

## 1st Grade Math: Using a Calendar

**Objective:** Students will learn how to read, interpret, and use a calendar to understand days, weeks, months, and important dates.

### What is a Calendar?

A **calendar** is a tool that helps us keep track of days, weeks, and months. We use it to know what day it is today, when special events will happen, and to plan our activities.

### Parts of a Calendar

1. **Days of the Week:**
  - There are **7 days** in a week.
  - They are: **Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.**
2. **Months of the Year:**
  - There are **12 months** in a year.
  - The months are:
    - **January, February, March, April, May, June**
    - **July, August, September, October, November, December**
3. **Weeks and Days:**
  - Each row on the calendar represents a **week**, and each box shows a **day**.
  - A week starts on **Sunday** and ends on **Saturday**.
  - A month usually has **4 to 5 weeks**.

### Understanding the Calendar

1. **Finding Today's Date:**
  - To find today's date, look for the month and the day of the week.
  - Example: If today is **October 12**, you look for the month of **October** and then find the box where the number **12** is.
2. **Knowing Yesterday and Tomorrow:**
  - **Yesterday** is the day before today. Look for the number right before today's date.
  - **Tomorrow** is the day after today. Look for the number that comes after today's date.
  - Example: If today is **October 12**, yesterday was **October 11** and tomorrow will be **October 13**.
3. **Finding Special Days:**
  - We use calendars to mark special days like **birthdays, holidays**, and other important events. You can circle those dates to remind yourself when something exciting is coming up!

### Activities Using a Calendar

1. **What is Today's Date?**
  - Have the students find today's date on a calendar and say the day of the week, the date, and the month.

2. **What Day Will It Be Tomorrow?**

- Ask the students what day it will be tomorrow. Have them find tomorrow's date and name the day of the week.

3. **Counting Days Until a Special Event:**

- Choose a special event on the calendar (like a birthday or holiday) and ask the students to count how many days are left until that event happens.

## **Real-World Applications**

- **Planning:** Calendars help us plan activities like school events, vacations, and family outings.
- **Holidays:** We use calendars to remember when holidays happen, like **Thanksgiving, Christmas,** or **Halloween.**
- **Birthdays:** You can use a calendar to remember your friends' and family members' birthdays.

## **Practice Questions**

1. What is today's date?
2. What day of the week is it today?
3. What day will it be tomorrow?
4. How many days are left until the weekend?
5. If today is the 3rd of the month, what day was it yesterday?

## **Summary**

Using a calendar helps us keep track of important events, know what day it is, and plan ahead. By learning to read a calendar, students can organize their time and stay on top of fun activities and important dates!