

MAY ACTIVITIES!

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The end of May often has good weather,
a good time for families and friends to get together.
Picnic with a lunch mother made,
or sit on a curb to watch a parade.

Go to the beach for a swim and some fun,
or watch a ball game or play in one.
Memorial Day, near the end of spring,
use as you choose, any way, anything.

Some people choose this day
to honor those who've passed away.
This day is for the entire nation.
No school. No work. A day of vacation.

CLASS FLOWER AND PLANT SHOW

A fun way to stimulate your students' interest and appreciation of May flowers is to arrange for a class flower and plant show.

Familiarize your students with common garden plants by using encyclopedias, seed catalogs and gardening books. You might like to ask a local gardener or horticulturist to visit your class and talk about his or her hobby or profession. Children grow their flowers and plants at home, and bring them to class on a special day.

Divide the show into several categories. Categories might include plants grown from seeds, fruits and vegetables, potted plants or flower arrangements. Ask students to draw posters and invitations announcing the show and post them around the school. (You might want to plan a date close to Mother's Day and encourage all mothers to come share in the experience.) On the day of the show, children vote for their favorite entry. Winners receive a special certificate or ribbon.

CINCO DE MAYO - MAY 5TH

Cinco De Mayo is a wonderful time to teach students a little about Mexico.

As part of your celebration, make a colorful piñata with your students. Place two or three large grocery bags inside one another and fill with special treats. The children can add the decorations. Hang the piñata with a heavy cord and have the students take turns breaking it with a broomstick.

CINCO DE MAYO

Dancing feet and clapping hands,
dance to Mariachi bands.

Violins play, trumpets blow,
festive day of Mexico.

Cinco De Mayo, day of fun.

Food and drink for everyone.

Next year, I'll come back for more,
Señorita and Señor!

