



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 sharing with your students about the many different types of celebrations around the world 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.



Around The World Show & Tell

1. Invite your students to bring in an item from home that is special to their family and/or culture.
2. Have students sit in a circle and take turns telling everyone about their item.
Consider questions such as:
 - What did you bring in for show and tell?
 - How is this item special to you and your family?
 - Tell us the story of how you got this item!
3. After all students have shared, discuss any similarities and differences discovered during the activity. Encourage students to continue to discuss their items with classmates throughout the day and refer to the connections made in other lessons and conversations.



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.

Secret Celebration

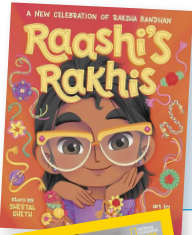
Celebrations don't have to be big to be meaningful. In this activity, you and your child will have the opportunity to design a secret (i.e., personal) celebration that just your family shares.

Steps

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 choose 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
until every child reads

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.**



Raashi's Rakhis: A New Celebration of Raksha Bandhan

Author: Sheetal Sheth
Illustrator: Lucia Soto
Grades: PK-3



Mr. Santa

Author & Illustrator: Jarvis
Grades: PK-2



National Geographic Kids: Holidays Around the World: Celebrate Kwanzaa

Author: Carolyn B. Otto
Grades: 2-4



Hershel & the Hanukkah Goblins

Author: Eric A. Kimmel
Illustrator: Trina Schart Hyman
Grades: PK-3



Rookie Read-About® Holidays: Diwali

Author: Trudi Strain Trueit
Grades: 1-3



Too Many Tamales

Author: Gary Soto
Illustrator: Ed Martinez
Grades: PK-3



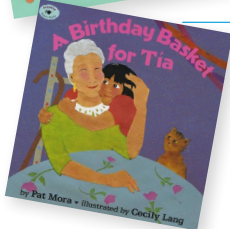
Goldy Luck and the Three Pandas

Author: Natasha Yim
Illustrator: Grace Zong
Grades: PK-3



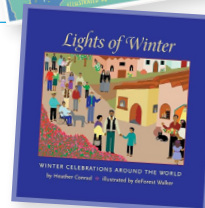
Celebrations Around the World

Author & Illustrator: Katy Halford
Grades: PK-1



A Birthday Basket for Tia

Author: Pat Mora
Illustrator: Cecily Lang
Grades: PK-3

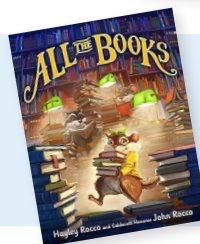


Lights of Winter

Author: Heather Conrad
Illustrator: deForest Walker
Grades: PK-4

BARNES & NOBLE

Storytime Pick



All The Books

Author: Hayley Rocco
Illustrator: John Rocco
Grades: PK-3

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?