

# Happy Birthday Bake Shop™



## Featured Display: It's My Birthday!

Birthdays are such sweet treats! Use this happy display to plan for birthdays and inspire calendar learning activities. Post the Happy Birthday Header, 12 monthly headers, and the friendly Baker. Invite students to choose their favorite cupcakes from the set and write their names on the name tags. Students tape the cupcakes under their birthday months as you call each group forward. Encourage students to practice their observation and counting skills by asking questions about the display such as, "What month has the most student birthdays? The least? How many birthdays are in January? Whose birthday is next?" Rotate the display so the current month is featured on the cake plate. Kids love seeing their names and celebrating with classmates all year long!

## You'll Need:

- T-8350 Happy Birthday Bake Shop™ Bulletin Board Set
- T-9875 Green Terrific Trimmers®
- T-85113 Zigzag Motif Bolder Borders®

## Keep the theme going!

- T-38454 Birthday (Bake Shop™) Learning Chart
- T-68111 Bake Shop™ Cupcake Name Tags
- T-69211 Bake Shop™ Cupcakes Desk Toppers® Name Plates
- T-11417 Zigzag Motif Terrific Papers™
- T-72073 Bake Shop™ Cupcake Note Pad

# Learning Activities

## All About Order

**Learning Objective:** Learn the months of the year.

**Learning Center:** Math

**You'll Need:** Pieces from this set, laminating sheets, and a stopwatch.

Get kids moving, grouping, and sorting with these energizing activities. Laminate the 12 monthly headers and cupcake accents for durability. Shuffle the monthly headers and fan them so a team of 12 kids each choose one. At your word "Go!", students race to see how quickly they can arrange themselves into month order. Then, give the months to another team of 12 and repeat the activity. Compare times and keep practicing to see if either team can beat the best time. Using 10 cupcake accents, create a pattern on the white board. Hand one cupcake accent to each student in each team, face down. On your signal, teams work together to recreate the pattern. Test your students' skills by using longer and longer patterns until the whole class is standing in one, long patterned line!

## Half-y Birthday. Everyone!

**Learning Objective:** Include everyone in celebrations.

**Learning Center:** Math

**You'll Need:** Birthday Bake Shop™ Learning Chart.

Students delight at having two birthdays each year: a yearly birthday and a half-birthday! Teach students how, by adding six months to their birth month, they can figure out when their half birthdays will occur. Record everyone's birthdays and half birthdays on the Learning Chart. If you have treats, make it fun by cutting them in half! By honoring half birthdays, all birthdays will be recognized during the school year...including kids whose birthdays are in the summer months.

## Who Shares My Birthday?

**Learning Objective:** Practice Internet research.

**Learning Center:** Social Studies

**You'll Need:** Internet access, paper, and a pencil.

Excitement abounds as students discover that they share a birthday with someone famous, someone from history, or someone from current events. Students do Internet research to discover their famous birthday partners and write a line or two describing each noteworthy person. Later, have everyone share his or her results. Kids find this very interesting!

## A Recipe for Fun

**Learning Objective:** Measuring ingredients and following directions to make play clay.

**Learning Center:** Math

**You'll Need:** Measuring spoons and cups, mixing bowl and stirring spoons, zip-close plastic bags, water, flour, salt, vegetable oil, and food coloring.

Mix up some fun! This recipe for no-cook play clay is a great way to get students to learn about following directions and measurements. Students begin by preparing and measuring the ingredients into the bowl: 1 cup water, 3 cups flour, 1½ cups salt, and ¼ cup oil. Students customize their dough color by adding a few drops of food coloring. Add all of the ingredients into the bowl and mix together thoroughly. Add more flour if the texture of the dough is too sticky. Optional: add a little sparkle by sprinkling in some glitter! Compare how many different colors and textures of play clay the class has made. Discuss the importance of following directions and working carefully to achieve great results. Store the play clay in airtight plastic bags upon completion.

## The Bake Shop™

**Learning Objective:** Learning coins and counting.

**Learning Center:** Math

**You'll Need:** Cupcakes and tags from this set, U.S. Coins Classic Accents® Variety Pack (T-10927), small sticky notes, and a marker.

Encourage imaginations as young entrepreneurs set up a classroom bakery. It's a great way to teach coin values, counting, adding, and subtracting. Designate an area within the classroom that can serve as a bakery and use a table or desk for your counter. Attach sticky note price tags to each of the six cupcake styles. Ask for two "baker" volunteers to run the bakery and have them display their priced cupcakes. Hand out random amounts of coin accents to the remaining classmates, and invite them to take turns "purchasing" cupcakes from the bakers. Who in the class can buy the most cupcakes with their money? Collect the coins and distribute them again. Students trade roles until everyone gets a chance to be the bakers and the buyers. Watch the excitement and delight of these young entrepreneurs as they discover a lot about coin values with this fun activity!