Instructions: While you are waiting for everyone to come in and get signed in, here are some brain busters to get you thinking.

1) We will start you out with 3 Wuzzles (Can you figure out these Word Puzzles?)

   BRAIN
   KIDNEY
   HOME
   HEART

   2TO

   PLAY
   WORDS

2) Ok, now try this one. We will give you three chances because you might just need the practice. Connect the 9 dots in the puzzle below with 4 straight lines, the catch being that you are not permitted to lift your pencil once you have started.

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   ●  ●  ●
   ●  ●  ●
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   ●  ●  ●
   ●  ●  ●
   ●  ●  ●
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   ●  ●  ●

3) Now, riddle me this... As I was going to St. Ives, I met a man with seven wives. Each wife had seven sacks; each sack had seven cats; each cat had seven kits. Kits, cats, sacks and wives, how many were going to St. Ives? ______

4) Can you circle exactly four of these numbers such that the total is twelve?

   1 6 1
   6 1 6
   1 6 1
   6 1 6

Bonus Questions:

What do you do during the First Five minutes of your classes to motivate students, to help them get their brains engaged and ready to learn? Haven’t thought about it? Well, what could you do? Why might you want to?