

Holiday Sorting Bags

This is a great resource for early elementary grades. It takes a little preparation but it will be well worth your time.

Find or purchase 12 canvas bags. Light colored bags are perfect since you will want to decorate or put iron-on designs on the front. Try a "Dollar Store," a craft store or a discount store to purchase inexpensive bags.

If you find bags that have a logo on them, you can use white GESSO paint (available at art supply stores) to cover the logo. The bags I used came as a donation from a congregant that plans conferences. The bags were left over from one such conference.



Each bag should be decorated to represent one holiday. You can use graphics (davka graphics are perfect...available through www.davka.com) and print the pictures onto iron-on transfers (available at office supply stores). You can also decorate the bags yourself.

TO USE THE SORTING BAGS:

In the classroom, give each student a bag. Ask the students to sort themselves in order of the holidays.

Provide a box of items or flashcards to sort into the bags.

If you wish, you can introduce one bag at a time throughout the year as the holidays occur.

You can present all the bags at once as a review from the prior year.

*If canvas bags are not available,
here are some alternatives:*

1. *Colored File Folders (Use flashcards for sorting activities.)*
2. *Decorated Boxes (You choose the size.)*
3. *Stacking Baskets or Bins*

Use whatever will work best for you. Consider space, weight, storage and ease of use. I have