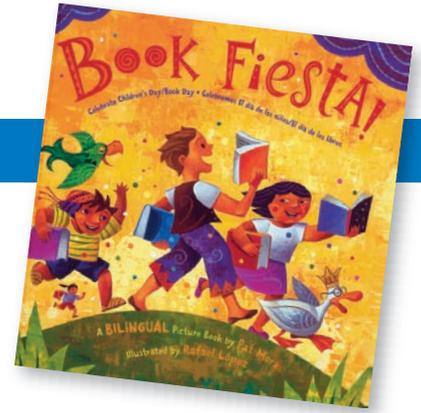


# Book Fiesta!

## RIF EXTENSION ACTIVITIES FOR EDUCATORS



### FIESTA CELEBRATION!

Plan a book fiesta in your classroom or school. Invite parents or another class to come enjoy a celebration of books. For a personal twist, have students share books made by your class. Provide simple snacks (chips, salsa, juice, etc.). Use the ideas below for decorations and party favors.



### PAPER BAG MARACAS

Materials: 4 small paper bags, rice, paint, paper, 2 rubber bands, tape

1. Place 1 bag into another to make a double bag. Repeat. Paint the two double bags. Let dry. Fill each bag with a cup of rice.
2. Roll paper into a tight tube for the handle. Tape to hold. Put paper handle in the bag, leaving some exposed.
3. Tighten the end of each bag with a rubber band. Tie with ribbon to cover the rubber band.

Have your students use the maracas to come up with a fun song or dance about reading to perform at your book fiesta!

### TISSUE PAPER FLOWERS

Materials: tissue paper, yarn, tape, scissors

1. Stack six sheets of tissue paper. Fold the stack like a fan/accordion. Use different colors for each flower or make them a solid color.
2. Cut folded paper fan in half through the middle. Each half will make one flower.
3. Take one half (still folded) and trim both ends into a rounded point.
4. Tie yarn around the center of each folded fan of paper.
5. Gently separate each layer of the folded paper by pulling up and down until you have a circular shape.
6. Tape ends together at the top and bottom so the flower will stay open.

Use the flowers to decorate your space for a fiesta!

