

MONTH of SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 *First official SDA Camp-meeting, 1868 *Germany invaded Poland, starting WWII, 1939	2 *US Dept of Treasury established, 1789 *Japan's surrender in WWII (V-J) Day, 1945	3 *First Labor Day celebrated as a legal public holiday, 1894 *Prudence Crandall's Birthday	4 * Anton Bruckner's Birthday * Newspaper Carrier's Day	5 Jesse James- BD * First Continental Congress, 1774 *Western Health Reform- Battle Creek opened, 1866
6 *Jane Adams, founder of Hull House Born *President McKinley, shot by an assassin, 1901	7 *Google was founded in 1998 *Grandma Moses' birthday *Queen Elizabeth I born, 1533	8 *UN's International Literacy Day *Italy announced its surrender in WW II, 1943	9 * Grandparents Day *California became the 31st state, 1850 *Pine Forge opened in 1946	10 *Elias Howe patented his sewing machine in 1846	11 * Patriot Day- Flag must fly at half mast *William Sydney Porter, writer known as O. Henry, born 1862	12 *Jesse Owens Birthday *Henry Hudson entered the river named for him in 1609
13 * F. Scott Key wrote Star-Spangled Banner 1814 *Walter Reed, surgeon, born 1851	14 * Balance Awareness Week * Luna 2 became the first manmade object on the moon 1959	15 * William H. Taft- Birthday *J.N. Andrews & family left for Europe as 1st SDA missionaries-1874	16 *UN's International Day for Preservation of Ozone Layer *Pilgrims sailed in 1620	17 *Citizenship Day *Pledge Across America Day *US Constitution signed in 1787	18 *Samuel Johnson born 1709 *Washington laid cornerstone of the Capitol in 1793	19 * National POW/MIA Recognition Day *Pres. Garfield died of assassin's shot in 1881
20 Sister Elizabeth Kenny, developed a method of treating poliomyelitis, born in 1886	21 *Deaf Awareness Week * Clean Hands Week *Great hurricane swept the Atlantic Coast in 1938	22 *Emancipation Proclamation Day	23 *Neptune was discovered in 1846	24 * National Punctuation Day *John Marshall, chief justice of the United States, born in 1755	25 * Vasco Balboa discovered the Pacific Ocean in 1513 * Columbus sailed on second voyage to America, 1493	26 * Johnny Appleseed's Birthday *George Gershwin's Birthday
27 *Ancestor Appreciation Day * Family Health and Fitness Day *Samuel Adam's Birthday	28 *William the Conqueror landed in England, 1066. *Meeting to begin SDA publishing work, 1860	29 Horatio Nelson, British naval hero, born in 1758	30 * The Gutenberg Bible was published in 1452 *Union College opened, 1891			

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Values, Manners and Fundamental Beliefs



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VALUES

Peaceability

Calmness. Peacefulness. Serenity. The tendency to try to accommodate rather than argue. The understanding that differences are seldom resolved through conflict & that meanness in others is an indication of their problem or insecurity & thus of their need for your understanding. The ability to understand how others feel rather than simply reacting to them.

Encourage students to:

- Think before they act. Is there a better way of handling a situation before fighting?
- Be peacemakers in their classroom.

In class, discuss:

- Ways to control tempers.
- Empathy.
- Conflict Resolution.

“A smile is the beginning of peace.” -Mother Teresa

MANNERS

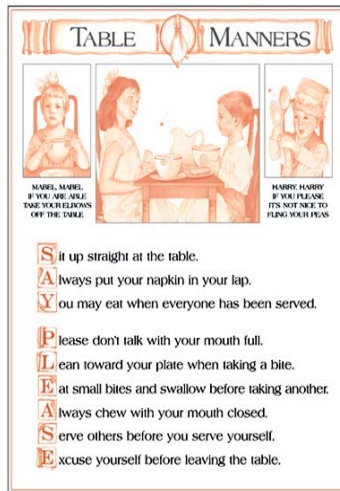
Manners at Mealtime, Part I

Wash your hands before meals.

Place your napkin in your lap. Don't start eating until the host/hostess or everybody else does.

Sit up straight and remain seated during the meal.

