

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 to offer the following resource and wish you a great start to the school year.

Preparing for Calendar Math at the Start of School with edconline.net

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edconline.net is a website created by Every Day Counts coauthor, Jan Gillespie, to support K-5 teachers using Calendar Math.

We also offer free samples to help get Calendar Math started in K-5 classrooms.

STEP 1: ACCESS PHOTOS and DISCUSSION STARTERS- Go to [edconline.net](#) and click on **Samples – EDC Start up**. Scroll down and *click on **Photos and Questions*** for your grade level. View the large color photo, read the summary and role play the sample questions. Download to print a pdf version later of the question card, if you find it helpful. This will take 15 - 30 min.

*K: Counting Tape and Clip Collection

*K: Calendar and August Birthday Basket with student gift package markers (optional)

*1: Counting Tape and Ten Grids (Introduce 1st Day of School.)

*1: Calendar and August Birthday Package with student gift tag markers (optional)

1: Clock w/ minute hand only (Introduce by 5th Day of School.)

*1: Number Builder (Wait to introduce in first full month of September.)

*2: Counting Tape with Hundred Chart (Introduce 1st Day of School.)

*2: Calendar

2: Coin Counter (Introduce by 4th day of school.)

*2: Computations and Connections (Wait to introduce in first full month of September.)

*3: Counting Tape with Hundred Chart (Introduce 1st Day of School)

*3: Calendar

3: Daily Depositor (Could wait to introduce up to 5th Day of School.)

*3: Computations and Connections (Wait until first full month of September.)

(Instead of using sticker dots shown in photos, you can use a water color pen to show blue dots and an empty circle for the red dot on odd-numbered dates. See Update procedure in T. Guide.

*4: Counting Tape and Heart Multiple Markers

4: Coin Counter and/or *Hundred Penny Grid (Introduce by 5th day of school.)

*4: Calendar

4: Daily Depositor (Introduce by August 10, catching up to month date, adding numbers 1 to 10, or wait and introduce on the 1st of September).

*5: Counting Tape (Put up 25 ft to accommodate 100 post-its.), Blank Hundred Chart for Daily Decimal, and Today We Have ... record sheet in sheet protector

*5: Calendar

5: Daily Depositor (Wait until September 1st or until the first of any future month to begin.)

*Highest priority elements to introduce school-wide in first year.

STEP 2: SET UP EDC ELEMENTS - Go back to the top of **edconline.net** home page and *click on Samples - EDC start up again*, and this time *click on Getting Started - Set up* steps to locate and prepare the materials to display on your EDC bulletin board or wall the first week of school. This will take from 30 to 60 minutes.

SKIP step 1 until you have prepared your needed items. The photos and step-by-step directions can help you prepare what you need for the first week of school. When all is prepared, go to your EDC T. Guide, p. 16 for Aug/Sept.

Complete each Getting Started step to prepare the EDC Elements listed on the front side of this page that your team will be introducing this month. (For example, punching out the calendar pieces for your *first* month, to display on your calendar.)

NOTE: If *you start school in August*, you will be using the August calendar pattern pieces that are different colors than those in the edconline.net photos for September, but they present the same patterns. You will revisit this pattern again in September. Number Builder (K-1) and Computations and Connections (2-3) can wait to be introduced in September.

Note to K and 1 teachers: If you choose to use Birthday Data, please notice in Calendar Photos the *Birthday Basket* (K) or *Birthday Package* (1) attached to the Calendar displaying students' birthday markers. You can locate the artwork in the TR's in the back of your Teacher Guide. Print just one on cardstock to color to show birthdays for your first month, or make 12 copies.

The **downloadable question cards** can be put on a ring near the Every Day Counts Calendar display for reference to help introduce each element during the first weeks of school. More questions can be added later, from the T. Guide, if they prove helpful to you or a substitute.

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

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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 <i>Every Day Counts</i> , 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?	
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