

Theme: Remembrance Day

Date: November 10, 2021

Hello StrongStart friends,



REMEMBRANCE DAY  
*Let's We Forget*

Just a reminder that **all StrongStarts will be closed tomorrow, Thursday November 11th, for Remembrance Day.**

Remembrance Day marks the end of World War I on November 11, 1918. To this day, Canadians observe that day as Remembrance Day and people wear a poppy to honour those who have served in Canada's military. Poppies are usually worn on the left side which is closest to the heart.

Let's make our own poppies at home!



### Materials:

- cupcake liners or tissue paper
- black markers or black paper (cut into small circle for the center)
- red paint and a brush
- green/wood colour popsicle sticks
- glue stick, scissors and a container
- green playdough (optional)

### Instructions:

1. Prepare green playdough for the grass. Alternatively, you can cut green paper and glue it onto a larger piece of paper.
2. Paint/colour the cupcake liners in red. If you are using tissue paper, cut out large circles
3. Cut out smaller black circles and glue in the center. You can also colour the center with a black marker.
4. Using the popsicle sticks as stems, glue it to the red cupcake liners.
5. Cut and glue some popsicle sticks together for crosses.
6. Put the flowers into the playdough or glue on top of your green paper grass



After you've finished with your poppies, join Ms. Joni for a poppies themed circle time - <https://youtu.be/Vb6S3B1Qm5s>

In Ms. Joni's circle time, she talks about Flanders Fields. Flanders Fields is a significant part of Remembrance Day as many battles were fought there in World War I. It is an area located around southern Belgium and northwestern France.



Every year on November 11, we remember all the Canadians who served and protected our country. A country is often represented by a flag. We have 195 flags representing all the different countries in the world. Canada's flag is red and white with a maple leaf in the middle.



For our next art activity, we will be making our own flags. There are many ways to make a flag. You can decorate a piece of paper with markers and stickers. You can paint your own flag. You can draw your flag outside with sidewalk chalk. With your child, you can talk about what symbols or colours they can use to represent themselves. How can the flag reflect each unique, individual person? Invite other family members to make their own flags. How are they the same or different?



To wrap up this email, enjoy these Canada-themed books read by Teacher Evina and Ms. Cindy.

- I am Canada by Heather Patterson - [https://youtu.be/2z\\_56SRTJa8](https://youtu.be/2z_56SRTJa8)
- Why I Love Canada illustrated by Daniel Howarth - [https://youtu.be/kXi\\_BlkBA4Q](https://youtu.be/kXi_BlkBA4Q)
- Canada 123 by Kim Bellefontaine and Per-Henrik Gurth  
- [https://youtu.be/oEwGdTPv\\_9Y](https://youtu.be/oEwGdTPv_9Y)
- Canada ABC by Paul Covello - <https://youtu.be/F2K0KbmlFaw>

