



## Greetings

Welcome to September! The school year begins for many this week. Our team is available to help you with any questions, or any preparation needs we can support. We are excited to hear about your experiences and look forward to working with you as the school year begins! You can reach us by emailing [info@portalsacademy.com](mailto:info@portalsacademy.com) or by calling (612) 356-7376.

-Your Portals Team

## Portals Forum

Make sure to check out the [Portals forum](#) page. This is a place for Portals educators to ask questions of one another and share ideas. You must be registered for the 2023-2024 school year in order to access this resource.

The forum also contains “hot fixes” for each learning level. Portals finds the best available project ideas and supplemental resources available online, but sometimes these links break or content is removed.

When this happens we will publish new links for you to use.

## Pen Pal Opportunities

*Portals Pen Pals:*

*All Levels*

Want a Portals Pen Pal to share all your adventures? Email Hub Support with your name, level, and whether you would like to exchange letters or emails by Friday, September 15th. We will assign pen pals amongst the Portals students who are interested in participating. Pen pals will be expected to send at least one communication each month. Question prompts will be provided when you receive your Pen Pal.

*International Pen Pals:*

*Growers, Thinkers, Leaders*

Interested in writing to a class of 7th graders in Cambodia this fall? Please email Hub Support by Friday, September 8th. Note messages will be sent as a group through Hub support rather than one to one.

## Portals Project Ideas

A Portals week includes four days of lesson plans that contain Read, Think, Do learning, and one day open for you to do projects that encourage community building, creative

thinking, problem-solving and character development. Portals will send out project ideas the Friday before the start of each week. We encourage you to review the project ideas with your student(s) and allow them to choose based on their interests. Portals Projects can also be accessed on our [blog](#).