



Maggie's Weekly Lesson Pack!

Printable Classroom Material:

Remember – all of our material is available in Spanish, too! For those of you in bilingual classrooms, you can print out both English and Spanish versions of activities.



Weekly Activity Packets

We offer our Weekly Activity Packets on both the primary and intermediate levels. Because the topics of these activities are the same, some teachers may find it useful to use both levels in a classroom for the differing abilities children bring to us.

You can find the posting of these printable worksheets each Tuesday on the link that will be sent to you via e-mail. You are free to duplicate and distribute these activities as you deem appropriate.

We have purposefully designed these worksheets to be completed with little teacher direction so that you may use them as homework, seatwork, at centers, or for selected students who need extra work.

If you have suggestions or needs for a topic, please send them to us at Kathy@missmaggie.org. Don't forget to take a look at our extensive archive of packets. This is also on the link that is yours because you are a part of Maggie's Earth Adventures! So please, don't share the link but DO encourage your friends and colleagues to sign up on line so they, too, can participate in this free program.



Free Lesson Plans and Activity Sheets

If you are interested in lessons that encourage group problem solving, critical thinking skills, and use of multiple intelligences, then go to www.missmaggie.org and click on "FREE LESSON PLANS" in the yellow **Teachers' Lounge** bar on the right side. Here you will find many activities you can use in the classroom. We include language arts, math, science, and social studies offerings. Many of the activities are integrated so more than one subject area is presented. You will also find suggested books and poetry about each subject.

All of our activities can be printed out in classroom-ready form by scrolling to the bottom of the page and clicking on the PDF link. You do not have to present the cartoons and related interactive material to your students to assign this material to your students.

To help you become better acquainted with our **Teachers' Lounge** material, we have chosen a few activities for you. Follow the directions below to explore this section of the site. We hope this will give you a good idea of what is available to you and your students.

Click on the words, "Herd of Elephants, Part 2" in the top yellow box. You will find activities such as a detailed guide on how to conduct an Integrated Author study. There is an extensive annotated bibliography of easy to obtain folktale books, correlated multi-subject activities, and open-ended charts for easy classroom use. Scroll down to "Language Arts", and you will find printable folktales told directly to us by a member of the Zulu tribe in South Africa along with classroom activities using the multiple intelligences approach.

Go back to the main **Teachers' Lounge** page (either by clicking your "Back" button, or by clicking on the "Maggie's Earth Adventures" logo at the top of the page and again clicking on "Free Lesson Plans" in the **Teachers' Lounge**.) Then click on the second yellow box, "Herd of Elephants, Part 1" and scroll down to the bottom of the page. Under "Social Studies" you will find an article on how elephants are being used as ambassadors in the African country of Angola. Upper grade teachers may want to print out this article and distribute to groups of students. After reading it, your children can

choose one of the writing ideas or you may want to hold a classroom debate as suggested.

Primary teachers will find something just for them in this mission's lessons. They are sure to love the printable activity sheets to accompany the **Magic Tree House book**, *Lions at Lunchtime!* This can be found in the "Language Arts" section.

Again go back to the main **Teachers' Lounge** page and scroll down to the third yellow box. Click on the title, "You Must Be Choking." In the "Math" section click on "Problem Solving." You will find math problems designed to help students understand that math is used in making real life decisions. You may want to use these problems as part of math journals or integrate them into nonfiction writing assignments. They also lend themselves to cooperative learning groups and situations.

Finally, on the main **Teachers' Lounge** page, scroll down to the fourth yellow box, and click on the title, "A Great Catch." Scroll down to the "Science" section and click on "Water Temperature and Salinity Experiment." Here you will find directions for a hands-on experiment with a printable direction and observation sheet for your students. There is also a separate teacher's guide for the science lesson. What could be easier - a ready-made science lesson!



Postcard Section

Get to this section by clicking on the big red button on the homepage. When it opens up, click on the blue rectangle labeled "Postcards."

A picture may be worth a thousand words – but sometimes your students need pictures to help them generate those words! Our "Postcard" section currently offers many pictures of African animals and

artifacts. You or your students can select a set of pictures to view and print. Change the picture by moving the mouse over the camera.

When you have found a picture you like, choose a writing organizer to help your students gather their thoughts. You may choose from Story Clock, a visual that helps students with sequence (i.e. they may write "First I saw a flash of black and white", etc.), Description Web, to help them generate specific details, News Article,

(a hand visual that helps students with who, what, where, when, and why) or Postcard to allow for journal-type writing.

