



# The No-Fuss Early Finisher Board

Weeks 1-4

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Thank you for downloading **THE NO-FUSS EARLY FINISHER BOARD Weeks 1-4**. All 40 weeks of early finisher activities can be prepared in under an hour!

1. Decide how many copies of each week you think you will need. If you think that you will need ten of each, print ten copies of the board. If you wish, print just the first week or month first to see how much you will need for the rest of the year.
2. **When you print, ensure that you change from collated to uncollated print.** This way, all of the copies of each week will be together, rather than separated. This will make cutting much easier.
3. Separate the weeks into piles. The week number is indicated in the bottom right corner of each set of activities. Cut and place into baggies or folders. Now all of your activities are ready for the year!
4. How you display your early finisher board is up to you. I print each banner (included below) on different coloured cardstock and then attach them to a file folder. Staple these onto your bulletin board and away you go!

\*Please note that certain activities are specific to holidays such as Halloween, Christmas or Spring Break. As such, you may have to rearrange the order of your activities to fit the calendar.

RESEARCH!

### When I Grow Up

What would you like to be when you grow up? Some people know what they want to be when they are very young, while others take a career path that they never could have imagined when they were younger. Using reliable sources, research any two careers that interest you. Then, write an approximately 50 word career profile for each, including information such as a job description, the training and education necessary and salary.

SOLVE!

### POCKET CHANGE

Determine how many ways you can make a dollar (\$1.00) using quarters, dimes and nickels. HINT: There are many different ways to make a dollar, so start by developing a strategy for solving the question, such as using a chart.

WRITE!

### Summer Memories

Write an approximately 100 word paragraph describing a memorable experience you had this summer. Your paragraph should answer the following questions (but not necessarily in this order): **Who** was there? **What** happened? **When** did it take place? **Where** did it take place? **Why** did it happen? For example, if you were at your Nan and Pop's house, why were you there? **How** did it happen? These are your details. For example, if you broke your ankle, explain how it occurred.

CREATE!

### My First Business

Imagine that you've decided to start your very own business. Using one of the ideas below (or one of your own), create a unique name, logo and slogan that will attract customers to your business.

- Bookstore
- Clothing Store
- Sports equipment store

## RESEARCH!



### Cool Creatures!

Research either the caracal, sun bear, mola, aye-aye or guanaco. Then, write five "Did you know...?" style questions (as in the example below) based on your findings. Use

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals> for your research.

Ex. Did you know that cheetahs are the world's fastest land mammal?

## SOLVE!



### Trading Card Conundrum

Alex, Cassandra, Devon and Peter collect trading cards. Altogether, Alex and Cassandra have 12 cards. Alex has twice as many cards as Cassandra and half as many as Devon. Peter has three more cards than Cassandra. How many cards does each person have?

## WRITE!



### A Monster at Camp Falcon Moon

You were having a great time at Camp Falcon Moon until something really strange happened: you saw a mysterious creature near your cabin. Write an approximately 100 word letter home to your parents, guardians or friends describing the incident. Your letter should include the necessary salutations (Dear..., Love...). Then, draw a picture of the creature.

## CREATE!



### Stop Bullying!

Design an anti-bullying poster to display in the classroom or hallway. It should have an eye-catching slogan and design. Your poster should relate to one of the following types of bullying: physical bullying (i.e. hitting, kicking, pushing); verbal bullying (i.e. name-calling, racist or homophobic remarks); social bullying (i.e. spreading rumours, excluding people); or cyberbullying (i.e. sending mean texts, emails, posts or images).



**RESEARCH!**



### **Super Substances**

Have you ever heard of non-Newtonian fluids? Using reliable sources, find out what these unusual substances are and how they work. Non-Newtonian fluids are not as complicated as they sound. With your parent's or guardian's permission, try making one at home tonight by using one the many recipes available online.

**SOLVE!**



### **Unlock the Loot**

Sam is visiting his Uncle Frank's house. His Uncle Frank has a metal box where he keeps all his spare change. The box has a four-digit combination. Uncle Frank tells Sam that if he can figure out the combination, he can have all of the change inside. Uncle Frank says that the first digit is 6 less than the last digit; the second digit is half the third digit; the third digit is an even number less than 5; the second and third digit combined make 6; and the last digit is 3 times the first digit. What is the combination?

**WRITE!**



### **THE POWER OF WORDS**

Famed author Emily Dickinson once wrote "I know nothing in the world that has more power than a word." A strong vocabulary will allow you to express your thoughts and feelings clearly. Using a dictionary, find five unfamiliar words and learn their meanings. Then, use each word in a sentence.

**CREATE!**



### **Most Memorable Mascots**

There's nothing like watching your favourite sports team in action, except for maybe watching your favourite team's mascot while the athletes take a break! There's the Philadelphia Phillies' Phanatic, the Montréal Canadiens' Youppi! and, of course, the Milwaukee Brewers' Racing Sausages! Create a mascot for your favourite sports team. Be sure to give it a memorable name, too!

**RESEARCH!****The Hindenburg Disaster**

The Hindenburg Disaster is one of the most well-known transportation disasters of all time, made all the more famous because it was broadcast live on the radio and captured on film. Using reliable sources, research the Hindenburg Disaster and write an approximately 100 word paragraph describing the tragedy and its causes.

**SOLVE!****AN UNUSUAL OFFER**

One day, Eddie was browsing the shelves at an unusual shop in his hometown. He noticed that the strange shopkeeper was having trouble moving a particularly large table. Eddie offered to help the shopkeeper. To repay Eddie for his kindness, the shopkeeper said he could have any item in the store, or he could have a single penny today, two pennies tomorrow, four pennies the next day and so on for 30 straight days. Eddie quickly decided on a vintage Spiderman comic book priced at \$100. Did Eddie make the right choice?

