

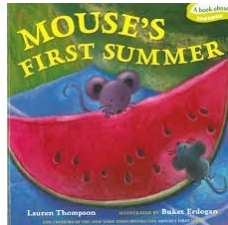


4th of July

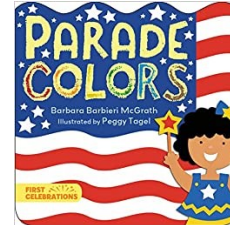
The 4th of July is the “heart” of summer festivities! We are enjoying outdoor activities like swimming, enjoying picnics with our families and celebrating our nation’s independence with evening fireworks.

Click on a book cover below to open the read aloud in YouTube.

Wave a Little Flag



Weekly Read Aloud



4th of July Songs



Literacy Activity

Wave a Little Flag

(Tune of I’m a Little Teapot)

*Wave a little flag,
Red, white and blue,
Our country belongs to me and you.
So, all together we can say,
“Happy Independence Day!”*

With your toddler, sit and talk about some things in the song. Show them pictures of a flag and how it can be used; have them find the colors in your house that are in the song. This is a simple way to talk about current events and expand your toddler’s vocabulary!

Dramatic Play or Music Activity

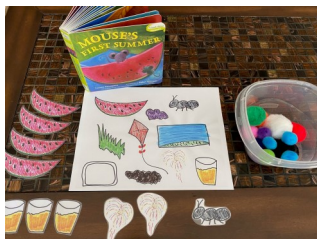
4th of July Picnic

Take a plastic tablecloth and lay it on the floor in a safe location in your house. Place items on the tablecloth that you would use during a picnic (picnic basket, plastic plates, plastic cups, plastic spoons, blanket, etc.) Sit on the tablecloth or blanket with your toddler and enjoy a beautiful 4th of July picnic. Real snacks can be included or you can simply pretend! The goal is to further develop language in a fun playful way using your imagination.

Math Activity

Many adults assume that babies don’t really understand counting if they can’t reproduce the words which represent counting, like “one, two, three, etc.” However, as recently as October of 2019, researchers, experimenting with infants and toddlers, discovered that they understand that counting represents quantity.

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Click on the image to see Ms. Lynn’s activity.

Science Activity

Indoor Milk Fireworks



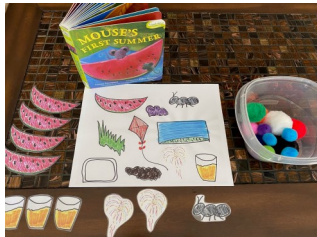
Click on the image to watch Ms. Kellie make fireworks with milk.



Excited to Learn More?

Here are some additional activities you may also enjoy.

4th of July Math (continued from page 1)



Here are a couple counting and color activities for infants and toddlers:

1. Using a 4th of July theme, count red and blue color pom-poms into a container for infants.
2. A variation on this idea is to pretend that the different color pom-poms are "mice" from the book "Mouse's First Summer." Count each color "mouse" into the bowl. How many mice do you have? What colors do you have?
3. With toddlers, reprint the story retell sheet from the book up to 10 times. Cut the pieces out and laminate/contact paper them. Count 4 slices of "red watermelon" or 3 glasses of yellow lemonade with help from your toddler!

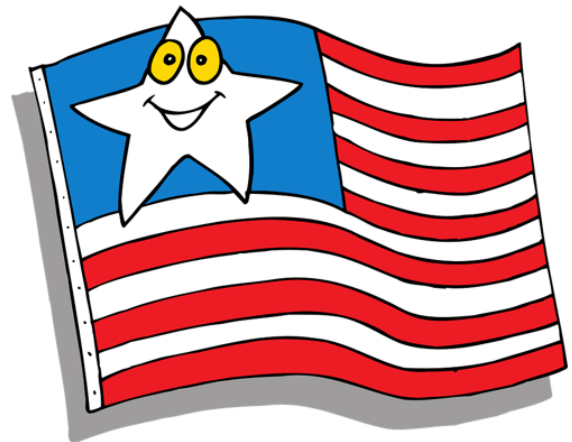


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On Independence Day

(Tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb")

Fireworks go snap, snap, snap!
 Crack, crack, crack!
 Zap, zap, zap!
 Fireworks make me clap, clap, clap!
 On Independence Day!



Way up in the Sky

(Tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat")

Wave, wave, wave the flag,
 Hold it very high.
 Watch the colors gently wave,
 Way up in the sky.

March, march, march around,
 Hold the flag up high.
 Wave, wave, wave the flag,
 Way up in the sky.