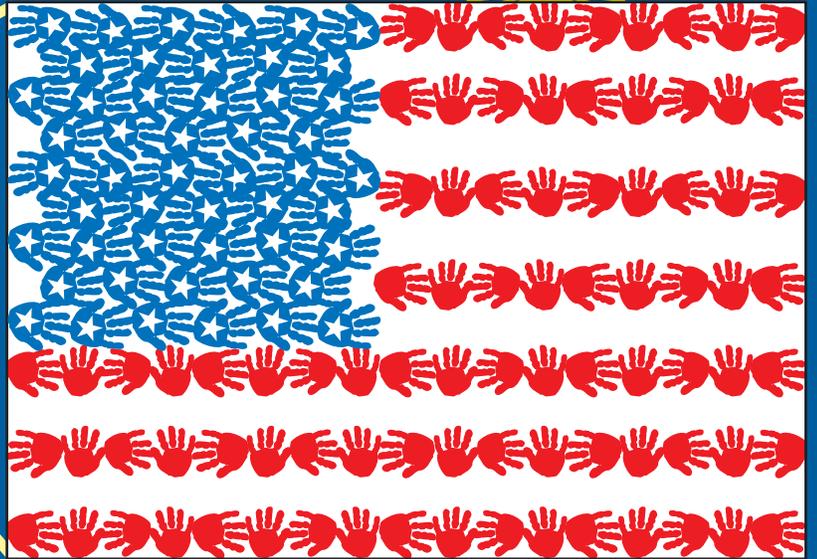
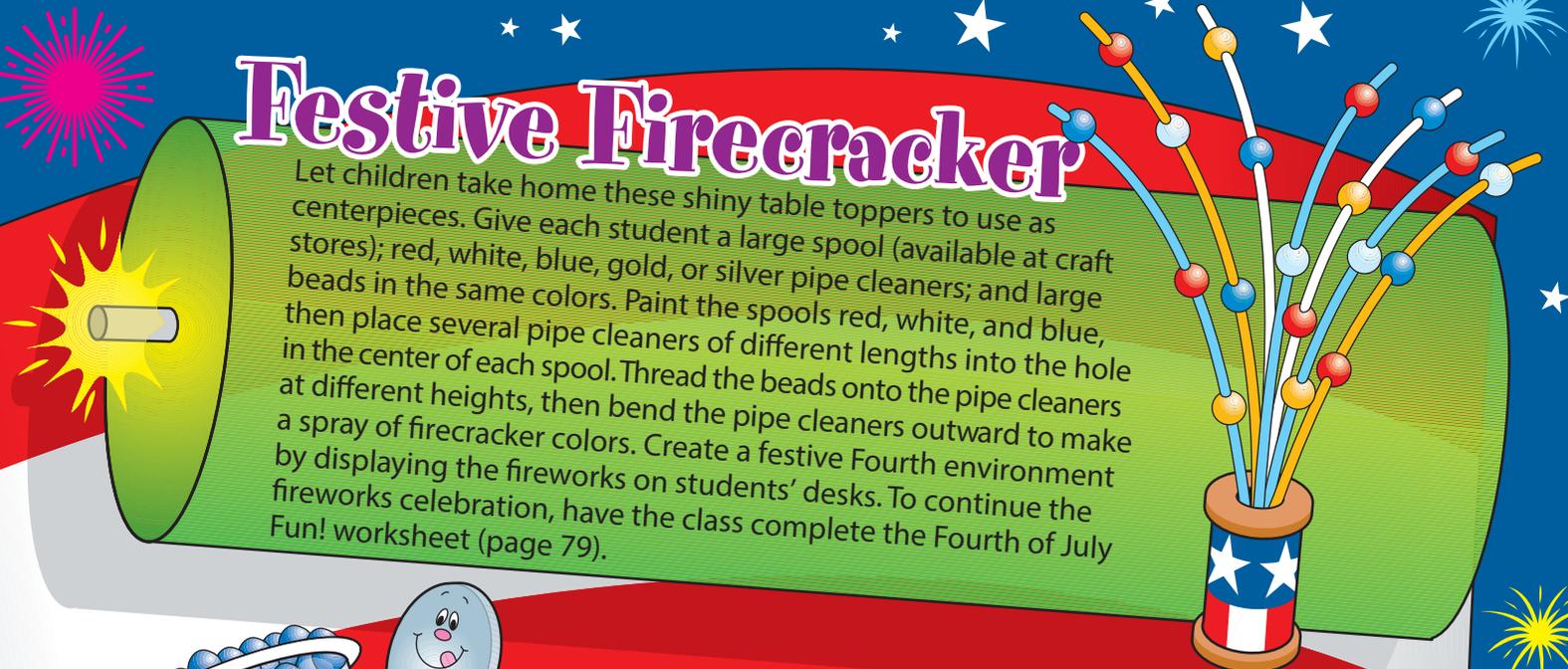




Handy-Dandy Class Flag

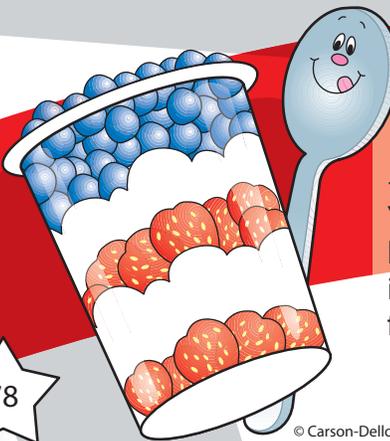


Let each child lend a hand in making a cooperative class-sized flag. Pair children and have them trace several copies of each other's hands with the fingers spread slightly apart on red and blue paper. Make enough red hands for stripes and enough blue hands for the canton (blue part of the flag). Sketch a flag outline on a large sheet of white poster board and glue overlapping red hands onto the board in a stripe pattern. Glue a red stripe at the top and the bottom, and alternate the remaining stripes in between. Overlap the blue hands in the upper left corner, then add rows of white, sponge painted stars on top of the blue hands. Display the flag in the classroom to remind students that it took all of their helping hands to make it!



Festive Firecracker

Let children take home these shiny table toppers to use as centerpieces. Give each student a large spool (available at craft stores); red, white, blue, gold, or silver pipe cleaners; and large beads in the same colors. Paint the spools red, white, and blue, then place several pipe cleaners of different lengths into the hole in the center of each spool. Thread the beads onto the pipe cleaners at different heights, then bend the pipe cleaners outward to make a spray of firecracker colors. Create a festive Fourth environment by displaying the fireworks on students' desks. To continue the fireworks celebration, have the class complete the Fourth of July Fun! worksheet (page 79).



American Parfait

Your class will devour this star-spangled snack! In clear, plastic cups, layer strawberries and whipped topping to make stripes, leaving a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of space at the top. Fill the cup with blueberries, then top with a few miniature marshmallows to represent stars. Enjoy!

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