

Theme: Happy Victoria Day

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Hello StrongStart families,

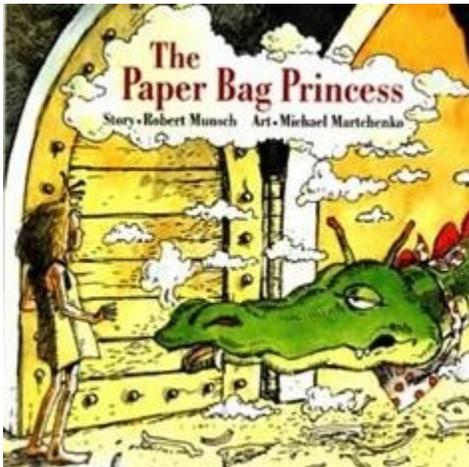
Today's email is put together by Ms. Ruth (from Renfrew). Let's start with a story song book called "Old Macdonald Had a Farm" with Ms. Ruth - https://youtu.be/TDqMoist_vc



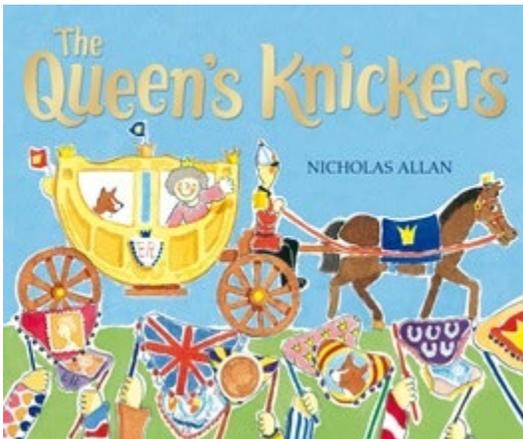
This year, **Victoria Day is on Monday May 24**. Victoria Day is usually celebrated on the Monday between the 18th and the 24th. Why? Because the British Queen Victoria was born on May 24 in 1819! She was a reigning queen for over 63 years!



All over Canada, people celebrate Victoria Day with picnics, parades, fireworks and even cannon salutes in some places. It was officially declared a Canadian holiday in 1901. So, let's celebrate the queen first by reading two silly books about some royal ladies!



The Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch - <https://youtu.be/sCobkTDLNTc>



The Queen's Knickers by Nicholas Allan - <https://youtu.be/DIKtVg0GXAc>

Now, for art, let's make some simple firework painting and leaves crown!



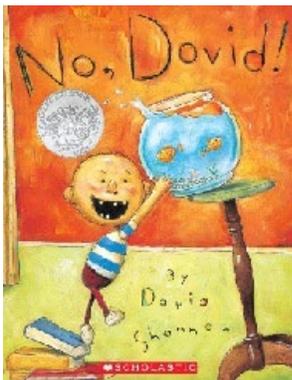
For this, grab vibrant paint colours (like red, yellow or silver) and experiment different ways to paint. You can use fingers, forks, toilet paper rolls, dish sponge or pipe cleaners! Talk to your child about the spaces and textures it makes. Which one looks most like fireworks?



Take a long piece of construction paper as the base of the crown. Ask your child what kind of royalty they want to be. What would the crown for the King of Nature look like? Perhaps some leaves or flower petals? What about the Queen of Purple? What purple things can you find to glue on your crown?

Now, let's settle down with Ms. Ruth for a book called "No, David" by David Shannon

- <https://youtu.be/tJ4t2VU-CkU>



To finish up, let's sing this movement song called the "Grand Old Duke of York"

- https://youtu.be/EQDmnZ_IMWE

The grand old Duke of York, he had ten thousand men.

He marched them up to the top of the hill (march on tiptoes) and marched them down again (crouch down).

And when they were up, they were up (reach up high).

And when they were down, they were down (touch the ground).

And when they only half way up, they were neither up or down (march standing straight).

For this song, older kids can move up and down by themselves. For babies, you can lift them up and down while you sing 😊

