

The Birthday Box

A RIF GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

Themes: Birthdays, Celebrations, Imagination, Creativity

Grade Level: Pre-K to 1st grade

Book Brief: A child gets a birthday present and discovers the joy of imagination.

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TIME TO READ!

Before reading: Ask the children what they think about when they hear the word “birthday.” Ask about a favorite present. Why was it so special? Is there anyone in the group who just had a birthday or will soon have a birthday?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

READING BOXES (AGES 4-6)

Collect several “child sized” boxes to be used as reading boxes. Have kids decorate the outside of the boxes with paint, markers or pictures cut out of magazines. Place a pillow or blanket inside each box. Allow children to take turns reading in the box.

IMAGINATION STATION (AGES 4-6)

Place several boxes at a station for students to use however they want. Have reading materials and props.

BIRTHDAY CARDS (AGES 4-12)

Create a community service project by making birthday cards for a senior center in your area. Each child can make a card to send to one of the seniors celebrating a birthday each month.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

The Patterson Puppies and the Rainy Day (2009), *Yummy Yucky* (2003), *No No Yes Yes* (2008), *Higher! Higher!* (2009).

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