

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Lesson

Take this opportunity to not only teach your child about Independence Day traditions, but also more about the way the United States came about. Expose them to patriotic songs and the Pledge of Allegiance. Show them the flag, and count the stars and stripes together. Also, teach your child about flag etiquette. Teach them that they need to stand, remove their hat, and put their hand over their heart when a flag is passing or when saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Also teach them that flags should not touch the ground.



Arts & Crafts

Materials: White paper plates, liquid glue, colored glitter

Make your own fireworks pictures! "Draw" firework explosions on the paper plate with the glue, and sprinkle with glitter. After allowing glue to dry, blow off excess glitter. You will be left with a sparkly fireworks picture!



Snack Time

Enjoy red, white, and blue fruit kabobs by putting chunks of strawberries, slices of bananas, and blueberries on skewers.



Outing

Take advantage of the things your community offers for the Fourth of July, like parades, fairs, and firework displays. You may want to set off fireworks as a family. Many children love playing with sparklers. However, if fire is involved to any degree, make sure your child is practicing correct fire safety.



Reading Time

- America Is... , by Louise Borden
- The Pledge of Allegiance, by Scholastic
- America the Beautiful, by Katharine Bates

