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# Labor Day

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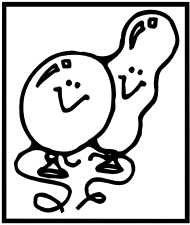
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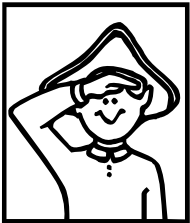


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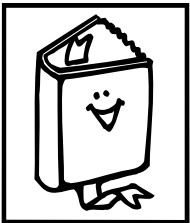
## Setting the Stage

- Display pictures of people in various forms of employment around related literature. This will engage your students' attention in the day's emphasis.
- Construct a semantic web with everything your students think of when you say the words *Labor Day*.



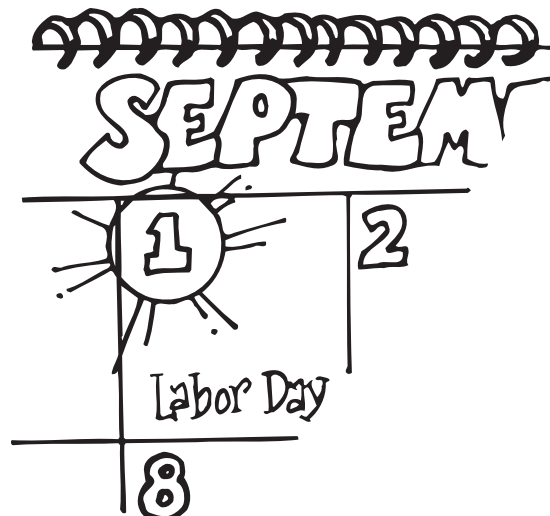
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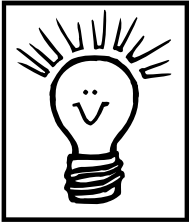
The celebration of Labor Day was begun by a man named Peter Maguire as a day to honor workers all over the country. Labor Day is celebrated on the first Monday of September. It is a legal holiday (since 1894) that usually represents the end of summer fun and the beginning of fall-type activities.



## Literary Exploration

*Labor Day* by Geoffrey Scoti  
*The Man Who Didn't Wash the Dishes* by Phyllis Krailovsky  
*The Shoe-Shine Girl* by Clyde Robert Bulla



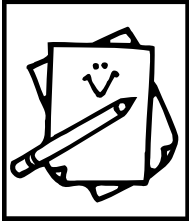


### Language Experience

- Let students brainstorm all the jobs they can think of in 60 seconds. Then ask them to put those jobs in alphabetical order.



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### Writing Experience

- Give students an opportunity to write their ideas about what we should do about our country's unemployment problem.
- Let students write from the point of view of an "expert" about how to do a specific job (such as how to be a grocer or a plumber). They should assume that others know nothing about their particular field of expertise, so they need to explain their job in detail. See reproducible on page 10.



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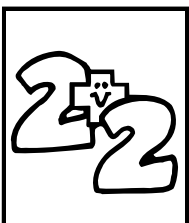
I'm an **EXPERT!**

My occupation:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

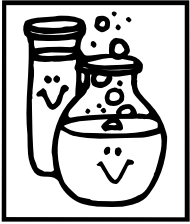


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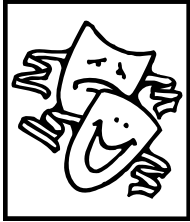
### Math Experience

- Let students estimate how many workers from various fields they come in contact with in the course of a single day. They can each add their number to a class graph.



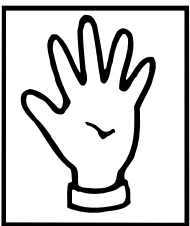
### Science/Health Experience

- Discuss how using our skills and talents for the good of others is important to our emotional health and well-being.



### Music/Dramatic Experience

- Let students play Job Charades! They can pantomime various workers performing their assigned jobs.



### Physical/Sensory Experience

- Host a classroom job fair! Set up various centers around the room where students can get a taste of several professions. One station could be a doctor's office where students take turns being patient and doctor, nurse or secretary; another center might be a bank with banker and customer; another might be a restaurant with waiter, waitress and customers; or a seamstress or tailor might have a center where sewing is done. Let students participate in the centers of their choice. Encourage them to contribute resources (such as a play sewing machine from home) to help with the centers.



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