**Special days**

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_



Often in childcare centers, children enjoy celebrating special days. Since many of us will be working with children in the future, it will be beneficial for us to plan for a “special day”. To do this , we will be working in small groups to plan a lesson that focuses on the theme of our assigned “special day”.

Special Days to Choose from:

* Dr. Seuss’s Birthday- March 2/Celebrate Monday March 4
* St. Patrick’s Day- March 17/Celebrate March 15
* First Day of Spring-March 20th
* April Fools-April 1
* Earth Day April 22
* Arbor Day April 26
* May Day-May 1
* Cinco de Mayo-May 5/Celebrate May 6
* Mother’s Day- May 10
* Graduation June 5

Your lesson will be shared with the class and need to include activities from the following areas:

* Art
* Dramatic Play
* Storytelling
* Music
* Math
* Science/Sensory
* Social Studies
* Writing
* Nutrition

**Follow these steps to complete your lesson plan**:

1. Identify group members:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Choose your “Special Day” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Work as a group to complete Lesson Plan Template sheet and hand in **2 days prior** to sharing with the class. Must be typed. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (date)
4. Choose what areas you will be covering in your lesson, you can cover one or multiple. (look at the list on page one)
5. Identify age group and 2 age appropriate play activities
6. Create a sample of each activity.
7. Sketch a design for a bulletin board on white paper. Can be created on the computer or hand drawn/written. (can be small on computer paper or on larger paper to show an actual bulletin board)
8. Prepare transitions for 2 different activities within your lesson plan.
9. Have teacher check off that your lesson is appropriate

**Additional information-**

* Whichever area you choose you will need to have an example of the work that will be done.
* You and your group will need to plan time to work on this project outside of class, unless there is free time when you are done with other projects. (Booklet workdays you may work on this assignment as well)
* I have materials to help you plan your lesson; please ask when you need these items.

**Special Day Rubric Points Possible: Points earned:**

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| Teacher initialed lesson prior to sharing with class | 5 |  |
| Lesson plan typed | 5 |  |
| Lesson Plan complete with all appropriate parts identified | 20 |  |
| Objective thorough | 5 |  |
| Appropriate activities for theme of “special day” | 5 |  |
| Appropriate activities for age group | 10 |  |
| Overall quality of lesson plan | 10 |  |
| Proper transitions | 5 |  |
| Attitude | 5 |  |
| Participation in group | 5 |  |
| Points total | 75 |  |