



# Activity Packet

A collection of resources aligned to the theme of Celebration



From galas to high-fives, celebrations of all sizes have the capacity to mark important occasions and lift our spirits. Enjoy learning about many different types of celebrations and reasons for celebrating, then have some of your own this month.

## This packet includes a:

- Celebration classroom activity
- Celebration home activity
- Celebration recommended booklist

We recommend you print and copy the home activity and recommended book list pages to send home to extend Rally to Read 100 and encourage continuous learning!

**For more reading fun, visit [RallytoRead.org](https://RallytoRead.org).**



## Celebrate Your Class

Imagine your classroom has a special reason to celebrate (for example the 100th day of school) and create the perfect way to do it.

- This activity is designed for whole class, small group, and independent work.
- This activity can be as involved as you like or very simple and quick.

### Steps

1. Talk with your students about some of the reasons your class should be celebrated (e.g., friendship, 100 days of school, mastering multiplication).
2. Tell your students that you want to have a celebration because of their many accomplishments and invite them to help you design it. [Note: Identify your parameters ahead of time (e.g., no food, must be inside – or outside). Be sure to communicate your parameters with the class at the outset.]
3. Using the celebrations that you've read about in books, identify several things that make celebrations special (e.g., music, special games or activities, invitations).
4. Assign small groups to each category (or continue planning as a whole class) and make decisions about how you will satisfy each category.
5. Find a time (e.g., rainy-day recess, end-of-unit break) to hold your celebration.



## Theme: Celebration | Home Activity

Our class is learning about celebration with literacy resources from Reading Is Fundamental. Complete this activity with your child to help deepen their understanding of celebration.

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### Secret Celebration

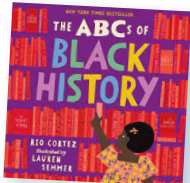
Celebrations don't have to be big to be meaningful. In this activity, you and your child will have the opportunity to design a secret (i.e., personal) celebration that just your family shares.

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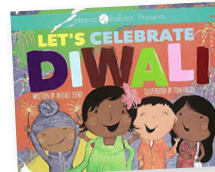
1. Talk to your child about what they've learned about celebration in class.
2. Think about and discuss all the small things that can be celebrated in a day (e.g., getting to school on time, the warmth of the sun or a cool breeze, learning a new word).
3. Design a special way of celebrating together that no one else might see or understand. Maybe a particular song you hum or whistle or an original exclamation similar to yay!
4. Look for ways to use your new celebration through the days and weeks to come. And make some time for more involved celebrations for the bigger things.

**Reading Is Fundamental** has curated a list of books to help children further explore the theme of Celebration. Use this recommended book list to help your students/ children continue their discovery about this topic in school and at home. For additional activities for the books listed, please visit [RIF.org/literacy-central/collections/rally-read-celebration-collection](https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/collections/rally-read-celebration-collection).

View read-alouds of titles in blue on [RallytoRead.org](https://www.RallytoRead.org) this month.



**The ABCs of Black History**  
Author: Rio Cortez  
Illustrator: Lauren Semmer  
Grades: K-4



**Let's Celebrate Diwali**  
Author: Anjali Joshi  
Illustrator: Tim Palin  
Grades: K-2



**The Gifted Guitar**  
Authors & Illustrator: Carmen Rubin  
Grades: K-3



**First Snow**  
Author: Nancy Viau  
Illustrator: Talitha Shipman  
Grades: PK-1



**Most Perfect You**  
Author: Jazmyn Simon  
Illustrator: Tamisha Anthony  
Grades: PK-3



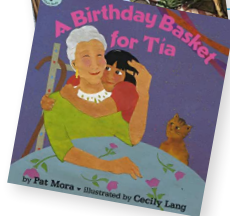
**Biscuit and the Big Parade**  
Authors: Alyssa Satin Capucilli  
Illustrator: Pat Schories  
Grades: PK-1



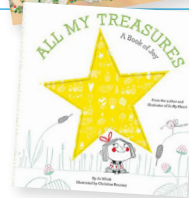
**The Library's Secret**  
Author: Ana Galán  
Illustrator: Rodrigo Luján  
Grades: K-3



**My Grandma and Me**  
Author: Mina Javaherbin  
Illustrator: Lindsey Yankey  
Grades: PK-3



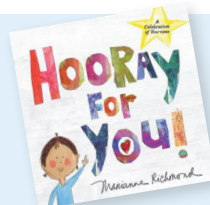
**A Birthday Basket for Tia**  
Author: Pat Mora  
Illustrator: Cecily Lang  
Grades: PK-3



**All My Treasures: A Book of Joy**  
Author: Jo Witek  
Illustrator: Christine Roussey  
Grades: PK-K

**BARNES & NOBLE**

Storytime Pick



**Hooray for You!**  
Author & Illustrator:  
Marianne Richmond

**Celebration Book Discussion Questions**

1. What was being celebrated in this book and how did the characters celebrate?
2. What special or favorite celebrations do you have with family or friends throughout the year?
3. Why do you think celebrations are important?
4. What things, like food or music, do you think celebrations *must always* include?
5. If you could make up a new celebration, what would it be for and how would you celebrate?