

Literacy Tips



Tips for middle school educators on various topics such as grammar, writing, reading, spelling, vocabulary, cooperative learning and more.

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Tip #30: The End

Students get to class after the bell. Homework productivity is on the decrease and public display of affection (PDA) is on the increase. Classrooms emanate pungent odors after 1st period. PE classes now meet outside whenever possible. Locker clean-outs are frequent. The library overdue list looms overhead and textbook fines need to be written. There are only 9 days left until the end of the school year. You have survived!

What is a good end-of-the-year activity that will keep your students engaged and help them reflect on the year? Try this triangle project, which Kristen Carte (Goldenview math/home ec. teacher) created. It will give you an instant display and can also serve as a welcome bulletin board for next year's students. When completed, the geometric pattern is quite eye appealing and the memories that the students write about entertaining.

Give each student a triangle worksheet. Within each student triangle, there are four things to complete in a colorful, artistic manner:

- 1) advice to a new student,
- 2) a memorable moment,
- 3) date of graduation and autograph,
- 4) a photo and mini-collage.

(Having worked with 8th graders on this project in the past, I know the importance of reviewing their final results. Read each triangle carefully. Some students might take the opportunity to hold a grudge against a teacher, slam another student, etc.)

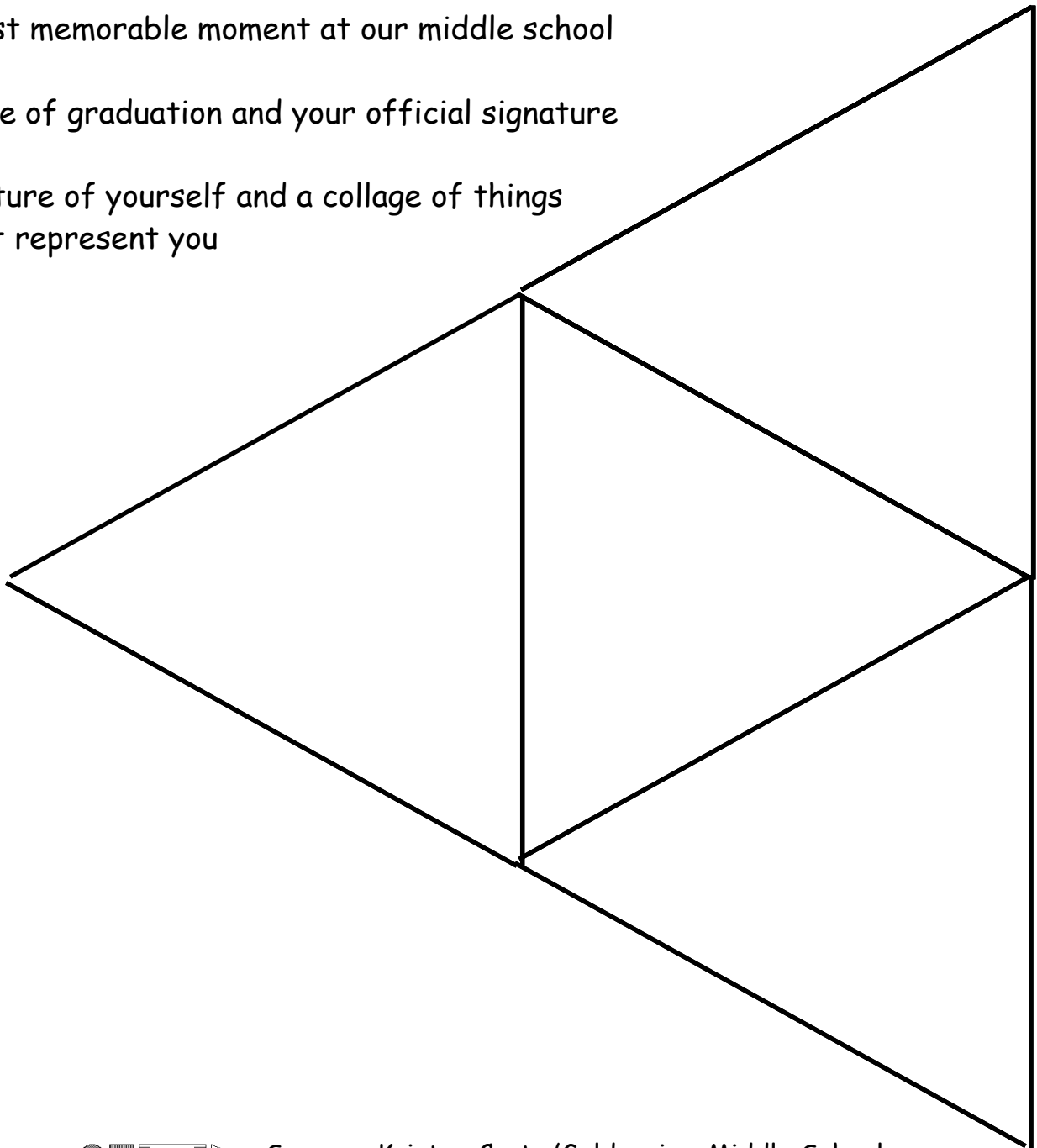
See the attached pages. The first one is the [student worksheet](#), which can be duplicated. The second one can be made into [a transparency to help remind students](#) which part of the triangles to work within. Our team has saved these triangles form year to year making them into team scrapbooks. When students come back to visit, it is fun to pull out the scrapbook for their particular year and go down "memory lane" together.



