

# March Brainwork

*"Teaching the answers without first raising the questions takes most of the meaning out of learning." Francis Slater, London School of Education*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
In the Roman calendar, March, named after Mars, the god of war, was the first month of the year. March into March by listing at least 3 things you plan to accomplish this month.	Would you rather be an explorer or an inventor? Explain your choice.	March is "Celebrate Music in Our Schools Month". Which musical instrument do you think your teacher is most like? Why? Explain your choice to him/her.	Okay, so what's the <b>real</b> reason the chicken crossed the road?	March 7, 1933 – "birthday" of the game Monopoly. Other "opoly" games have been created, such as "Washingtonopoly". What are your ideas for another "opoly" game?
March 12-16 is "National Bubble Gum Week". People have been chewing some type of gum since ancient Greek times. Think of ways to finish this: "I blew a bubble so big that..."	March is "National Noodle Month". Use your "noodle" and list ways you can improve your study habits.	Do you agree with Kermit the Frog that "it's not easy being green"? Why? Do you think there is another color it would not be easy to be?	One of the Seven Dwarfs goes to visit the leprechaun who lives at the end of the rainbow. What do they talk about? Write their conversation.	March 14 is "Save a Spider Day". Some people hate spiders, but many are helpful to humans. Create a "Save the Spiders" public awareness ad to educate people about spiders.
March 17, 1845 – "birthday" of rubber bands. Make a list of uses for a rubber band. Remember the characteristics of creative thinking – fluency, flexibility, originality, elaboration.	Which letter of the alphabet do you think is the loudest? Why? How would you convince that letter to be quiet?	Sarah's laser printer produces 8 copies per minute. How long will it take for the printer to make 200 copies? 250 copies? 500 copies?	March is "National Frozen Foods Month". Describe a time you were "frozen" with fear. What did you do	March 22 is "National Goof-Off Day". Write a persuasive paragraph which would convince your teacher that your class should celebrate the day by goofing off.
What do you think the life of a kite is like? Create a PMI (plus, minus, interesting) chart on being a kite.	What color is: Laughter? Strength? Hope? Success? Failure? Intelligence?	If a friend promised to give you a "chiliad" of dollars, would you be pleased?	We say that some people "march to the tune of a different drummer". What does it mean? Is it a good or bad thing? When have you "marched to the tune of a different drummer"?	Draw a "spider's-eye" picture of your classroom from the point of view of that spider in its web up in the corner of the room.
Jim is 2 years older than 3 times his little brother Tommy. Together their ages add up to 18. How old is each?	In what ways is thinking like the first flower of spring?	Plastic cups - \$1.74 for 50 Plastic cutlery – 99¢ for 50 Paper plates - \$2.49 for 24 Paper napkins - \$1.24 for 20 What's the total cost for a party with 150 guests?	March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. When is it better to be a lion? When is it better to be a lamb?	Imagine a meeting between a jar of sweet pickles and a jar of dill pickles. What would they say to each other? Write their conversation.

Unusual "M" words: marmoreal – mendacity – misoneism – morigeration - mansuetude