

Dear K-5 teachers using Every Day Counts,

To help make the preparation of Every Day Counts for August/September take as little time as possible, I'd like offer the following resource and wish you a great start to the school year.

### Using edconline.net to prep Every Day Counts for the First Week of School

The screenshot shows the edconline.net website. At the top, there are navigation links: Services, Samples – EDC Fall Start Up, Registration / Brochures, Resources, HMH Products, and a USER LOGIN button. Below the navigation bar is a sidebar menu with the following items: Grade K: EDC Photos & Questions Cards, Grade K: Getting Started – EDC Set-Up, Grade 1: EDC Photos & Questions Cards, Grade 1: Getting Started – EDC Set-Up (highlighted), Grade 2: EDC Photos & Questions Cards, Grade 2: Getting Started – EDC Set-Up, Grade 3: EDC Photos & Questions Cards, Grade 3: Getting Started – EDC Set-Up, Grade 4: EDC Photos & Questions Cards, Grade 4: Getting Started – EDC Set-Up, Grade 5: EDC Photos & Questions Cards, Grade 5: Getting Started – EDC Set-Up, and Resource Links. The main content area features a photo of Jan Gillespie, a text introduction to edconline.net, a 'COMING SOON!' announcement for a link to purchase calendar pieces, and a description of the website's features. A large banner at the bottom reads 'Helping Schools and Districts Make the Most of Every Day Counts Calendar Math!'.

**STEP 1: ACCESS PHOTOS and DISCUSSION STARTERS-** Go to **edconline.net** and click on **Samples – EDC Fall Start Up** at the top of the home page. *Skip Getting Started – EDC Set up for now and **first** click on **Photos and QuestionCards*** for your specific grade level. For each EDC element listed below for your grade level, *view* the large photo, *read* the adjacent summary notes, and then *read, download, and print* the pdf version of question cards. This should take no more than 15 to 20 minutes.

K: Counting Tape and Clip Collection (Start 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School.)

K: Calendar (Aug or Sept pieces) and Birthday Basket with student gift markers

1: Counting Tape and Ten Grids (Start 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School.)

1: Calendar (Aug or Sept pieces) and Birthday Package with student gift tag markers

1: Clock (Introduce by 5<sup>th</sup> Day of School)

1: Number Builder (Fact Families for 5. Could wait and introduce a little later in month.)

2: Counting Tape with Hundred Chart (Start 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School.)

2: Coin Counter (Introduce by 5<sup>th</sup> Day of School.)

2: Calendar (Aug or Sept pieces)

2: Computations and Connections (+/- 0,1,2: Could wait and introduce a little later in month.)

3: Counting Tape with Hundred Chart (Start 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School)

3: Calendar (Aug or Sept pieces)

3: Daily Depositor (Introduce by 5<sup>th</sup> Day of School)

3: Computations and Connections (Catch up to month date. If school starts after the 10<sup>th</sup> of month, wait and introduce at the beginning of next month)

You can use blue watercolor pens to draw a circle outline only on each odd-numbered date and show all filled in circles on even days, instead of using sticker dots, since sticker dots aren't provided. See T. Guide.

- 4: Counting Tape and Heart multiple markers (Start 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School.)  
 4: Calendar (Aug or Sept pieces)  
 4: Coin Counter & Hundred Penny Grid (Introduce by 5<sup>th</sup> Day of School.)  
 4: Daily Depositor (Catch up to month date. If school starts after the 10th of month, wait and introduce at the beginning of next month.)
- 5: Counting Tape (Put up 25ft to accommodate 100 post-its. Begin 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School) and Daily Decimal (BlankHundred Chart)  
 5: Calendar (Aug or Sept pieces)  
 5: Daily Depositor (Catch up to month date. if school starts after the 10th of month, wait and introduce at the beginning of next month.)

**STEP 2: SET UP EDC ELEMENTS** - Go back to the top of [edconline.net](http://edconline.net) home page and click on **Samples - EDC Fall Start Up** again. This time choose **Getting Started – EDC Set Up** for your grade.

If under time crunch, SKIP the preview of T. Guide until after looking through the directions for what to prepare for the first week of school.

Now (or later if you need time to gather supplies), complete the illustrated steps to prep the EDC Elements you plan to introduce right away. The photos with directions can help you 1) find items in an EDC kit, if you have one, 2) replace a missing or worn out item, or 3) prepare each August/September element, if you don't have a kit.

**NOTE:** *If you start school before August 10th*, you could use all the September EDC Calendar materials in August as your first month of school, catching up any EDC elements that make use of the Calendar date to reflect the current day of the month. You would then use EDC October elements in September, EDC November elements in October, and so on. *If you start school after August 10th*, I would recommend using the August calendar pattern pieces during August. Then use the September calendar pieces in September, and wait to introduce elements that make use of the day of the month until September 1st.

**Note to K & 1 teachers:** For the *Birthday Basket* (K) or *Birthday Package* (1) picture to display near the Calendar, pull out just *one copy* from your Teacher Resource Cardstock packet in kit or print from blackline masters in back of T. Guide. Display birthdays for the first month only. (The students' individual birthday markers are also in the blacklines.)

The **downloadable question cards** can be used for the above elements to help introduce these elements during the first weeks of school. Questions from the T. Guide, or Planning Guide, if you have one, can be added to guide discussions during the month.

**Question Starter Card** – Adapt to any mid September date. If you start school in the summer and are using the August pieces, adapt questions to go with the blue, yellow, yellow pattern. See *Every Day Counts*, 2005 or 2012 edition, pages 18-20 for additional questions.

Calendar - Middle of the Month	Grade 1 SEPTEMBER
What do you see when you look at our Calendar now? (There's a pattern. It goes purple, green, green, purple, green, green. I see a circle, square, square, pattern. Two greens are always together. The numbers on the green squares are neighbors, and so on.)	
If you say the color pattern up to today, can you guess what color will show up tomorrow? What color will it be? Can you also say the shape pattern?	
If today is Friday, September ____, what will tomorrow be? (Saturday, September ____)	
Will the calendar piece be a purple circle or a green square on ____'s birthday? What helped you make your guess?	
How many birthdays are there in September? How many birthdays have we already had this month? How many more September birthdays are still to come?	
How many more days until ____'s birthday?	

I hope this helps. I'd be happy to respond to questions.

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