

Question Starter Card



Calendar – Beginning of the Month

**Grade 3
DECEMBER
or Month 4**

What do you notice when you look at this month's Calendar? (A new month, different shapes, trapezoids that are turned or rotated, a yellow hexagon, and so on.)

What is special about the trapezoids? (They are turned a half turn. They have two sides that are parallel. The two trapezoids could make a hexagon.)

What makes the trapezoid a trapezoid? (It has one pair of parallel sides and one pair of sides that are not parallel. Can you use your arms to show what parallel means? Are your arms both straight and pointing in the same direction?)

How many lines of symmetry can we find on each calendar piece? (1 on each trapezoid and 6 on the hexagon.) Can we draw a trapezoid and a hexagon that do *not* have a lined of symmetry? (yes) Who would like to show us?

December 20th will fall on what day of the week? What about December 27th? What will the date be on the third Friday of this month? How did you get your answer?

On what day of the week will the last day of month, December 31st, fall? What is the name for this last day of the year?
