



# Calendar Math Ideas

1. Let each student keep a monthly calendar, each time the calendar is done paste it into a book for reference throughout the year. (*How many students lost a tooth so far this year, how many rainy days have we had etc.*)
2. Each day have the students draw a weather icon in the empty box. (*cloudy, rainy, sunny, hot etc.*)
3. Record special days. Prompt with questions, how many days until....or how many days since.....
4. Teach students how to do tallies, how many days have we been in school? How many days are left until the end of school? How many days are left in this month?
5. What is this day famous for?
6. Remember to teach 'today is, yesterday was and tomorrow will be. Before, after and in between are great concepts to address through calendars.
7. Are there more odd numbered days or even numbered days this month?
8. What pattern do you see when you say the calendar days of each Tuesday this month? Wednesday? etc.
9. For each day, ask how many 1's and how many 10's there are.
10. Play *guess my calendar date*: I am an odd number, I am on a Tuesday and there are five letters in my name. (*fifth*)
11. Ask questions like: What day of the week is January the 12th? What number is the 3rd Monday of the month? Keeping in mind that ordinal numbers can be taught with the calendar.
12. Can you say the names of the days backwards from Friday onward without looking?
13. Graphing ideas: weather graph, temperature graph, who lost a tooth graph, most special days by month.