

Good Morning, Sunshine!

Let's Talk about VTS & Morning Work...

Morning Work... With 180 days to the school year, we invest a lot of time and energy into giving students productive work to start their day, but we also have to consider that not every student will have the opportunity to work on it! Visual Thinking Strategies can help as part of your morning work routine. Consider the following ideas:

- Try *The New York Times* "What's Going on in This Picture" images on the following site: <https://www.nytimes.com/column/learning-whats-going-on-in-this-picture> . Students can write about the images & discuss them later in the day.
- Provide an illustration from the day's read aloud or class novel that you'll be reading later. Students can record their ideas & be ready to share before starting the day's reading.
- Create a bank of your own images to VTS. You could allow partnerships or small groups to form as students arrive to have discussions. Ideas could be posted to a shared space.

This list is not inclusive, and we'd love to read your VTS morning work ideas in the class comments for this post on Google Classroom!

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"Morning is an important time of day because how you spend your morning can often tell you what kind of day you are going to have." - Lemony Snicket



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