

Hats Off to You

Thematic Hats for Special Occasions

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Introduction

As teachers with over 20 years of experience each, we have always believed that a hands-on, creative, and balanced approach to instruction is the most successful framework for developing skills in young children. We often teach the core standards alongside a theme and hold celebrations of learning throughout the year. Although the hats themselves are not part of the core standards or instruction, they do add motivation and excitement to the learning process and are an integral part of the celebration. We often make these hats during our art time and use a variety of media in which to create them. If you do not have an art period during your day, you may choose to send these home as a fun homework or use them as a special activity to complete during parent participation events. We have not included lessons to go along with these patterns, but have opted to provide only the pattern and the directions for their creation. Many of you have your own specialized units and celebration practices already in place. We have created these packets in response to numerous teacher requests and have tried to keep them very affordable and easy to use. We hope you enjoy our hats and that they add a special element of excitement for your students.

Happy Teaching,

Stefani and Tracy of ABC Schoolhouse

