



Let's All Celebrate

Grade Level: PreK - K

Time: 30 minutes

Program objectives:

- Students will demonstrate an awareness of children around the globe, their similarities and differences.
- Students will learn about how children in other parts of the world celebrate birthdays and holidays.
- Students will demonstrate an understanding of some common attributes of various worldwide celebrations (special foods, clothing, gifts, etc.)

Program description:

Children from all around the world love a celebration. Travel the globe to explore a variety of child-centered ceremonies.

Major vocabulary and concepts:

Celebrations
Empress
Kodomo-no-Hi
Samurai

Ceremony
Hina Matsuri
Piñata
Similarities and differences

Culture
Holiday
Raksha Bandhan
Traditions

Suggested pre-visit activities:

- Locate Japan, Mexico and India on a map or globe. Compare the location of these countries to where you live. Which is the closest? What form of transportation would you take to visit each country?
- Discuss holidays that students in your class celebrate. If you have a student that celebrates a holiday that most of the other students are unfamiliar with, have the student share their holiday traditions with the class.
- There are many different holidays celebrated by groups in Cincinnati. Have students bring in objects or cards from their favorite holiday. Create a chart or graph about the main holidays celebrated in America.



Suggested post-visit activities:

- Celebrate a holiday from your class survey of holidays. Go through the steps of decorating, exchanging gifts, playing games, and preparing food as part of your celebration.
- Listen to holiday music from around the world. Learn and sing new holiday songs.
- Use your math skills to make some desserts or holiday foods from The Kids' Holiday Baking Book: 150 Favorite Dessert Recipes from Around the World by Rosemary Black. Have a taste test party. Record the most popular and least popular recipes. Graph the results.
- Read about other children around the world in the book Children Just Like Me by Barnabas & Anabel Kindersley.

Academic Standards:

Ohio Revised Academic Standards:

- History – grade K
- Geography – grades PreK and K

Related exhibits and features:

- The celebrations mural outside of the *Celebrations* room in the Duke Energy Children's Museum depicts many holidays from around the world. How many can your students guess?
- *Children Just Like Me* exhibit in the Duke Energy Children's Museum

Resources:

- Children Just Like Me by Barnabas & Anabel Kindersley
- Celebrations by Barnabas & Anabel Kindersley
- My Favorite Stories by Jamila Gavin
- www.mamalisa.com/world Common nursery rhymes and songs in languages from around the world.
- The Kids' Holiday Baking Book: 150 Favorite Dessert Recipes from Around the World by Rosemary Black
- Birthdays Around the World by Mary D. Lankford and Karen Dugan (Illustrator)

