

Days to Celebrate

RIF EXTENSION ACTIVITIES FOR EDUCATORS

CLASS CALENDAR

Make a calendar of all the days that are special to your students. Let students suggest days that are important to them that month (family birthdays, big sports games, upcoming trips) and write them on the board or on a poster.



CELEBRATION STATION

Your class deserves its own day, doesn't it? Choose a day and create your own festival! Let the students pick the name and think up games to play and ways to celebrate. Have them draw pictures or make banners for the walls. Let them create songs or dances for your celebration.



BIRTHDAY CAKE CHART

Explore fractions by making a class "birthday cake" chart. Ask students what months they were born and put the answers into a pie ("birthday cake") chart. Students can also be put into small groups and asked to create their own group pie chart.



THE SECRET LIFE OF...

Put students into pairs or groups. Let them pick one person from the book who was born this month. Have them research to find out more about that person and make a poster to share with the class. They could also put on a short play to tell about their person's main accomplishments.



PORTRAIT OF THE ARTIST

Have students draw self-portraits to celebrate themselves. Make a "frame" for each picture by drawing lines about 1 in. in from the edges of the paper. Tell students to write their names and birthdays inside the frame, along with words or sentences describing themselves.

