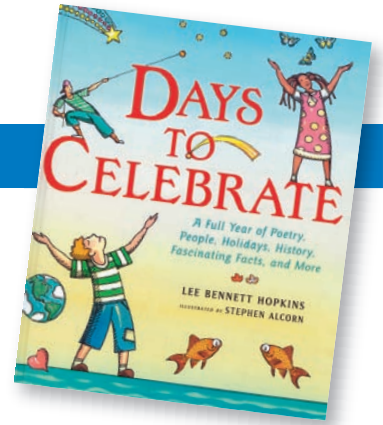


Days to Celebrate

RIF EXTENSION ACTIVITIES FOR EDUCATORS



THINK-TAC-TOE ACTIVITY OPTIONS

- ◆ Individual students can choose an activity to complete.
- ◆ Student pairs or cooperative groups can work together on a choice of their own.
- ◆ Educators can assign an activity for an individual, pairs or groups.

<p style="text-align: center;">RHYME TIME</p> <p>Not all of the poems in this book rhyme. Write your own poem that does rhyme. Pick a rhyming pattern, or rhyme scheme, and write a poem about your favorite holiday. Draw a picture to go with your poem.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Word Smart/Creative Writing</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BAR NONE</p> <p>Find out in what month each of your classmates was born. Include your own birthday month. Make a bar graph to show how many students were born in each month. Remember to label your graph!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Math</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">THE NAME GAME</p> <p>Write an acrostic poem about this month. For each letter of the month's name, think of a word or phrase that describes that month. Decorate your poem.</p> <p>Example: Mother's Day Always lots of flowers You need a sweater!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Word Smart/Creative Writing</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">GO, YOU!</p> <p>You're so great, people have decided to make a festival all about you! What will your festival be called? How will people celebrate? What will they eat? Will they have to dress up? Write a story or poem, or draw a comic strip about what happens at the first Festival of You.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Word Smart/Creative Writing</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">EXTRA, EXTRA!</p> <p>Find your birthday in the book. Pick one of the people or events on that day and research it. Pretend you live in the time. Write a newspaper article about the person or event. Remember that good articles have a <i>headline!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Word Smart/History</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RESEARCHING THE STONE</p> <p>Each month has a birthstone. What's your birthstone? Research to find out more about it. Make a brochure with at least 10 facts about your birthstone, including where it's found. Draw a picture of your stone.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Science/Informative Writing</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SHALL I COMPARE THEE...</p> <p>The poems in this book use a lot of <i>figurative language</i>, like "silky-black seals." Write a poem or short story about yourself. Describe yourself using figurative language. Is your hair black as night? Are your eyes blue like the ocean?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Word Smart/Creative Writing</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HEAT INDEX</p> <p>Every month in this book has a weather report. Research to find out what the weather was like in your state last year. Make a graph showing the average temperature every month. Which month was hottest? Which was coldest? What was the difference in degrees between the hottest and coldest months?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Math/Science</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WHAT'S IN A NAME?</p> <p>Where did the names of the months come from? Pick a month and research to find out how it got its name. Make a poster to share your findings with the class. Be sure to make it colorful and interesting!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Word Smart/Informative Writing</i></p>