**WRITE!****LOST!**

*Hatchet*, a popular novel for young adults written by Gary Paulsen, recounts 13 year old Brian's struggle to survive after finding himself alone in the wilderness. Imagine that you are lost in the woods. Besides a cell phone, what three items would be most useful to you? Explain your choices in detail in an approximately 100 word paragraph.

**CREATE!****FUN WITH FLAGS**

Did you know that each part of a flag has a unique meaning? For example, the towers found on the national flag of Cambodia represent Angkor Wat, a famous Cambodian landmark. Design an original flag for your province or state, incorporating parts of your culture which you feel are important. Then, write a short paragraph (approximately 50 words) which describes your design.

**CREATE!**



**WRITE!**



**SOLVE!**



**RESEARCH!**



## Solve! Answer Key

Week Number	Title	Correct Answer
1	Pocket Change	There are 29 possibilities.
2	Trading Card Conundrum	Alex has 8 cards, Cassandra has 4, Devon has 16, and Peter has 7.
3	Unlock the Loot	The combination is 3249.
4	An Unusual Offer	No, he didn't make the right choice. If he doubled a penny for a month, he would earn a total of \$10,737,418.23.





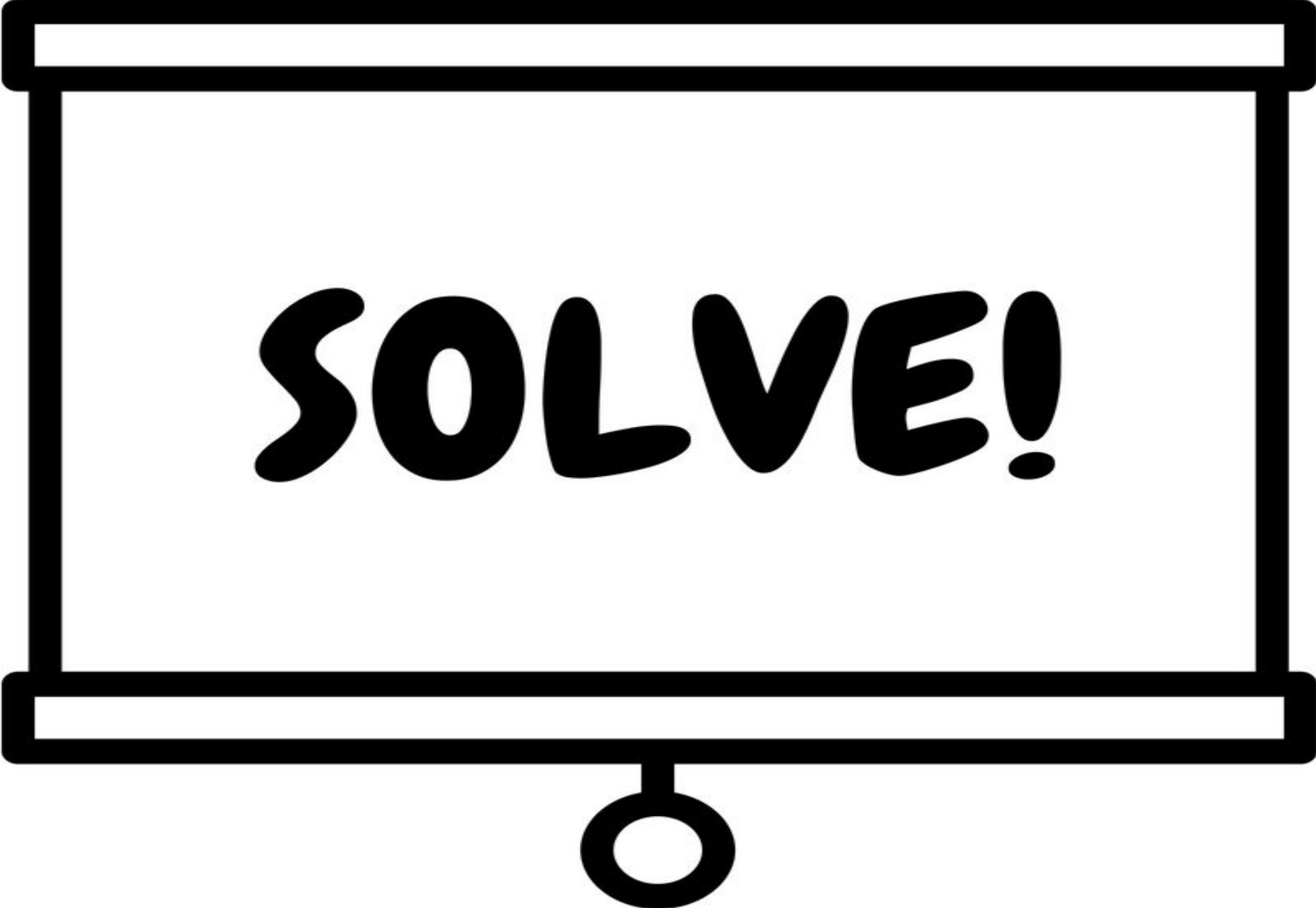
**CREATE!**

A hand-drawn sign with a thick black border and a small circle at the bottom center, resembling a pushpin or a stand. The word "CREATE!" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font in the center of the sign.



**RESEARCH!**

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**SOLVE!**

A hand-drawn blackboard with a thick black border and a small circle at the bottom center. The word "SOLVE!" is written in a bold, black, hand-drawn font in the center of the board.



**WRITE!**

A hand-drawn sign with a thick black border. The word "WRITE!" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font in the center of the sign. The sign has a small circle at the bottom center, suggesting it is a hanging sign.