We have plans to add more pictures to this section, so check back often!



What's New

Find by clicking on the big red button on the homepage. When it opens up, click on the What's New rectangle.

Here you will find news articles about events such as the animal world or the environment. For those of you who are on-line in your classrooms, you could set this up as a center. Students could read the article from the

computer (we use Arial 14 point font and proper spacing) to give them practice with reading from a screen. This is a growing need in classrooms. Then they could print out the accompanying puzzle and complete it to hand in.

If you are not on-line, feel free to print out the article and puzzle to use as part of a reading or science lesson. It could even be a filler for Friday afternoon!

Interactive Learning Opportunities:



Games

Find by clicking on the big red button on the homepage. When it opens up, click on the Games rectangle.

Do your students need to practice their math facts? Do you wish they were better spellers? Do you want them to know the state capitals or that the prefix *trans-* means *across*? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, then you need

to send your kids to the “Games” section. Many teachers have their class log onto the games when they are in the computer lab. Some teachers take the class to the lab as part of math class or use the computer as a math center. You can have students play games such as “Around the World In 80 Seconds.” Some children can play the

addition to 10 level, others will benefit from the subtraction from 10 level, and still others may be ready for higher levels of math fact practice. This game has the added component of time. If you are more interested in accuracy, direct your students to “Dude’s Dilemma” for leveled math fact practice. Like the idea of expanding the way your children think about numbers? Have them play “Target Math” to develop the understanding that numbers can be named in different ways.

To help with spelling, we’ve used words from the well-researched **Word Study** program in “Password Puzzler.” In level 1, you will find words from the “Within Word” section and in level 2 are examples of “Syllable Juncture” words.

These are just a few of the many game offerings we present. Take a look to see lots more including Spanish/English, proofreading, and homonym practice. We are currently developing a new, exciting game with National Geographic, so look for new and improved offerings soon!



Mission Devices and Activities

Find by clicking on the big red button on the homepage. When it opens up, click on the Cartoons rectangle. Click and drag the packs around to find a specific mission. After you hear “uncle’s” voice, choose a device. The activities are found within the cartoons. Click on the video camera and you will see the Maggie animation. After a few minutes, an activity will appear.

Do parents ever ask you what their children can be doing at home? Do you have a gifted and talented student who needs

something extra? Is there a child in your class for whom you use the computer as a reward?

I recently had a student who needed positive reinforcement. When he met his goals, I let him have extra computer time on www.missmaggie.org. His parents were happy because his “reward” had the added benefit of learning! This child often clicked on the mission devices and read about African animals in the field guide (found in “Herd of Elephants? Parts 1 and 2”).

Your children may be interested in insects. Send them to the Microscope in “Herd of Elephants? Part 1.” You may have a budding astronaut who would love to find out more about the layers of the atmosphere in the Carbon Sensor of “You Must Be Choking.” Your

music lover can be directed to the Palmtop in "A Great Catch" to hear traditional music from the Philippines.

Your students are sure to love the Maggie stories. If you are in the lab with your class, you may want them to watch these animations. They will be particularly helpful if your curriculum includes oceans, coral reefs, or the Philippines ("A Great Catch"), the problems of cities, energy conservation or air pollution ("You Must Be Choking"), Africa or animals and habitats ("Herd of Elephants, Parts 1 and 2").

The activities embedded in the cartoons are helpful with specific curricular goals. When studying contractions or possessives, your children could do the "its or it's" activity found in "You Must Be Choking." You may suggest to a particular parent that their child needs practice with ordering fractions. This activity is found in "Herd of Elephants, Part 1." Be sure to enjoy the many patterning activities in "Herd of Elephants, Part 2." The snake patterns are lots of fun for the beginning of the year as many of us will be concentrating on this important building block for math and spelling understanding.

These are just a few examples of the many "extras" you can offer your students. Won't parents be happy with all you are providing for their children?

Showcase Your Students' Work:



Gallery

We are always happy to post your students' work on our site. Think about how this could build up a child with low self-esteem. You could use the offer of posting work as a motivator for the student who needs an "extra boost." Just send poems, pictures, stories, etc. to us at:

Maggie's Earth Adventures, P.O. Box 1850, Middleburg, VA 20118.