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Why do we Celebrate the Fourth of July?

When someone mentions the month of July, the first thing that most people think of is the Fourth of July. It is one of the most recognized holidays not only in America but the whole world.

This holiday is a time of celebrating the end of British rule over America. American citizens were now in control of the country in which they lived.

When we think of the Fourth of July, we think of parades, picnics, baseball, fireworks and patriotic songs. In the month of July, you will also notice many Americans proudly displaying the American flag.
Cut out the calendar. Fill out the calendar. Staple together with the cover page on top. Read Why do we Celebrate the Fourth of July? Put a star on the 4th of July. Glue into lapbook.
The Star-Spangled Banner

The Star-Spangled Banner was written by Francis Scott Key on September 13, 1814. Key was a soldier during the War of 1812. While visiting a British fleet in the Chesapeake Bay, Key was taken captive by the British soldiers. During his capture, Fort McHenry, the fort that was the defender of Baltimore, was attacked. When the conflict was over and the smoke cleared, Key looked out across the bay toward the fort. He noticed among the rubble the American flag proudly swaying in the wind.

The sight of the flag so touched him that he wrote a poem about it. At the end of the poem, Key wrote that the poem was to be sung with a British song called "O Anacreon in Heaven." In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson became the first person to request that Key's song be played in public. The song was played by a military band at a military occasion. The poem officially became known as the Star-Spangled Banner in 1931. That same year it was also adopted as our national anthem.
Cut out each piece. Stack pieces with title page on top and attach at the top using a brass fastener. Glue into lapbook. Read The Star-Spangled Banner. Write about topic on each piece.