

# Celebrate with Moose & Friends Bulletin Board

## RESOURCE GUIDE



## Putting It Together

- Laminate the Celebrate with Moose & Friends Bulletin Board for durability.
- Display the Celebrate with Moose & Friends Bulletin Board on a wall or a bulletin board.
- Refer to the diagram above for a picture of the Celebrate with Moose & Friends Bulletin Board.

## Title Ideas

Very Fine Valentines  
Harvest Celebrations  
Deck the Halls  
We're Egg-cited about Spring!  
Luck of the Irish  
Spook-tacular Work!  
Happy Birthday to You!

# Activities by Subject

## All Holidays

**Behavior Management** To encourage appropriate classroom behavior, assemble the moose accent with holiday decorative accents one piece at a time. Explain to students that every day you observe cooperative, respectful behavior, you will add another piece to the moose accent. Have students choose a reward that they will receive when the moose is complete.

## Valentine's Day

**Making Words Hearts** Make 13 copies of the heart pattern (page 4) and program each heart with one letter, spelling the words *Be My Valentine*. Place the hearts in a resealable plastic bag and attach it to the bottom of the Celebrate with Moose & Friends Bulletin Board. Have students manipulate the pieces to create new words with the letters. Supply pink or red paper for students to record their word lists. Display word lists around the bulletin board.

**Secret Words Game** Copy and enlarge the heart pattern (page 4) and program each copy with a class spelling word. Place one heart faceup on each student's desk. Allow students to peek at their "secret" words. Give a definition, a description, or a fill-in-the-blank sentence for each word. The student with the matching word should stand and call out the word. Have the student tell how the clue helped her know that her word was the correct one. Be sure to include several clues for each word to keep all students involved during the game.

## Thanksgiving

**Classroom Compact** Tell students that the Mayflower Compact was the Pilgrims' promise to live according to laws established in the New World. Ask students to develop a compact where they agree to treat each other fairly and follow classroom rules. Copy the classroom compact onto a large piece of chart paper and have each student sign it. Then, post the compact next to the Celebrate with Moose & Friends Bulletin Board to remind students to treat each other fairly and follow classroom rules.

**Thanksgiving Feast** Have students draw or cut out magazine pictures of their favorite Thanksgiving foods. Direct each student to glue the pictures onto a paper plate to create a visual Thanksgiving feast. Display the finished paper plates around the Celebrate with Moose & Friends Bulletin Board.

## Christmas

**More Than Christmas Trees** Explain to students that evergreens, also known as conifers, are not just special because they are used as Christmas trees. These trees are called evergreens because they do not lose their foliage all at once like deciduous trees. Instead, they shed their needles a few at a time, so they are always green. To make a classroom evergreen tree, place a large sheet of white bulletin board paper on a covered work area. Provide bunches of evergreen needles and green paint. Instruct students to use the needles as brushes to paint the paper. When the paint is dry, cut out a tree shape. Then, take students outside and have them place a piece of butcher paper against a tree trunk and rub over the surface with the sides of brown crayons. Add the trunk to the tree and post it next to the Celebrate with Moose & Friends Bulletin Board. *Caution: Before beginning any nature activity, ask families' permission and inquire about students' plant and animal allergies. Remind students not to touch potentially harmful plants during the activity.*

## Easter

**Story Starters** Copy and enlarge the egg pattern (page 4). Program egg patterns with story starters or titles that students can choose. Some possible spring topics to include might be *The best place to hide an egg is . . .*, *The best thing about spring is . . .*, *This spring, I want to . . .*, *Bunny Tales*, *How to Decorate Eggs*, or *Spring Weather*. Attach the patterns around the Celebrate with Moose & Friends Bulletin Board and allow each student to choose a topic for a story. Display completed stories around the bulletin board.

# Activities by Subject

**Egg Hunt** Copy the egg pattern (page 4) for each student. Provide craft materials for students to decorate the egg patterns. Collect the egg patterns when they are complete. When students are out of the room, hide the eggs in as many different spots as possible. When students return, have them hunt to find the eggs. As students find the eggs, have them attach the eggs to the bulletin board with the Celebrate with Moose and Friends Bulletin Board accents.

## St. Patrick's Day

**If I Caught a Leprechaun . . .** Irish legend describes leprechauns as elf-like shoemakers who will lead you to their hidden treasure if you catch them. Ask students, "What would you do if you caught a leprechaun?" Have each student draw, decorate, and cut out a leprechaun. Give students resealable plastic bags and have them place the leprechauns inside. Have them seal their bags to "catch" the leprechauns. On separate sheets of paper, ask students to write stories about what they will do now that they have caught leprechauns. Staple the bags to the stories and hang them around the Celebrate with Moose & Friends Bulletin Board.

**Musical Clovers** Copy and enlarge enough clover patterns (page 4) for each student. Program each clover with a math problem such as  $8 - 3 =$ . Place the clovers facedown on students' desks. Play Irish music and have students march around the desks. When the music stops, have each student turn over at the clover on the desk he is standing closest to and solve the problem. The student whose answer is the lowest number is out. The remaining students should repeat the activity until one student is left standing.

## Halloween

**Pumpkin Measurements** Weigh a small pumpkin and find its circumference (you will need yarn to calculate the circumference). Ask students to estimate how many seeds are inside the pumpkin. Then, give each student a scoop

of pulp. Have students count the seeds. Add all of the students' counts together. Reward the student whose estimate was the closest. Weigh the pumpkin again to determine how much the seeds weighed. *Caution: Before beginning any food activity, ask families' permission and inquire about students' food allergies and religious or other food restrictions.*

**Pumpkin Names** Make pumpkin names with the class. Instruct students to draw outlines of large pumpkins on orange construction paper. Inside the pumpkin outline, let each student write her name in connecting bubble letters, making sure that she fills the space inside the pumpkin. Next, help students carefully cut out the letters without cutting them apart. Finally, have students cut out green paper stems and leaves and glue them to the pumpkin names. Display the pumpkin names near the Celebrate with Moose & Friends Bulletin Board.

## Birthday

**Birthday Border** Provide each student with a white sentence strip. Allow students to decorate the strips with festive colors and birthday pictures. When strips are complete, use them as a border to frame the Celebrate with Moose & Friends Bulletin Board. Copy and enlarge enough birthday hat patterns (page 4) for each student. Program patterns with each student's name and birth date. Display patterns around the Celebrate with Moose & Friends Bulletin Board.

**Birthday Story Problems** Make several copies of the birthday hat patterns (page 4). Write a birthday-related story problem on the front of each pattern. For example, *Dawson had 5 boys and 2 girls at his birthday party. How many friends were at his party in all?* Write the answers to the problems on the backs of the patterns to make the activity self-checking. Place the birthday hat problems at a math center or around the Celebrate with Moose & Friends Bulletin Board for students to solve.

# Reproducible Patterns

