# **Spontaneous Brainstorm Calendar**

These are just "jumping off" points to get your Spontaneous practice sessions going!

Practice sessions are not confined to your Odyssey of the Mind meetings and practices. The kids can practice at meal time with their families, in the car, with their friends —

ANYWHERE!! Remember it is important to practice all three kinds of Spontaneous problems!

#### October Ideas!

- 1. Things that are round.
- 2. Things you find in a garage.
- 3. Things that are slippery.
- 4. Types of chairs.
- 5. Uses for newspaper.
- 6. Things that can be heard.
- 7. List uses for a giant paperclip.
- 8. Things that come in a pack.
- 9. Uses for rings.
- 10. Uses for an old light bulb.
- 11. Things that shake.
- 12. List things you do in the morning or night.
- 13. Name items that come in pairs.
- 14. Kinds of brushes.
- 15. What are items you could or would not want to hold in the palm of your hand?
- 16. Name things that float.
- 17. What are items needed for a trip? Change it up by adding a specific season or destination.
- 18. List items which can stretch.
- 19. List difficult things to share.
- 20. How did a sloth get three toes?
- 21. What are uses for a million bars of soap?
- 22. List things that are hollow.
- 23. Name things you could see through a mouse hole if you were a mouse.
- 24. Answer is rough and scratchy. What is the question?.
- 25. Think of as many functions as you can for a wink.
- 26. Imagine if overnight all the grass turned purple. What is the reason?
- 27. Think of different ways to calculate size and weight of an unseen hippopotamus.
- 28. The answer is orange; what is the question?
- 29. Name things that are red and can be eaten.
- 30. List uses for a worn out umbrella.
- 31. Uses for string.

## **November Ideas!**

- 1. List aqua things.
- 2. Name classes you could take at a school.
- 3. List things associated with old age.
- 4. Name things that hold things egg carton holds eggs.
- 5. Name things that come in pairs.
- 6. Name different kinds of hats.
- 7. List things that come in boxes.
- 8. Name things that have ears.
- 9. Name things that are loved, and who loves them.
- 10. List jobs that help people and who they help.
- 11. Name things that are flat and good to eat.
- 12. Name things that melt.
- 13. List things that are beautiful, and tell why.
- 14. Name things that give off light.
- 15. Name things that are green and can be eaten.
- 16. Invent a new holiday, and describe how we could celebrate it.
- 17. Name things that are white and soft.
- 18. List things that include the word heart.
- 19. List things that are round and yellow.
- 20. Name things that are sweet and round.
- 21. List things found in a tool box.
- 22. List things that are free.
- 23. Name things you could see through a porthole.
- 24. Name things you would see if you were a worm.
- 25. List things that you are thankful for.
- 26. List Thanksgiving things.
- 27. Name kinds of animals and where they live.
- 28. The answer is red; what is the question?
- 29. List shiny things.
- 30. List uses for a worn out light bulb.

## **December Ideas!**

- 1. The answer is morning; what is the question?
- 2. List gifts you would like to receive.
- 3. Use the word card in a phrase, or name kinds of cards.
- 4. List things to do on a winter vacation.
- 5. Give uses for an old Christmas tree.
- 6. Name things that are smooth.
- 7. List two letter words.
- 8. What could you do with a piece of string?
- 9. Name things you would find in a kitchen drawer.
- 10. Name things you can hang on a wall.
- 11. Name things found in a castle.
- 12. List uses for a toothbrush.
- 13. Name things you could wrap around your finger.
- 14. List sports.
- 15. Name a use for a room, or name kinds of rooms.
- 16. List things you could store in a shoebox.
- 17. List words with two syllables.
- 18. Name things you can read.
- 19. Name things you do to get ready for the holidays.
- 20. List things you don't like to hear.
- 21. Name household chores.
- 22. List places to go on field trips.
- 23. List things at a zoo.
- 24. List things in a bag lunch.
- 25. The answer is 12; what is the question?
- 26. Name a place to play.
- 27. Name ways to make people laugh.
- 28. List words that begin with "Y."
- 29. List titles of books.
- 30. List gifts that don't cost anything.
- 31. Name kinds of cookies.

# January Ideas!

- 1. List things you can do only once.
- 2. List words that rhyme with take.
- 3. Name places you like to visit.
- 4. List brand names.
- 5. List words ending in "~ly."
- 6. Name things you might send in an envelope.
- 7. List reasons to stay in bed.
- 8. Name cities.
- 9. List things with points.
- 10. Name kinds of fuels.
- 11. List kinds of cars.
- 12. List games.
- 13. List things that make you feel warm inside.
- 14. Name outdoor winter activities.
- 15. Name things you might find on the bottom of your shoe.
- 16. Name ways to get to school.
- 17. List words with five letters.
- 18. Name things you would find in a spider's web.
- 19. List names of authors.
- 20. Name things with spots.
- 21. List three letter words.
- 22. List things that are white and cold.
- 23. List words beginning with the letter "J."
- 24. List things you could do with a pail of water.
- 25. Name valuable things.
- 26. List things you can do with one hand.
- 27. List things that are sweet.
- 28. Name things you would find in a movie theater.
- 29. List uses for a plastic sled.
- 30. Use the word "car" in a phrase, or name kinds of cars.
- 31. List words beginning with "in~."

# ALWAYS BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR SPONTANEOUS PROBLEM PRACTICE IDEAS!!

# February Ideas!

- 1. List words with three syllables.
- 2. Name things you find in the ground.
- 3. List boy's names.
- 4. List things in a kitchen cupboard.
- 5. List uses for a garbage can.
- 6. Name things with four corners.
- 7. Name things you would find in a lake.
- 8. Name things you think are beautiful
- 9. Name words ending in "~ing."
- 10. Name things you put on.
- 11. Name animal sounds, and tell the animal.
- 12. Name breakfast things.
- 13. List words that end in "W."
- 14. Name things you throw away.
- 15. List bad habits.
- 16. Name things with seeds.
- 17. Name places to explore.
- 18. Where would you find numbers?
- 19. List things that crumble in your hand.
- 20. List things you can wash.
- 21. Name things with many small pieces or parts.
- 22. Name things that are white and hard.
- 23. List uses for an empty film container.
- 24. Name uses for "post it" notes.
- 25. Name things that come in threes.
- 26. Name things that you can see through.
- 27. Name things that you turn.
- 28. Name ice cream flavors.
- 29. What can you do with a large pile of snow?

#### March Ideas!

- 1. What could you make out of an old shoe?
- 2. Name ways to cut grass without a lawn mower.
- List words with the same first and last letter (Dad).
- 4. Name things that are hollow.
- 5. Name things you can make by yourself.
- 6. List things a grandmother might say.
- 7. Name things you would find in a bowl of soup.
- 8. The answer is "cold"; what is the question?
- 9. List things you see out your front door.
- 10. Name uses for a glove.
- 11. Name ways to tell time.
- 12. Name things you avoid.
- 13. Where would you find a key?
- 14. List things that become more valuable with age.
- 15. List foods that are yellow.
- 16. Name uses for Scotch tape.
- 17. Name sounds you hear in a kitchen.
- 18. What can you do with a large rain puddle?