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*If you’d like, do the daily activities repeatedly, and on other days too! Repetition is key for babies to learn and develop.*
Canada Day

Celebrate Canada Day with your little one, as you make a Canada flag together! Great for all ages!

What You Need:
- White paper (rectangular shape)
- Paper (one piece, any colour)
- Tape
- Red paint
- Paintbrush

Directions:
1. Cut the white piece of paper into a rectangle (flag shaped)
2. Use the other piece of paper to cover the middle section of the white rectangular (flag shaped) paper and tape it down. Make sure the sides of the first piece of white paper are visible, so the child can paint them red.
3. Give your child some red paint and a paintbrush so they can paint the two sides of the rectangular paper red.
4. Once done, remove the tape and paper. The only thing that should be painted at this point are the two red sides of the white rectangular shape paper.
5. Paint your little one’s hand red
6. Have your little one place their hand in the middle of the rectangular shaped paper to make a ‘maple leaf’.
7. Let dry

Talking Points:
Talk to your little one about how they live in a country called Canada. If you have a map, show them the country on it. Tell them how the Canadian flag consists of two red rectangles, and a red maple leaf in the middle. Let them know that the maple leaf is a symbol of Canada, and the colours red and white are the official colours of Canada. Tell them that July 1st is Canada’s birthday every year, and this year Canada will be 153 years old!

Sing them Canada’s birthday song (lyrics on the last page of this document) or sing them Canada’s national anthem, O’Canada! And show them the short ebook in VPL’s Database Tumblebook, Crazy for Canada by Noa Schwartz.
Let's Celebrate Diversity!

Your little one will celebrate how beautiful it is that we are all different. Great for ages 1 year and older!

What You Need:
- Multicultural Construction Paper (or Multicultural People Pad)
- Construction paper – multiple colours
- Markers
- Glue
- Googly eyes, small sticker, pom poms, etc. for clothing decorations (optional)

Directions:
1. If you don’t have the multicultural people pad, you can have an adult use multicultural construction paper to cut out people shapes.
2. Have an adult make clothes for the paper dolls by placing a piece of construction paper underneath the people shape. Next, trace around the paper doll body to form the desired shape of clothing. Finally, cut out the shape and snip off the head, hands, and feet.
3. Have your child glue clothing, hair, shoes onto the paper dolls. And pretty much decorate the doll with small stickers, googly eyes, pom poms, markers, buttons, or yarn.

Talking Points:
Your preschooler has most likely noticed that we all look different, so use this activity as a learning opportunity to point out racial differences. Ask them which paper doll has darker or lighter skin tones, and which dolls have darker or light skin tones than their own skin tone. You can even show them the difference in skin tones in your own immediate family by holding your arm against theirs. Point out cultural differences when reading picture books. For example, explain how everyone’s hair is different - some people have straight, curly, or wavy hair, and all our hair colours are also different (black, blonde, brown, red, grey, etc.).

Some recommended online reads from our databases are:
Tumblebooks: Lola at the Library; While You Are Sleeping
Kanopy Kids: Garrett’s Gift, by Sweet Blackberry; The Snowy Day, by Weston Woods
Hoopla: Hair Love, by Matthew Cherry; Crown: Ode to a Fresh Cut, by Derrick Barnes

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Outdoor Scavenger Hunt

Print this page out, or if you don’t have a printer, just write the items on a piece of paper. Have your small child find as many of the following items that they can. Then have your small child write down the number of each item they find, or show them how to draw the number by having them trace over your number.
Here are a couple of songs to sing to your little one...

**Row, Row, Row Your Boat**
Row, row, row your boat. Gently down the stream.
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily. Life is but a dream.

**Canada’s Birthday Song (Tune: Are You Sleeping?)**
Canada, Canada,
The maple leaf, the maple leaf,
Celebrate your birthday, celebrate your birthday
In red and white, in red and white.

**Bubble, Bubble, Pop!**
One little red fish swimming in the water, swimming in the water, swimming in the water. One little red fish swimming in the water.
Bubble, bubble, bubble, bubble pop!
*Other verses: Two little blue fish, three little green fish, etc. (Increase numbers and change the colours as you continue singing).*