

Question Starter Card – Adapt to any early 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 edition, pages 18-20 for additional questions.



Calendar - Beginning of the Month

Grade 1
SEPTEMBER

What do you notice when you look at our Calendar?

Now that we can see all the calendar pieces up to today, can we count this month's days so far, beginning with 1? (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8.)

Let's say the *days of the week* through today. (Sunday, Monday...) So let's say the day's date together, "Today is _____, September (or August) ____".

How many days *until* ____'s birthday on September ____? What day of the week will it be?

If we say the colors for the pieces we see so far, can we guess tomorrow's color? (Purple, green, green, purple, green, green, purple, green, __?.)

What helped you make your guess? (Answers will vary.)

If we say the shapes we see so far, can we figure out the shape that will come up next? (Circle, square, square, circle, square, square, circle, square, __?.)

What makes a square a square? (Four sides that match in length and four square corners.)