Keep your elbows off the table while eating.



FUNDAMENTAL BELIEF

Jesus

Even though Jesus is still God, He became human so He could come to earth & save us. He lived like we do, but He never sinned. Then He died to pay for our sins. [John 1:14](#); [Matthew 1:21](#)

Bible Facts:

- Jesus is truly God & divine.
- One of Jesus many names is “Immanuel,” which means “God is with us.”
- Jesus is also truly human.
- Jesus experienced the same things we do: hunger, thirst, weariness, happiness, concern, righteous anger and sadness.

Encourage students to:

- Draw a picture of Jesus on the cross to hang in your room to remind you of what Jesus did for you.

In class, discuss:

- Jesus sinless life.
- Favorite Jesus stories.

Adventist Heritage

William Miller is known as the father of Adventism. He set the date of Oct 22, 1844 as the day Jesus would return because he believed the Bible used literal dates. This was known as “The Great Disappointment.”

Library Card Sign Up Month

Talk to your students about the benefits of having a library card. Take a class field trip or encourage them to go to the local library & sign up for a card. Offer an incentive for students that bring in their own library card.

National 5-A-Day Week

Encourage students to increase the amount of fruits & vegetables they eat. Discuss why this is important. Have students discuss in pairs or groups how they can increase this amount & set a goal for this week. At the end of the week, ask students to share their success.

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Self-Discipline & Moderation

Physical, mental, & financial self-discipline. Moderation in speaking, in eating, in exercising. The controlling and bridling of one's own appetites. Understanding the limits of body & mind. Avoiding the dangers of extreme, unbalanced viewpoints. The ability to balance self-discipline with spontaneity.

Encourage students to:

- Think before they act.
- Stop eating when they are content-not overly stuffed.
- Question ideas that seem unusual & search for truth before adopting ideas.

In class discuss:

- Ways to create a balanced life
- How to stay focused on goals
- Self-control.

"The first and best victory is to conquer self." -Plato

MANNERS

Manners at Mealtime, Part II

Don't talk with food in your mouth.

Don't criticize the food.
Don't reach; ask for food to be passed. Say, "Please pass the . . ."

If possible include everybody at the table in your conversations.

Don't make rude noises such as burping or snorting.
Say something good about the food.

Wait until all have finished eating; If you must leave early, ask to be excused.

Thank the person who prepared the meal.



FUNDAMENTAL BELIEF

The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit works to change our hearts and make us more like Jesus. He speaks in our mind, showing us the way to be like Jesus; [John 14:26](#), [Joel 2:28](#)

Bible Facts:

- The HS is a person, not an impersonal force.
- The HS is truly God.
- The HS teaches, helps us see our sins, directs church work, and makes us pure & holy.
- Speaking against the HS is the unpardonable sin.

Encourage students to:

- Talk about a time when they have felt the HS impressing them in a certain way.

In class discuss:

- How the HS is invisible but real-compare with the wind.
- HS as a Comforter & Helper.

Adventist Heritage

William Miller's home & farm is nestled in the scenic Adirondack Mountains near Hampton, NY. Adventist Heritage Ministry is working to restore it to its 19th century appearance because of its cultural & religious significance.

Remembering 9/11

On September 11, take time to remember the tragedy that struck our country in 2001. Pray for the family members of the victims who still mourn. Take time to write letters to service men and women or local firefighters thanking them for working in your community. Discuss tolerance.

Ways to Celebrate Grandparents' Day

- Laminate student artwork (8x11) and take it to local nursing homes for residents to use as placemats
- Interview a grandparent (attached) & share information with the class
 - Create a family tree (attached)
- Check out these websites for ideas
www.grandparents-day.com
www.geneology

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Loyalty and Dependability

Loyalty to family, to employers, to country, church, schools, and other organizations and institutions to which commitments are made. Support, service, contribution. Reliability and consistency in doing what you say you will do.

Encourage students to:

- Follow through on promises made, keep their word.

In class discuss:

- What dependability means.
- What loyalty means.
- God as a loyal & dependable Father & Friend.
- What consistency means and why it is important.

~ Loyalty is the pledge of truth to oneself and others.

