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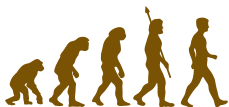
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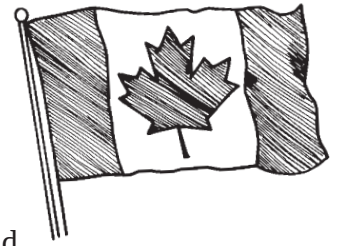


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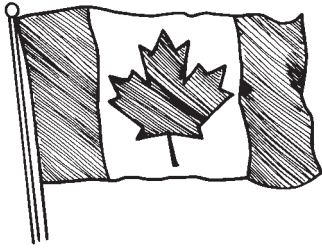
Teacher Information:

Canada Day is held on July 1 to celebrate Canada's birthday as a united country. It is Canada's national day and is celebrated like a giant birthday party. At one time it was called Dominion Day which began on July 1, 1867 as a result of a vote by the British House of Commons giving the Canadian provinces permission to unite and form confederation.

Canada Day is the official date when we celebrate our country's unity. Throughout Canada it is celebrated diversely by various groups. Most cities and towns across Canada have parades, sports days, folk or film festivals, street dances, carnivals, picnics and citizenship ceremonies.

Activities:

- Since Canada Day falls in July try to stress the importance of this day before your students leave for summer vacation.
- Discuss the map of Canada. Have the students locate the different provinces and territories.
- Discuss the importance of the celebrations throughout the country and being one big country.
- Print the words to O Canada on an overhead. Show the words to your students. Read the words with your students. Explain the meanings of some of the more difficult words. Read the words chorally and then sing the national anthem.
- Talk about how they feel about their country and why people from other lands want to make it their home too.
- Discuss the flag of Canada and its importance.
- Make a list of things that are Canadian symbols.
- Show a film or video on Canada that shows the different areas and the people.
- For an art activity have the students make a wreath for Canada Day. Cut out the centre of a paper plate. Using a template to draw around, the students will cut out red and white maple leaves. The leaves are to be arranged in an interesting design around the plate. Other Canadian symbols may be cut out and glued on the leaves such as a beaver, Canada Goose, Polar Bear, Mountain Goat, moose etc. The wreath is to decorate the family door for Canada Day.
- Use the reproducible activities as follow-ups.



Canada Day



Many people like living in Canada.

Think of things about Canada.

Finish each sentence below.

1. Canada is a good place to live because _____

2. Canada is _____

3. I like Canada because _____

4. People in Canada are _____

The Canadian Flag

Colour Canada's Flag Neatly!

