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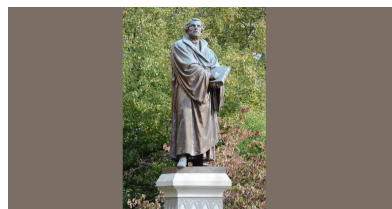
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[The First 8 Minutes of Class](#) provides ideas that can help you make the most of the first few minutes of class and create a routine that gets students thinking and ready to learn. Using thought-provoking images, math challenges, puzzles, and sorting activities, these strategies can help create a welcoming learning environment and stimulate students' curiosity, setting a positive tone for the rest of the class. (Cheryl Abila in *Edutopia*)

Holiday Ideas for October 2026

October 11th—Clergy Appreciation Day: Looking for creative ideas to celebrate your pastor on this date? St. James Lutheran in Lafayette, IN, had a wonderful idea. Find it [HERE](#).

October 31st—Reformation: Need ideas for having a school-wide Reformation celebration?



Activities

The 95 Theses Display: Have each grade or classroom write modern positive statements about faith, kindness, or scriptural truth on paper scrolls and tape or "nail" them with painter's tape to a central school door.

Hymn Sing-Along: Gather the whole school in the gymnasium to sing Martin Luther's famous hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," and other favorite hymns.

Costume or Period Dress: Encourage students and staff to dress in 16th-century Renaissance attire or simple monk/scholar robes.

Interactive Learning Stations

Rotate groups of students through different 15-minute activity stations:

- **Quill and Ink Writing:** Have students write Bible verses with feathers dipped in washable paint or ink, mimicking Luther's translation work.
- **Printing Press Demonstration:** Use stamps or a simple block-printing setup to show how the Gutenberg press helped spread translated scriptures quickly.
- **The Luther Rose Craft:** Provide coloring or mosaic templates of the Luther Rose to teach the symbolic meaning behind the seal.

Themed Snacks

- **Pretzels and German Fare:** Serve soft pretzels, which historically trace back to hands folded in prayer.
- **Diet of Worms:** Serve cups of chocolate dirt pudding topped with gummy worms as a lighthearted nod to the Diet of Worms.

Piaget is still relevant for understanding the development of children's minds if we are interested in big questions like how do thinking and logical reasoning develop? His work remains important because he

was ahead of his time in thinking about how children develop new, valid knowledge, beginning with their actions on the world – an insight that is currently receiving new attention. Read about it in [Piaget's Theory of Childhood Development: A Foundation for Current Understanding of Children](#). (Charlie Lewis and Jeremy I. M. Carpendale in *Child and Family Blog*)

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