

# Celebrate America

## HELLO, FAMILY!

Over the next three weeks, children will explore how holidays and symbols help us learn about and celebrate our country.

We will read books about national symbols and learn how holidays honor our country and its heroes. Children will also write a personal narrative about a favorite holiday memory.

## BRING IT HOME! Learning fun for the whole family!

### Big Idea Words

Reinforce these important topic words when you read or talk with your child:

**participate**  
**duty**  
**appreciate**

Try to incorporate questions like these into everyday conversations:

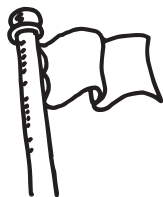
- How can we participate in a community event or celebration?
- How does a firefighter's duty to help others make our community better?
- How could you show that you appreciate your teacher's happy smile?

### Let's Read Together

Make a special time and place to read with your child every day.

During this module about holidays and national symbols, try these activities during your reading time together:

- Read about symbols and draw pictures of national flags that represent your family heritage.



- Clap your hands when you read about leaders who help our country.
- Read facts about the Statue of Liberty and try to imitate the posture of this national monument.

### Word Play

Play with words to help develop skills that are important for reading.

- **Week 1: You Own This With 's**  
Write some familiar names. Add 's to each name. Say a sentence for each name: *This is Dad's shoe.* *This is Arthur's book.*
- **Week 2: Say Soft, Snaky Sounds**  
Write a list of words with the soft c sound, such as *celebrate*, *cent*, *race*, and *dance*. When you say each word with the soft c sound, make a long snake sound: ssssss.
- **Week 3: Rhyme Time**  
Write and say rhyming words with the long i vowel sound, such as *Mike/like*, *hide/ride*, *kite/bite*, *time/dime*. Write words in pencil, erasing only the letters that change.