

2026

Back to School Around the World!

September Early Elementary Must-Haves

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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Back to School Around the World

Teach children about how and when students around the world go back to school.

- Lesson Mini: Activity 1: Part 1
- Back to School Around the World article

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Back to School Trivia

Play a trivia and vocab game.

- Lesson Mini: Activity 1: Part 2

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Mini Book

Have students create a mini book that represents different back-to-school traditions.

- Lesson Mini: Activity 2: Part 1

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School Transportation

Teach children about different ways to get to school.

- Lesson Mini: Activity 2: Part 1
- Read-Play-Connect Strategy

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Explore School Transportation

Ask students to explore a digital interactive, complete a handout, and discuss their findings.

- Lesson Mini: Activity 2: Part 2
- Getting to School interactive

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Compare and Contrast

Invite students to fill in a Venn diagram to compare how children get to school in two different places.

- Lesson Mini: Activity 2: Extension
- 2-Circle Venn Diagram

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Compare Schools

Teach students about how schools around the world are alike and different.

- Lesson Mini: Activity 3: Part 1
- School article

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School Lunches Around the World

Have students explore how school lunches are alike and different.

- Lesson Mini: Activity 3: Part 2

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Design a School Lunch Menu

Have students design a healthy school lunch that reflects their home country.

- Lesson Mini: Activity 3: Extension

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Schools Then and Now

Compare schools past and present.

- Lesson Mini: Activity 4: Part 1
- Schools Days: Then and Now article

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Schools Past and Present

Have students discuss and record the similarities and differences between schools of the past and present.

- Lesson Mini: Activity 4: Part 2

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Schools of the Future

Challenge students to brainstorm what school might be like in the future.

- Lesson Mini: Activity 4: Extension

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Games We Play at Recess

Tell students about indoor and outdoor games kids play at school around the world.

- Lesson Mini: Activity 5: Part 1

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Exercise and Rest

Review how physical activity keeps our body healthy and helps us learn.

- Lesson Mini: Activity 5: Part 2
- Exercise and Rest article

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Game Inventors

Challenge students to invent an indoor or outdoor game as a group.

- Lesson Mini: Activity 5: Extension

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Classroom Greetings Around the World

Teach students how children greet one another in schools in different countries.

- Lesson Mini Extension 1

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Classroom Objects Around the World

Invite students to compare images of classrooms from different countries to the classrooms they know.

- Lesson Mini Extension 2

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Music and Movement from Schools Around the World

Teach students a simple children's song, rhythm activity, or movement game commonly used in schools in another country.

- Lesson Mini Extension 3

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Read-Alouds from Around the World

Read children's books set in schools from different countries or cultures.

- Lesson Mini Extension 4

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School Day Comparisons

Compare simple visuals of school schedules and routines from different countries, such as lunchtime or recess.

- Lesson Mini Extension 5

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Review Vocabulary

Review with students the new key words they learned this month.

- Lesson Mini Key Vocabulary

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Field Day

Celebrate and play all the games students learned or created this month!

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