

# Days to Celebrate

## A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

**Themes:** Celebrations, History

**Grade Level:** K to 5th grade

**Book Brief:** A month-by-month guide to special days throughout the year.

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## TIME TO READ!

**Before reading, look at the big picture:** This book is divided by month. Look at the calendar for the current month with your child.

**While reading, pay attention to the captions:** Each poem or picture has a few sentences to tell what it is and why it's important. Read them!

**After reading, ask questions:**

- ◆ What was this poem about?
- ◆ What kind of poem was it?
- ◆ Why did the editor put the poem in this month?
- ◆ Was it *written by* someone born in this month?
- ◆ Was it *about* someone born in this month?

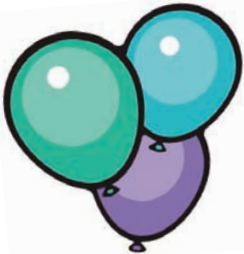
## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### CONFETTI "CAKE"

Ingredients: rice cake, peanut butter, chocolate chips, raisins

Cover the rice cake with a little bit of peanut butter. Let your child decorate the "cake" with chocolate chip and raisin "confetti." Talk to your child while you cook!

If your child has a peanut allergy, use spreadable cheese and chopped up vegetables



### OUT AND ABOUT

Next time you're out, try to find a festival or people celebrating something. Ask your child to guess or make up a story about what they're celebrating.

### PERSONAL CALENDAR

Materials: paper, markers or pens

Make a calendar of all the days that are special to your child. Fill out the attached sheet with personal "days to celebrate," like family birthdays, school field trips or sports games. (Don't forget to number the days.) Decorate the calendar and hang it up.

If your child does something worth celebrating, like making a good grade on a hard test, add that to the calendar, too!



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### OTHER BOOKS ABOUT FRIENDSHIP

*Amazing Faces*, Lee Bennett Hopkins (2010), *Hand in Hand*, Lee Bennett Hopkins (1994), *Some Kind of Love*, Traci Dant (2010).

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY