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Did You Know?

Independence Day or **Fourth of July** is the annual celebration of the United States' "birthday," the date of the passage of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. The first celebrations included bell ringing, bonfires, processions, and speeches. In some towns, these celebrations also had a mock funeral for the king, symbolizing the end of America's rule by the British monarchy. It was not until 1941, however, that Congress officially established the Fourth of July as a legal holiday. The date could easily have been July 2, the day on which the Continental Congress approved a resolution for independence, or August 2, the day on which the members of Congress actually signed the document. But it was on July 4 that the final text of the Declaration, which had been drafted by Thomas Jefferson, was ratified. By 1788, the Fourth of July also commemorated the U.S. Constitution as well, which had recently been approved by ten states.

Dirty Dessert

This is a pudding made with crushed Oreo cookies. You cover the top of the pudding with the crushed cookies and it looks like dirt. You can make it in a clay pot (new and washed) and buy silk flowers and wash the stem and put it in the pudding. It makes a great centerpiece, and then you can eat it! You can also just make it in clear plastic cups. You can even put gummy worms in the 'dirt' for fun!

Ingredients:

- 1/2 stick butter
- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 1 cup confectioner's sugar
- 2 (sm.) packets of vanilla pudding
- 3 cups of milk

Mix all ingredients and fold in 12 oz. tub of whipped cream. Crush one package of Oreos and layer in the cup or flower pot alternating with the pudding mixture, ending with more crushed cookies! Add a gummy worm or other creepy crawlies, and a plastic or silk flower.



Gift of the Month

Deposit \$5.00 in your **Dollar Dog** account each month and receive a free gift. If you make your deposit online, don't forget to stop by a local branch to pick up your gift.

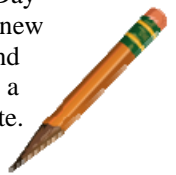
July

Grab Bag—pick a bag that contains a bunch of goodies; from candy to toys, to school supplies. Each bag is different.



August

Celebrate #2 Pencil Day on August 17 with a new pencil. Read on to find out how many words a single pencil can write. Can you guess?



September

Go back to school in style with this custom lime green backpack with reflective strips to keep you safe. Fill it with books for school or dirty clothes for mom.



Film Canister Rocket

Have fun at home building a rocket! There's never a better time to experiment than the present. This activity can be messy, so plan to do it outside or ask an adult for a good place. Be sure to get permission before trying this activity, or better yet, ask them to help make the rocket too.

Materials:

Construction paper
Empty film canister
Scissors

A few squares of toilet paper

Tape

Baking soda

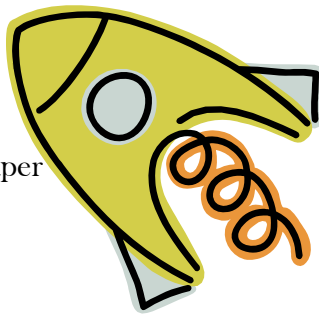
Vinegar

What to do:

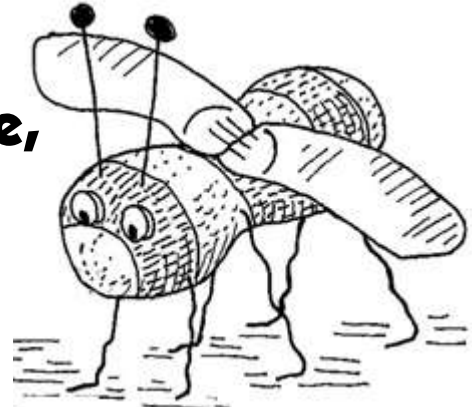
1. Make a rocket body by rolling a piece of construction paper once around the film canister to form a tube.
2. Tape the paper to the canister. The rim of the open end of the film canister should not be covered with paper.
3. Make a nose cone by cutting a circle out of paper. Make it bigger than the opening of the tube.
4. Cut a straight line from the edge of the circle to the center point. Slide the cut edges past each other to form a cone. Tape it together.
5. Attach the cone to the top of the rocket body with tape.
6. Fill the film canister half way with vinegar.
7. Put a tablespoon of baking soda onto two sheets of toilet paper. Fold the toilet paper around the baking soda.
8. To fuel the rocket, quickly drop the toilet paper filled with baking soda into the film canister and put the lid on the canister.
8. Set the rocket down on a flat surface with the nose cone pointing up.
9. Quickly move away from the launch site.

Questions:

Can you change something about your rocket to make it go even higher? Does the amount of baking soda and vinegar matter? What about the weight of the canister? Test it.



Red, White, And Blue Bugs



You won't mind having these red, white, and blue bugs at your picnic. They're the only bugs that can sit at your table without bugging anyone.

What you'll need:

Peanuts in the shell
Red, white, and blue paint
Paintbrushes
Wiggle eyes
Dried maple seeds
Glue
Hairpins
Wire cutters
Pins with glass heads

How to make them:

1. To make the body, paint a whole peanut shell red, white, and blue.
2. Glue on 2 wiggle eyes and 2 dried maple seeds for the wings. (If you don't have maple seeds, cut wings from construction paper.)
3. Ask an adult to cut hairpins in half to make 6 legs. Bend the ends of the hairpins to make feet. Then poke the legs into the sides of the peanut body.
4. Carefully poke 2 hat pins into the bug's head for its antennae.



Make a whole line of bugs leading up to a big cake centerpiece, and watch your family's reaction!

WALNUT SHIPS

Use half of a walnut shell for the ship. Place playdough or clay in the bottom of the ship. Glue a triangular-shaped sail from paper or felt to a toothpick. Stick the toothpick into the playdough or clay and float your boat.



Wave Jar



Set out baby food jars, vegetable oil, water and food coloring. Let each of the children fill one of the baby food jars halfway with water and add two or three drops of food coloring. Fill each child's jar to the top with the oil. Screw the lid on tightly. If necessary, seal the lid with hot glue and allow it to cool. Let the children shake their wave jars back and forth to create waves.

KNOTT : "Who's calling?" was the answer to the telephone.
WATT : "Watt."
KNOTT : "What is your name, please?"
WATT : "Watt's my name."
KNOTT : "That's what I asked you. What's your name?"
WATT : "That's what I told you. Watt's my name."

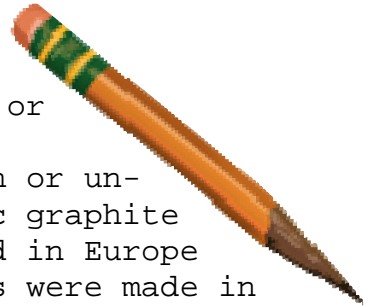
After a long pause...

WATT : "Is this James Brown?"
KNOTT : "No, this is Knott."
WATT : "Please tell me your name."
KNOTT : "Will Knott."



August 17 - #2 Pencil Day

One pencil can write 45,000 words or draw a line 35 miles long. It can write in zero gravity, upside down or under water. The "lead" is non-toxic graphite - the wood is cedar. Mass produced in Europe since 1622, the first U.S. pencils were made in 1812. And why are 75% of all pencils yellow? During the 1800s, the best graphite came from China. Yellow is the color they associate with royalty and respect. A pencil painted yellow became known as the best pencil you could buy.



The Straight Face Game

Looking for a new game to play in the car on the way to Grandma's house? This one can be very funny. One child is "it" and the others pick a phrase for him. Try "the cat's tail." The others ask him questions, and he must answer with "the cat's tail." Other children ask him questions like,

- What do you brush your teeth with?
- What is your favorite breakfast food?
- What would you write with?
- What do you comb your hair with?

When he laughs, it is someone else's turn to be "it." And you pick another phrase.

Try these phrases:

- My monkey's moustache
- Four fragrant flowers
- Humpty Dumpty's hat
- Silly Sally's seven snakes



Sea Life Jokes

Question: What did the shrimp say after his dinner?

Answer: Shrimply delicious.

Question: What kind of dog lives on the beach?

Answer: A hot dog.

Question: What kind of fish like suntans?

Answer: Beached whales.

Question: What is the smallest thing on the beach?

Answer: A micro-wave.



Here Comes Fall!

WHAT IS LABOR DAY?

Labor Day is a United States federal holiday observed on the first Monday in September. The holiday originated in 1882 from a desire by the Central Labor Union to create “a day off for the working man”. Parades and pro-union demonstrations were central to the holiday at least through the time of World War I.

Today, Labor Day is celebrated by most Americans as the symbolic end of the summer (which symbolically begins on Memorial Day). Congress made Labor Day a federal holiday in 1894.

SEVEN ACTIVITIES FOR PRESCHOOLERS

1. Button Sorting—Buy a bag of buttons at your local craft store and have your child sort them however they want to, by color, size, number of threading holes, etc. An older child can count the sorted piles.
2. Placemat Per Night—Buy a stack of blank paper placemats from the party supply store. Have your preschooler color a new placemat to eat off of for the evening. They can make a new one each night or make one for other family members. Great during dinner prep.
3. Wash Day—Fill a large bucket with some mild soap, like Ivory. Allow your child to wash washcloths or dish towels. Provide another bucket (or rinse the first out) to rinse, and then hang them with clothes pins and a string in the bathroom. This helps the child learn that clothes get clean via a process, not just “magic”.
4. Shaving Cream Cars—Put mild, un-scented shaving cream on a cookie sheet with a lip (sometimes called a brownie sheet or jelly-roll pan). Allow your child to drive cars and trains through the “snow”. Those learning to write letters can attempt their letters with an index finger and erase to try again easily.
5. Painting The Driveway Or Deck—On a sunny day, give your child a container of water and a real painter’s brush (wide with a thick handle) and allow them to paint away. The sun evaporates the water quickly, and the kids will love to see the cause and effect of painting.
6. Big Paper Bag Hats—Using a large, shopping-sized paper bag, cut a large shape and staple it closed except for the bottom portion. Invite your child to decorate however they want, then the child can try it on and you can adjust with staples accordingly.
7. Cutting Lines—To teach fine motor skills, draw lines (all kinds—dotted, swirly, straight) lengthwise on a piece of plain paper. Ask your child to follow the line you’ve drawn with scissors. You can even put a sticker at the end as a goal target. Start easy, build gradually.



September 19 is International Talk Like A Pirate Day!

Try out some of these words and phrase on your friends.

- heave ho
- pieces of eight
- aye aye captain
- hoist the mainsail
- Jolly Roger
- Shiver me timbers
- feed him to the fish
- Davy Jones’ locker
- Ahoy there
- batten down the hatches
- Avast there me hearties
- This grog tastes like bilge water
- man overboard
- marooned
- scuttled
- sea-dog
- doubloons
- landlubbers.
- Belay that noise
- Tell it to the parrot!
- Surrender ye swabs!
- Scupper that ship
- Land ahoy!