-Ada Velez-Boardley

MANNERS

Manners at Mealtime, Part III

Drink slowly, taking no more than one or two swallows at a time. Don't chug a whole glassful at one time.

Swallow what you drink soon. Don't swish your beverage around your mouth, slosh it in the glass, gurgle, or gargle.

Chew and swallow food before taking a drink. Take small sips from a glass that is too full.

Don't blow bubbles in any beverage.

Don't make loud sucking sounds with your straw or lick at the glass to get the last drop.

FUNDAMENTAL BELIEF

Creation

God is the Creator of everything. In six days, He created the world and gave it to humans to care for. Then He created the Sabbath, a time to rest and remember Him; [Genesis 1:1](#), [Exodus 20:8-11](#)

Bible Facts:

- God created the heavens & earth just by speaking.
- God created us because he loves us & wants to share the earth with us.
- The days of creation were actually 24-hour periods.
- Creation shows God as careful & creative.

Encourage students to:

- Draw a picture of an animal or bird they would have asked God to make.
- Make a list of ways they like to enjoy nature.

In class discuss:

- What are things that show us there is a creator.
- Why creation makes more sense than evolution.

Adventist Heritage

William Farnsworth was reputed to be "the first SDA," that is, the first of the Adventists who kept the seventh-day Sabbath. He accepted the Adventist (Millerite) doctrine about 1840 & in 1844 declared himself a Sabbathkeeper, among the first of a small group from among the members of the Washington, NH, Christian church who became the first Adventists to observe the seventh day as the Sabbath.

Commemorate the Constitution

- Create classroom rules in a "We the Students" format
 - View documents: <http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/charters.html>
 - <http://www.house.gov/house/Constitution/.html>
- Study Thomas Jefferson (attached)

Ways to Honor

Hispanic Heritage Month

1. Teach students simple Spanish words
2. Have students create a Spanish picture dictionary with these new words
3. Have students create travel guides for various Spanish countries

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Fidelity and Chastity

The value and security of fidelity within marriage and of restraining and limits before marriage. The commitments that go with marriage and that should go with sex. A grasp of the long-range (and wide-spread) consequences that can result from sexual amorality and infidelity.

Encourage students to:

- Make a commitment now to be pure in thought & action.
- Ask God to help them to grow to be faithful spouses.

In class discuss:

- The gift of marriage.
- Loyalty, fidelity, chastity.
- The importance of pure thoughts and activities.

See Philippians 4:8

MANNERS

Greetings & Introductions

- Stand up!
- Smile!
- Look the person in the eye.
- Move toward him/her and offer a handshake if it's someone you're meeting for the first time.
- If you already know the person, greet him/her by name.
- Be ready with some small talk.
- Address adults using their title unless you have been specifically instructed to call them something else.

FUNDAMENTAL BELIEF

The Nature of Man

God created us to be like Him. But, because Adam and Eve sinned all humans became sinful, and pain and sickness and death came to everyone. But Jesus came to save us from sin and put an end to those things. Genesis 1:27; Genesis 3.

Bible Facts:

- Man & woman were made in the image of God with the ability to think & do.
- They were made for relationships and to be good stewards of the environment.
- When Adam & Eve sinned, they separated themselves from God.
- We were all born with the tendency to do evil & disobey God.
- Jesus paid the penalty for our sins. He died in our place.

In class discuss:

- The effects of sin.
- Ways to reflect God's image.
- Freedom of choice.

Adventist Heritage

Eugene William Farnsworth was an evangelist & administrator. His father, William, was one of the "first Seventh-day Adventists," and Eugene was among the first born into an SDA family.

See Attached

Celebrate Punctuation Day

In honor of National Punctuation Day, spend some time reviewing those important grammatical rules. Use the attached sheets as springboards for review or discussion. Or if time allows have students play the punctuation game on this website: It is free and fun!

<http://eatshootsandleaves.com/ESLquiz.html>

Ways to Honor

Hispanic Heritage Month

1. Do a cooking lesson w/Spanish food; ask parent/member to help.
2. Plan a fiesta-Have students read Hispanic poetry, display craft projects, dress up Hispanic style!
3. Host an essay writing contest where each student does research on a Hispanic personality.