A School Year of Dr. Seuss™

Classroom Activities

For over seventy-five years, Dr. Seuss has been captivating the imaginations of children and adults alike. The names of his characters have become as familiar to us as those of our friends and our families—the Cat in the Hat, the Lorax, the Grinch. These stories teach kids to know right from wrong, to read and to write, and they delight us with their sense of good old-fashioned fun.

Look inside for Dr. Seuss activities for all occasions, from the first day of school to the last, from Earth Day to Poetry Month. Have a wonderful school year filled with imagination and discovery!

“Think left and think right and think low and think high. Oh, the thinks you can think up if only you try!”

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First, let’s meet Dr. Seuss! Did you know that his real name was Theodor Geisel? Dr. Seuss was his pen name, and he wasn’t actually a doctor. He was an author and an illustrator, and he created some of the most beloved stories of all time.

Now take a moment to learn about one of your new classmates. Ask the following questions, and write down your classmate’s answers in the space below.

1. What is your name?

2. If you have a middle name, what is it?

3. Do you have any brothers and sisters? How many?

4. What is your favorite food?

5. What is your favorite thing to do? Why?

6. What is your favorite color?

7. Do you have any pets? If so, what kind?

8. How old are you?
A Very Special Fish

Everyone is different, and everyone is special in his or her own way.

There are all sorts of fish that may live in McElligot’s Pool—fish with pinwheel-like tails, with fins like sails, thin fish, stout fish, short fish, and long, drawn-out fish!

Decorate your own fish to make it one-of-a-kind!

Educators: Reproduce this activity sheet to use with your students. When their fish are complete, help them cut out the fish and paste them onto a large sheet of paper to create their own McElligot’s Pool for the classroom!
“A Person’s a Person, No Matter How Small”

Write a letter to Horton in the space below, telling him about something good you’ve done for a friend, classmate, or family member.

Dear Horton,

________________________________________________________________________
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Thanks for hearing me,

(Fill in your name)
Food for Thought

Congratulations—you have now been in school for 100 days! In that time, you’ve learned a lot of new things and probably tried a lot of things for the first time.

The main character in *Green Eggs and Ham* at first refuses to try the food that Sam-I-Am offers him—but when he finally does, he loves it! Have you ever tried something, a food or game or something else, that you thought you would hate, only to find out that it was actually pretty great? Can you think of something you should try? Draw a picture of one of those things, and feel free to draw yourself as well!

I tried, or should try, 

Name:

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Grinch
“Grow Your Heart”
BINGO!

How many good deeds can you do this holiday season?
Draw a heart around each good deed you do.

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<td>Donate clothes you no longer wear to charity.</td>
<td>Help your family members decorate for the holidays.</td>
<td>Clean your room.</td>
<td>Write a thank-you note to someone who has done something nice for you.</td>
<td>Help make dinner.</td>
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<td>Help your teacher clean up the classroom.</td>
<td>Ask an elderly neighbor if you can help him or her.</td>
<td>Help do the dishes after dinner.</td>
<td>Make a card for someone in the hospital.</td>
<td>Tell everyone in your family that you love them.</td>
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<td>Call or spend time with your grandparents.</td>
<td>Smile and say hello to someone at school who isn’t your friend.</td>
<td>Hold the door open for someone.</td>
<td>Let your parents sleep late one weekend morning.</td>
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<td>Say something nice to someone.</td>
<td>Make a holiday card for your teacher.</td>
<td>Donate one (or more!) of your toys to charity.</td>
<td>Give everyone in your family a hug.</td>
<td>Read or tell a story to someone younger than you.</td>
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<td>Share your favorite toy with your brother, sister, or friend.</td>
<td>Do something nice for your mom or dad without being asked.</td>
<td>Bake cookies for a neighbor.</td>
<td>Draw a picture for your parent.</td>
<td>Play with someone at school who seems lonely.</td>
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I grew my heart three sizes.

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Name: __________________________

Dr. Seuss Reading Log

How many books can YOU read this year?

As the school year goes on, keep track of your reading in your very own Dr. Seuss Reading Log. With every five books you read, you’ll achieve a reading reward!

So keep reading—and go from a Reading Grinch to the mayor of Who-ville!

1. Title/Author: __________________________
2. Title/Author: __________________________
3. Title/Author: __________________________
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Reward 1—Grinch

6. Title/Author: __________________________
7. Title/Author: __________________________
8. Title/Author: __________________________
9. Title/Author: __________________________
10. Title/Author: __________________________

Reward 2—Brown Bar-ba-loot

11. Title/Author: __________________________
12. Title/Author: __________________________
13. Title/Author: __________________________
14. Title/Author: __________________________
15. Title/Author: __________________________

Reward 3—Sneetch

16. Title/Author: __________________________
17. Title/Author: __________________________
18. Title/Author: __________________________
19. Title/Author: __________________________
20. Title/Author: __________________________

Reward 4—Lorax

21. Title/Author: __________________________
22. Title/Author: __________________________
23. Title/Author: __________________________
24. Title/Author: __________________________
25. Title/Author: __________________________

Reward 5—Mayor of Who-ville

Congratulations—you’re now the mayor of Reading-ville! But don’t stop now! Can you get your list up to fifty books? One hundred books? Two hundred books? Keep reading and find out!

An activity to accompany Dr. Seuss’s birthday on March 2

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Finger Puppets

Turn the Story of Dr. Seuss’s The Lorax into a Puppet Show!

Create more stories and adventures for the Lorax, Bar-ba-loots, Humming-Fish, and Swomee-Swans. Have fun coming up with your own special voices for your puppets and sharing stories with your family and friends.

Decorate! Cut! Tape!

LORAX
BAR-BA-LOOT
HUMMING-FISH
SWOMEE-SWAN

Try out this activity on Earth Day, and then ask students to use their puppets to show what the lesson of this story is.
**Rhyme Time!**

Match the words that rhyme! Draw a line from each word in the left column to its rhyming word in the right column.

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Oh, the Places You’ll Go!

It’s hard to believe that the year is coming to a close, and it’s amazing how far you’ve come! And yet you still have far to go and many adventures to come.

Below, write about or draw a picture of a place you want to go to, or a thing you want to do in the future. Is there somewhere you want to visit, something you want to be when you grow up, or something you want to learn how to do?
# The Dr. Seuss Checklist

**How many of Dr. Seuss's books have YOU read?**

Check them off as you go, and see if you can read them all!

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