sometime we all have to do things we don't want to do."

What does this quote mean to you?

Name: _____

Name: _____

Book

Quote

Responses

Discussion

Questions



The Kissing Hand Discussion Questions



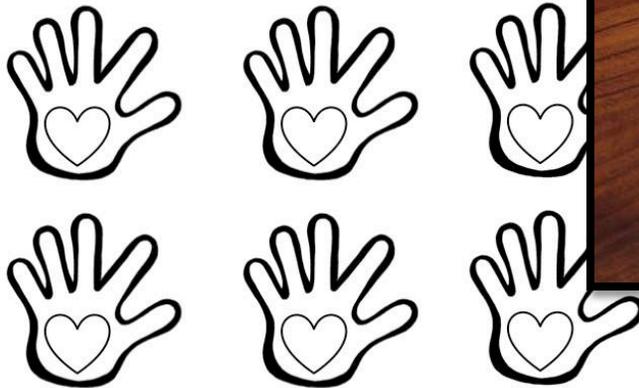
1. Chester lists things he'd rather do at home than go to school, however, the things he wants to stay home and do, he can also do at school! (swing, play with friends, read his books, etc.) Why do you think he'd rather do those things at home?
2. Why do new things seem strange and scary at first?
3. Why does Mrs. Raccoon tell Chester his NIGHTS at school will seem as cozy and warm as his days at home? Why do you think Chester will go to school at night?
4. Why does Mrs. Raccoon tell Chester when he opens his hand and washes his food he will feel the kiss? Why does Chester wash his food?
5. Chester feels comforted by his mom when he is worried and scared. What does it feel like to be comforted? When has somebody comforted you?
6. Chester's mom tells him a secret. What is a secret? Tell about a time somebody told you a secret.
7. A lot of times, things that scare us aren't so scary after all. Tell about something that used to scare you that doesn't now.
8. Have you ever been scared to try something new? What was it? Why did it scare you?
9. What was Chester's problem? What was his mother's solution?
10. Do you think raccoons really go to school? Why or why not?
11. How do you predict Chester's first night at school went?
12. If you were Chester, would you feel better with a kissing hand? Why or why not?

Parent "Kissing Hand" Gift

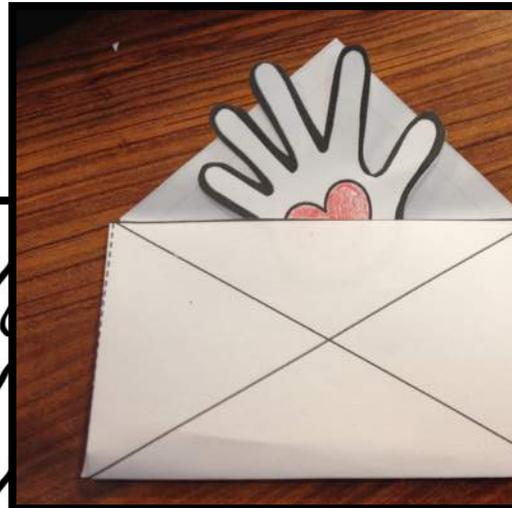


Today at school we read
The Kissing Hand, you see
About a mother who made her child
Feel as special as can be.
She took his hand and kissed it
So he would always know
The love she had for him
No matter where he'd go.
This made me think of you, of course
And how much I love you too
So I made this special _____
To show my love for you!
I kissed it once,
Carry it
So you always
Now, always

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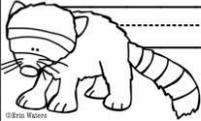
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Writing Responses

THE ♥ KISSING ♥ HAND

In *The Kissing Hand*, what connection did you make between the text and your own life?

The Book	My Life
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____



Name: _____



THE ♥ KISSING ♥ HAND

In *The Kissing Hand*, what do you think is the most important part that happened in the story? Why?



Name: _____

THE ♥ KISSING ♥ HAND

In *The Kissing Hand*, what was your favorite part? Why?



Name: _____

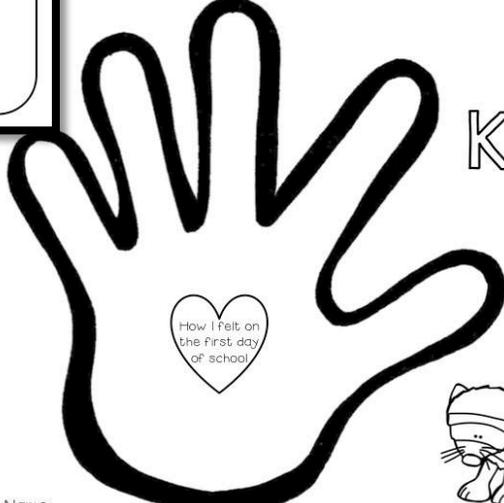
How I felt on the first day of school	How Chester felt on the first day of school
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____



Name: _____



The Kissing Hand



On the hand, write words to describe the way you felt on or before the first day of school.



