Students Love Trading Cards!
Try these ideas for incorporating these educational and fun PEZ Presidential Trading Cards into your daily activities.

Play Concentration!
Print and cut out a set of cards. Instead of folding the information panel behind the photo, cut the card into two separate parts. Glue each piece to an index card. Then have students place the cards on a table, information-side down. Challenge students to match the presidents’ pictures with the information about them.

Use the Cards as Rewards
As students complete their study of each president, present them with a trading card. Students will look forward to collecting the full set!

The Ring’s the Thing
Print, cut out, and fold the trading cards. Then laminate them. Carefully punch holes in the top left corners and place the cards on metal rings or climber’s clips. Invite students to flip through the cards when they have a few free minutes.

Group Students for Projects
Create multiple sets of trading cards and place them in a shoebox. When you need to group students randomly, invite each child to draw a card. Then have all of the students who drew a George Washington card work together, all of the students who drew a John Adams card work together, and so forth. If you need fewer groups, simply remove one of the presidents.

Create an Interactive Matching Display
Print a set of cards and cut them out. Cut each one into two pieces. On the information side of each card, use a permanent marker or correction fluid to obscure the president’s name. Post all of the card fronts on one side of a bulletin board and all of the card backs on the other side. Then attach a piece of yarn to each card front. Challenge students to use the yarn to match the fronts and backs and use pushpins to tack the yarn into place.
Did you know? George Washington

Born: February 22, 1732, in Pope's Creek, Virginia
Died: December 14, 1799
Family: Married to Martha Dandridge Custis Washington
Good to know:
• Interested in the military arts and western expansion
• Lived at Mount Vernon
• Served in the Virginia House of Burgesses
• Commanded the Continental Army during the American Revolution
• Served as president at the Constitutional Convention
• Was the only US president to be elected unanimously
Nicknames:
The Father of His Country, The Sword of the Revolution, The Old Fox

Did you know?
George Washington’s best school subject as a boy was math. He wrote his lessons in ink on heavy paper; then his mother or a teacher sewed the paper into notebooks.

George Washington

1st US President • 1789–1797

John Adams

2nd US President • 1797–1801

Did you know? John Adams was the first president to live in the White House. It was comprised of six rooms.

Born October 30, 1735, in Braintree, Massachusetts
Died: July 4, 1826
Family: Married to Abigail Smith Adams; had five children
Good to know:
• Graduated from Harvard University
• Taught school before becoming an attorney
• Served as vice president under George Washington
• As president, called a special meeting of Congress to consider ways of keeping peace
• While he was president, laws that made it a crime to criticize the government, the president, or Congress were passed.
Nicknames:

Did you know?
John Adams was the first president to live in the White House. Only about six rooms were finished. Mrs. Adams had to dry laundry in the East Room.

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3rd US President • 1801–1809

Thomas Jefferson

Born: April 13, 1743, in Goochland County, Virginia
Died: July 4, 1826
Family: Married to Martha Wayles Skelton Jefferson; they had one son and five daughters, but only two daughters lived to become adults.

Good to know:
- Studied law
- Served a leading role in the Continental Congress
- Drafted the Declaration of Independence
- Authorized the Lewis and Clark expedition to explore lands that were part of the Louisiana Purchase

Nicknames:
- The Father of the Declaration of Independence
- The Sage of Monticello

Did you know?
- Thomas Jefferson was the first president who had guests shake his hand instead of bow to him. He had dinner guests placed at a round table so everyone felt equally important.

4th US President • 1809–1817

James Madison

Born: March 16, 1751, in Port Conway, Virginia
Died: June 28, 1836
Family: Married to Dolley Payne Madison

Good to know:
- Attended Princeton University
- Was a leader in the Constitutional Convention and kept a complete record of the debates
- Was president during the War of 1812 when the British entered Washington and set fire to the White House and the Capitol
- Dolley Madison was the toast of Washington; she had a lively personality and loved to throw extravagant parties at the White House.

Nickname:
- Father of the Constitution

Did you know?
- James Madison was mostly responsible for writing the first ten amendments to the US Constitution—the Bill of Rights.
James Monroe

5th US President • 1817–1825

Born: April 28, 1758, in Westmoreland County, Virginia

Died: July 4, 1831

Nickname: The Era of Good Feelings President

Family: Married to Elizabeth Kortright Monroe; had two daughters and a son

Good to know:
- Left school to become a soldier at age 18
- Was later taught law by Thomas Jefferson
- Held a seat in the Virginia Assembly
- Vice President Aaron Burr was a cousin
- Died July 4, 1831 in Virginia

Did you know?
- To go to school, James Monroe had to leave home early in the morning and walk through the forest. He often carried a rifle and shot game along the way.