Triangle Project

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2. most memorable moment at our middle school
3. date of graduation and your official signature
4. picture of yourself and a collage of things that represent you

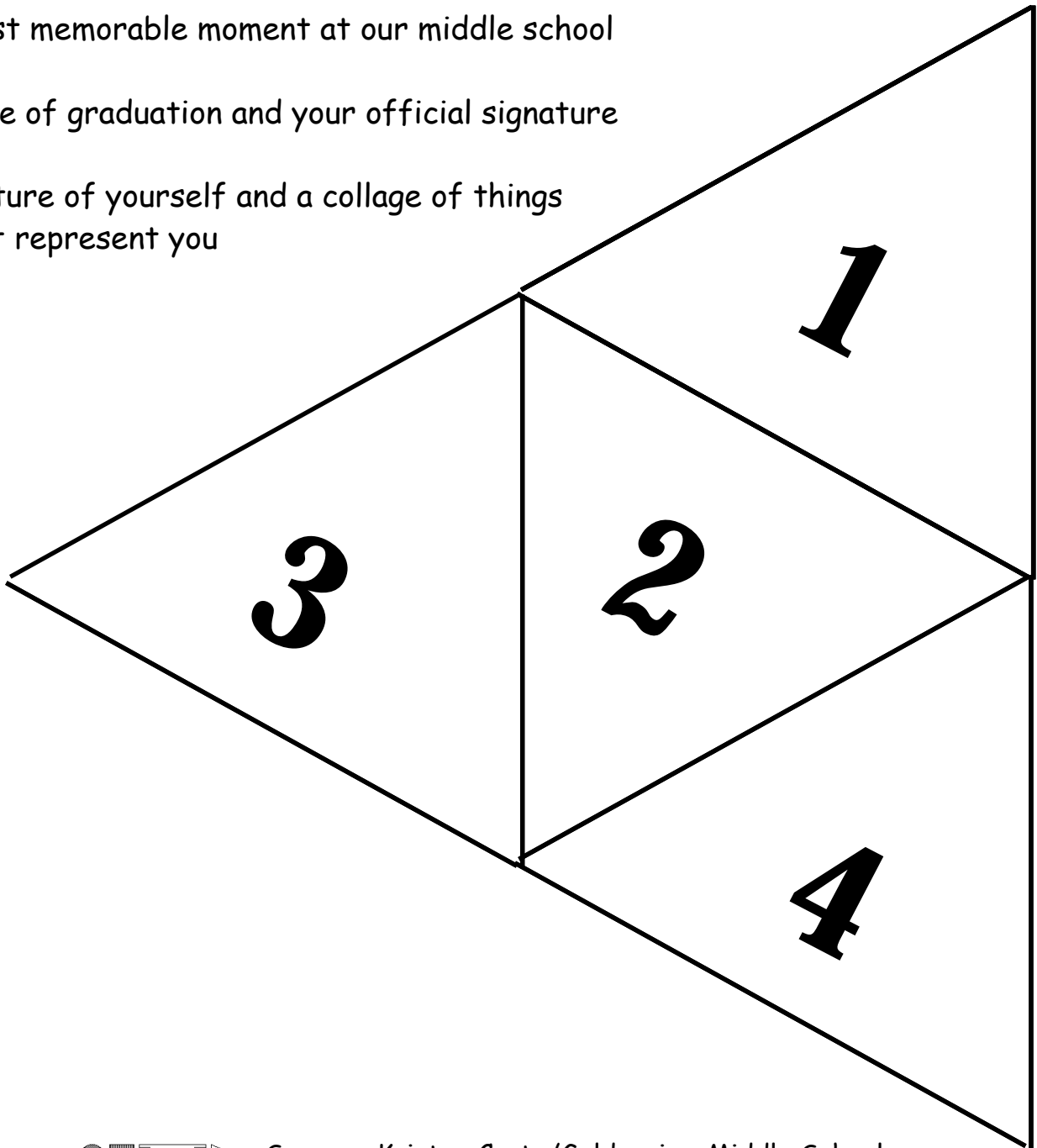


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