

My 12 Minute Morning:

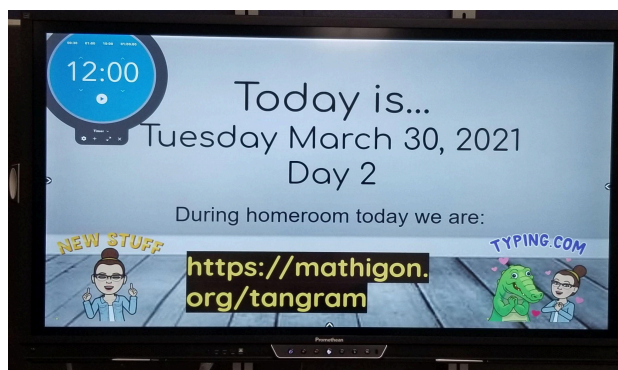
Setting: Staggered student entry into classroom/virtual classroom for homeroom

Summary: Upon entry students know to look at the board for their “12 minute morning” routine. The slide always includes the day of the week, the date and the day in the 6 day cycle. Also on the slide there are usually two activities (sometimes one or three) posted on the promethean board for them to participate in for the first 12 minutes of their day. They are quiet independent activities. Students can choose one activity for 12 minutes or move back and forth between the two activities if they choose. All activities can and should be completed at their personal desk. There is a 12 minute timer posted that will start after more than one student is in the classroom. Students are given a two minute warning to finish up what they are working on.

Disclaimer: Students who eat breakfast in the morning upon entering the classroom, eat breakfast first and then move to the “12 minute morning” activities. The time they get to spend on the activities depends on how long it takes them to eat breakfast.

“12 minute morning” Activities can include, but are not limited to:

- Online Tangrams (<https://mathigon.org/tangram>)
- Individual brainteasers - puzzle boxes, golf peg game etc.
- Any district expectations (surveys, reading time etc.)
- Typing.com
- Gimkit Kit challenges
- Kahoot Challenges
- Quizlet - vocabulary
- Drawing
- Coloring
- Listening to music
- Checking schooltool
- Organizing their materials for the day



(example of “12 minute morning” slide)

How did “12 minute mornings” start (background information):

I started having planned one on one meetings with my students. As educators we feel like we meet with students each day, however when they are planned, I found you get much better information from the students in general. The students expressed to me in these one on one meetings that they felt “rushed” and “stressed” in the morning because as soon as they entered the room they were forced to start school work immediately. They started their day off, with stress instead of having time to settle in. The 12 minute morning activities give them time to transition from home/the bus to their academic day in a much calmer fashion. This has made a huge change in student productivity.