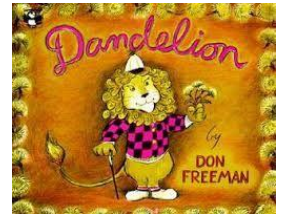
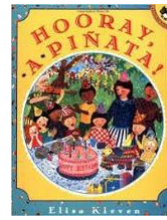




Home Link - English



Dear Families: In this unit your child will be learning about friendship. Try at least three of these fun learning activities or do them all! The most important thing is to enjoy time with your child learning about what is happening in the classroom. Please color in the boxes of the activities you choose and return this form to school next Monday. **HAVE FUN!**

Child's Name: _____

Language

(Related to *A Letter to Amy*, *Dandelion*, and *Hooray, a Piñata!*)

Storytelling:

Tell your child about a celebration you have been to and then act it out together. Words you might use in your story include celebration, party, wedding, anniversary, invitation.

Conversation Starters:

- What is your favorite kind of celebration? Why?
- What kinds of things do people bring to the celebration?

Literacy

This is a poem your child should be familiar with. Recite and make the hand motions.

Mix a Pancake

Mix a pancake
 Stir a pancake.
 Pop it in the pan.
 Fry the pancake.
 Toss the pancake.
 Catch it if you can.

-Christina Rossetti

Discovery

(related to *Matthew and Tilly*)

Homemade Lemonade:

Here's what you will need to make it:

- 4 lemons, 1 cup of sugar, 6 cups of water, pitcher

Here's what you have to do:

- Roll each lemon with the palm of your hand on a counter or tabletop. This will make the lemons easier to squeeze and help them make more juice. Cut the lemons in half. Squeeze them into a bowl. Add water and 1 cup of sugar. Stir everything together.

Conversation Starters:

- How do you think it is going to taste?
- Why do you think we add sugar?
- What did we do first, second, etc.?

Math

Compare game:

1. Mix the cards
2. Deal cards evenly to each player.
3. Players flip their cards at the same time to see whose card is greater (8 is more than 5).
4. The player with the greater number takes the cards (if cards are equal, players flip another card to see who has more).
5. When all the cards are played, start again.

Conversation Starters:

- How do you know that 8 is bigger than 4?
- How can you figure out who had more?

Reading Log

Check off each day that you and your child read a story together. The books can be in English or in your home language. Visit your public library for great books about friends!

Monday ___ Tuesday ___ Wednesday ___ Thursday ___ Friday ___ Saturday ___ Sunday ___

Books we are reading in school:

Dandelion by Don Freeman
Hooray, a Piñata! by Elisa Kleven

Other books you and your child might enjoy:

Feast for Ten by Cathryn Falwell
Birthday Party for Frances by Russell Hoban
Lion Dancer Ernie Wan's Chinese New Year by Kate Waters

Tips for Reading Together

- Sit together in a quiet, cozy spot.
- As you read, highlight and define new vocabulary. For example, “A **bouquet** is a bunch of flowers.”
- As you read, ask your child questions pertaining to the book. For example, “Why do you think Dandelion dressed up for Jennifer’s party?”

Conversation Starters:

- What is your favorite part of the story?
- What is the first thing that happens in the story?
- What do you think will happen next?