Name: _____

The Kissing Hand | SPY

 mouse	 spider	 dragonfly	 bird
 skunk	 bee	 bunny	 fox
 owl	 frog	 ladybug	 possum
 skunk	 butterfly	 snail	 woodpecker

Each of these animals appears in the book, *The Kissing Hand*, once or more. Start at the first page of the book. Once you spy an animal, color it in. Try to find them all!

Book Animal

"I Spy"

Animal

Count &

Tally

The Kissing Hand: Data Collection

I saw the  ___ times I saw the  ___ times I saw the  ___ times
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The animal who appears the **most** is _____.
 The animal who appears the **least** is _____.
 How many times did  and  appear? _____.
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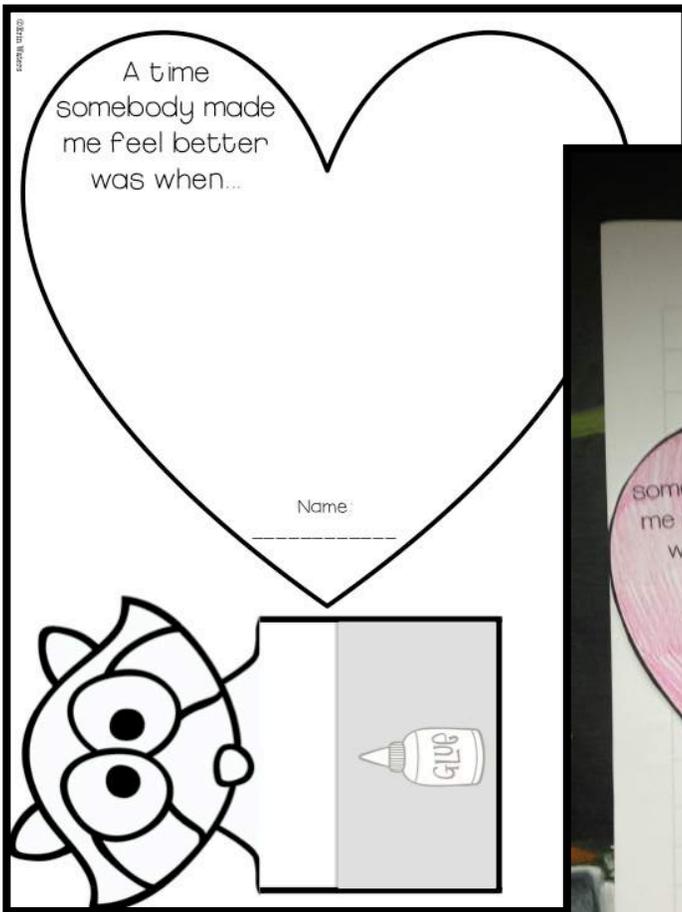
and: Count & Tally

Every time you see each animal appear in the book, record your final results.

