

Boardmaker Activities-to-Go Teacher Guide

Theme: Family Life | Unit: Birthdays

Big Idea: We all have a birthday.

Order of Activities

Main Activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Hidden Picture/Web2. Vocabulary3. Book4. Matching/Sorting/Poll Writing5. Recipe-Craft6. Bingo7. Board Game
Supports	<ol style="list-style-type: none">8. Activity Schedule9. Communication Board10. Classroom Support11. Student Reward Chart12. Quiz
Speech & Language	<ol style="list-style-type: none">13. Find an Object14. Following Directions

Vocabulary

Level A	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. celebrate2. tear3. gift4. blow
Level B	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. celebrate2. gift3. pinata4. decorations
Level C	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. celebrate2. mystery3. popular4. imagine

Suggested Books

- [The Wonderful Things You Will Be](#) by Emily Winfield Martin
- [How Do Dinosaurs Say Happy Birthday!?](#) by Jane Golen
- <https://tarheelreader.org/2015/12/27/happy-birthday-7>

Learning Tips

Read it Again: Repetition boosts comprehension, expression and engagement. The more we practice, the more independent our learner becomes.

- Each time you turn the page of a book or do an activity, pause and offer an open-ended comment. Then wait for and expect participation.
- Each time you complete the Recipe-Craft, wait for them to tell you the next step or have them tell a friend.

Introduce New Words: The more words we expose them to, the more they will know, use and understand.

- Use the search and edit features in Snap Core First* to find or add targeted words.
- If you can't find a word like blob, talk around it! Find words that describe it, like soft, blue or silly.

Extend Thematic Learning: Notice when your student is particularly engaged by a topic. Extend that learning by creating books or activities that relate to it.

- Sign up for a FREE trial of Boardmaker Online (boardmakeronline.com) and use our templates to create your own books, matching activities, schedules and more!

*Snap Core First is a symbol-based communication software brought to you by Tobii Dynavox.

Communication Tips

Be Prepared: Make sure their communication system is always available to both you and your AAC communicator.

- If you are using the attached low-tech communication board, review the location of core words, so you have a general idea where to find them.

Show Them: Point to words as you say them. It's amazing how often we use core words

- Go Slow; it's okay for you to learn along with them. They'll use it if you do.
- Print your own Communication Board or Download the Snap Core First Companion App.

Now You Find It: The more you know about a communication system, the more you can support the use of it.

- The SEARCH feature in Snap Core First is an easy way to quickly locate words. Help your student search for and find new words in the word list.
- If you're using the low-tech board, go to Boardmaker Online to create/customise any page.