# The Birthday Box

## A RIF GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

Themes: Birthdays, Celebrations, Imagination,

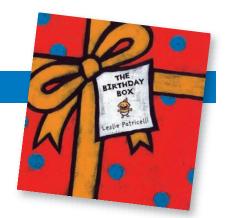
Creativity

Grade Level: Pre-K to 1st grade

**Book Brief:** A child gets a birthday present and

discovers the joy of imagination.

Author/Illustrator: Leslie Patricelli





## **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).