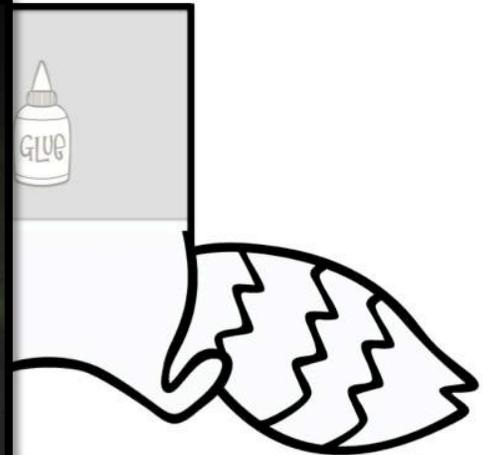
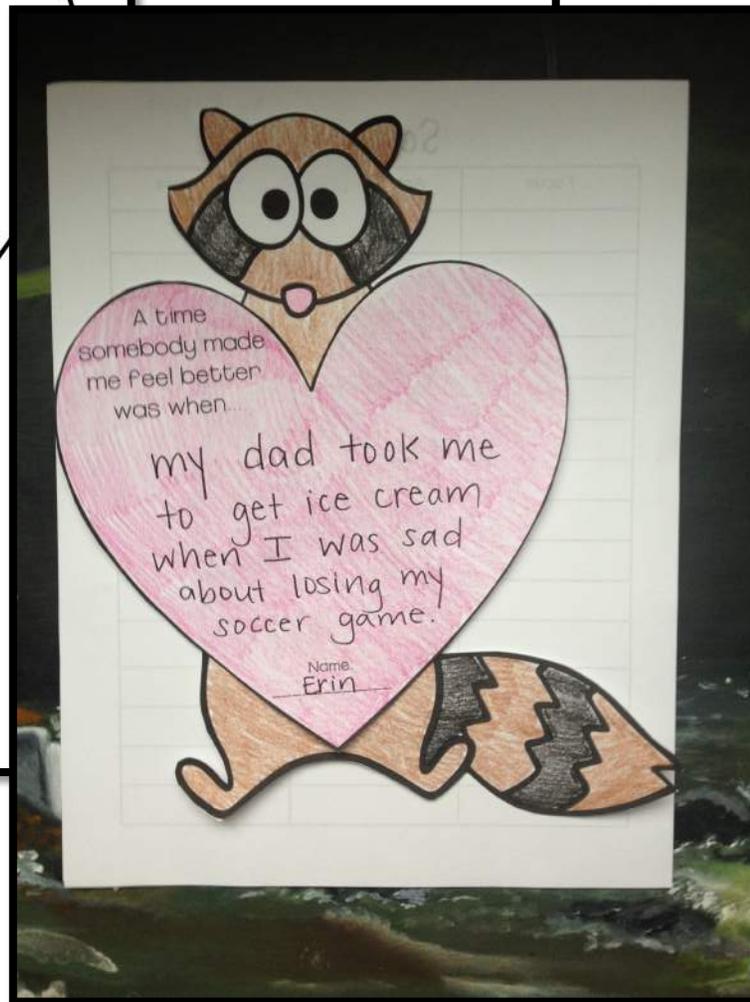
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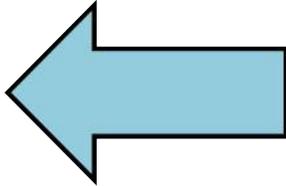
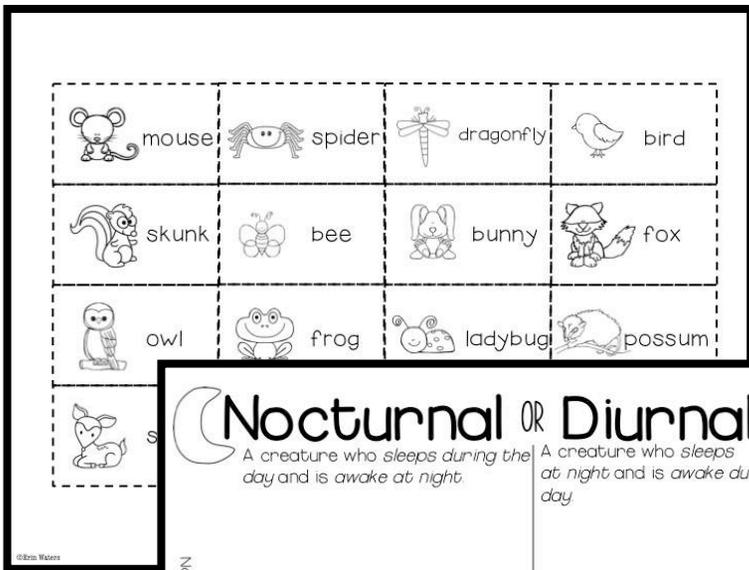
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Writing Craftivity



Color each piece. Respond to the heart prompt. Then, cut apart the top and bottom raccoon piece. Cut out the heart. Place glue where you see a glue bottle in the shaded area. Glue the heart on top of the raccoon head and tail parts.





Nocturnal Animals Sort

Nocturnal OR Diurnal

 A creature who sleeps during the day and is awake at night

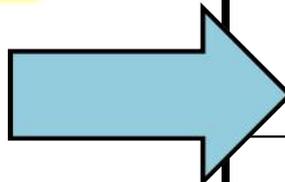
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Name _____

Sort the animals into the Nocturnal group or Diurnal group. Cut each animal out and glue it in the group where it belongs.

Word Wall

Words



nuzzled	interested
gently	spread
cozy	palm
rush	silky

What Does Your Teacher Do At Night?

In *The Kissing Hand*, the students and teacher go to school at night. Once her teacher leaves school at the end of the day, what do you think YOUR teacher does at night?

Name: _____



What Does Your Teacher Do At Night?

“Chester’s First Night of School”

student-made book

(with story starters)

Chester’s First Night of School

Story Starters:
Chester’s First Night of School

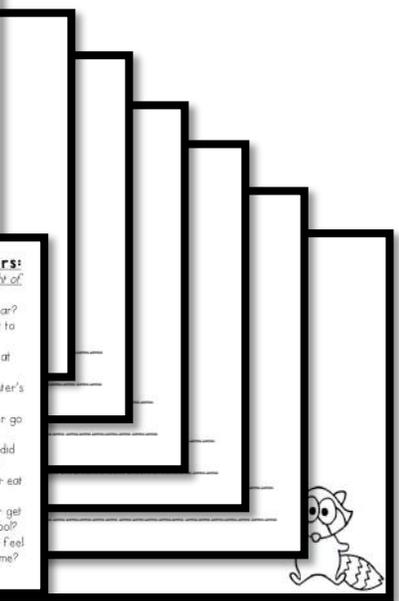
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