

# MOTHER'S DAY MUNCH BOOK

LANGUAGE AND LITERACY

**MATERIALS**

- recipe books
- copy paper
- colored pencils
- thin black markers
- stapler

**WHAT TO DO**

- Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday of May.
- 1. At circle time, ask the group if they know what special day is coming up. Lead them to Mother's Day and talk about the meaning of the holiday. Explain that it is nice to give mothers a gift on that day.
- 2. Show them a few recipe books. Talk about what they are for and how they are used.
- 3. Explain that they are going to make their own class recipe book to give to their mothers (or someone special) on Mother's Day.
- 4. Place the recipe books in the dramatic play area for future play.
- 5. One by one, ask each child what her mother's favorite food is. Have each child draw a picture of it using colored pencils.
- 6. Ask each child to dictate how the food is made.
- 7. Write down their recipes. You will be tickled by the creative ways that young children decide food can be made.
- 8. When all the children have dictated a recipe, make a cover for the book. It could be called "\_\_\_\_\_ Class's Mother's Day Munch Book."
- 9. Make enough copies for each child and staple them into a book.
- 10. Send the books home for the children to share with their mothers on Mother's Day.

**RELATED books**

- Let's Cook!* by Robert Crowther
- Let's Make a Cake* by Mary Hill

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# MOTHER'S DAY CHORE COUPONS

LANGUAGE AND LITERACY

- MATERIALS** heart-shaped paper  
glitter or stickers
- WHAT TO DO**
- Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday of May.
1. Give each child three or four pieces of heart-shaped paper.
  2. Help them write chores they will do for their mothers on each heart shape. You might have to write for the children, depending on their writing skills.
  3. Encourage the children to decorate the hearts with glitter and stickers.
- MORE TO DO** Do the same activity for Father's Day.

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# MOTHER'S NIGHT

WORKING WITH FAMILIES

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- MATERIALS** none
- WHAT TO DO**
1. Have a "Mother's Night" or "Mother's Afternoon" at school. Invite each child to bring his or her mother (or other special person) to school.
  2. Set up the classroom just like any other day, and let the children and mothers participate in the activities.
  3. Do a circle time activity, an art activity, a sensory activity, and a music activity.
  4. Take a lot of pictures throughout the night.
  5. Before the event, encourage each child to dictate a story about her mother. For example:
    - My mother makes the best...
    - I love my mom when she...
    - My mom and I play together...
  6. Have children draw a portrait of their mothers.
  7. Post the stories and portraits all around the room for Mother's Night so the moms can read them.

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