



Happy 4th of July!



Fourth of July Texts

Katie Woo: Red, White, and Blue (Gr. K-2)

https://www.myon.com/reader/index.html?a=kw_rewhbl_f10

Celebrate Independence Day (Gr. PK-2)

https://www.myon.com/reader/index.html?a=ush_indep_s19

The First Independence Day Celebration (Gr. 1-4)

https://www.myon.com/reader/index.html?a=oas_iday_s10

The Declaration of Independence (Gr. 4+)

https://www.myon.com/reader/index.html?a=kt_decin_f08

For Life and Liberty (Gr. 5+)

https://www.myon.com/reader/index.html?a=cae_flal_s14

Fourth of July Read Alouds

Red, White, and Boom (N-PK)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VzMp4wjAqTo>

Fourth of July Mice (N-PK)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YTug9WS8SV0>

F is for Flag (N-2)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ja37jgbacOs>

Apple Pie 4th of July

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=69ywP6y3gM0>

John, Paul, Ben, and George (Gr. 3+)- A funny take on the Founding Fathers

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0zjmv_oqtj4

George vs. George (Gr. 3+) Learn about King George and George Washington as well as events leading up to the Revolution AND Independence Day

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_QyBRBssbO0

Fourth of July Themed Snacks

The following snack ideas are easy enough for kids to make alongside you. They can practice measuring, slicing, and following directions with a tasty treat at the end.



Ingredients: graham cracker, yogurt or Cool Whip, strawberries, blueberries Make this edible flag using a graham cracker as your flag base. Spread a thin layer of Cool Whip or yogurt over it. Then add blueberries and strawberries in a flag pattern.



Ingredients: large marshmallows, brownies or cake pieces, strawberries, blueberries, skewers

Create a patterned skewer using the above ingredients. Cut each item into pieces and have your child create a pattern with the colors as they put them on the skewer.



Ingredients: rice krispies, butter, marshmallows, food coloring (gel if possible)

This recipe is the same as a Rice Krispie treat but will be done in three smaller batches. In two separate bowls, add blue and red food coloring (gel food coloring works best for vibrant colors). In a pan, melt 1tbsp of butter and 2 cups of marshmallows then mix in rice krispies. Add this to a bowl of food dye and mix well until evenly colored. Press layer into a baking dish. Repeat the next layer with no food coloring and pour the plain layer on top of the food colored layer, pressing down to smooth. Repeat again with the last bowl of food coloring for three layers of Rice Krispie fun.

Patriotic Music (N-K)

While the videos are geared toward younger students, older students can also enjoy these patriotic tunes.

You're a Grand Old Flag

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sO12beCe_ac

Fireworks

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mVFTjO3Lo-g>

Boom go the Fireworks

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oSVjfl-uVbU>

This Land is Your Land

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oWPhS7TVuJ8>

America the Beautiful

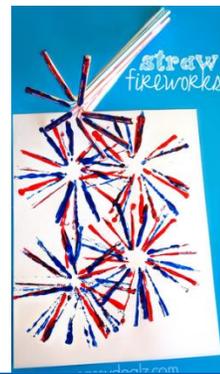
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ONpP0isJMsY>





Materials: paint, cardboard or canvas, painter's tape

On a canvas or rectangular piece of cardboard, use painter's tape to mark the outline of a section for stars of the flag. Have your child paint inside the section. When the paint is dry, carefully remove the tape. Next, place painter's tape horizontally to mark the stripes. You can also cover the edges of the star section. Have your child paint the stripes, wait for the paint to dry, and remove the tape. Add stars with white paint or cut out star shapes to glue onto the star section.



Materials: bendy straws/ tape OR toilet paper rolls, paint, paper

Make a bunch of 6 bendy straws with the bendy part on the same end and tape together. Bend the ends of the straws outward. Place different color paints on a plate (red and blue for more of a 4th theme) and have your child dip the bent ends into the paint and then stamp it onto a paper to create fireworks. You can also do this using a toilet paper roll by cutting slits in one end and bending them outward.



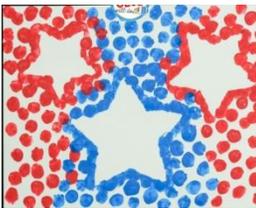
Materials: construction paper, scissors, glue, coloring items

Begin by cutting out strips of red construction paper OR have your child color in red stripes on a white background. Next, trace your child's hand and cut out. Glue the hand onto the center of the stripes, gluing the thumb down in the front to look like the hand is holding up four fingers. Add "Happy" to the top, "th" following the handprint, and "of July" to the bottom.



Materials: construction paper, paint, q-tips/ plastic fork, scissors, glue

Begin by making a small circle in the center of a sheet of white or black paper. Have your child use red, white, and blue paint to create fireworks by drawing streaks from the center dot. Have them use a plastic fork or q-tips dipped in paint to make the lines then trace their hand on red construction paper, cut out, and add to the center of the fireworks



Materials: paint, construction paper, cardboard, painters tape

Begin by cutting out different size star shapes from thin cardboard (i.e. a cereal box). Carefully tape the stars onto the paper using a loop of tape then have your child paint the paper around the star with their fingerprints or they can use a q-tip to dot the paint and avoid messy hands. When the paint is dry, peel off the cardboard stars to reveal the star pattern underneath.



Materials: **will vary based on the option you use- pipe cleaners beads, fabric, ribbons, construction paper, dowels, skewers, glue gun/ crazy glue
This activity can be made with many different items you may have around the house. Below are some options but feel free to tap into your creative side and make your own

- Use a pipe cleaner to create a star shape. With a second pipe cleaner, have your child string red, white, and blue beads. Encourage them to create different patterns with the colors then attach to the star by looping it around the base.
- Cut 2 star pieces out of fabric scraps. Have your child use other fabric scraps or cotton balls as filling and use a simple stitch to sew together the star pieces. Attach the star to a dowel/ skewer with a glue gun or crazy glue ***parent help required. Then add ribbons
- Cut different sized stars from red, white, and blue paper. Glue the stars together in size order to create a color pattern. Glue to a skewer or dowel then add ribbons

4th of July Scavenger Hunt

- ☆ Something Red
- ☆ Something Blue
- ☆ Stars
- ☆ Streamers
- ☆ The #4
- ☆ Instruments
- ☆ American Symbol
- ☆ Red Fireworks
- ☆ The Sun
- ☆ An Ant
- ☆ Something White
- ☆ American Flag
- ☆ Stripes
- ☆ Pinwheel
- ☆ Decorations
- ☆ USA
- ☆ Red, White, and Blue
- ☆ Blue Fireworks
- ☆ A Flower
- ☆ A Ladybug