Everyone Loves a Parade

Introduction: Children in primary grades usually love to celebrate events with their classmates. During the month of February, most teachers discuss Presidents’ Day and its importance to our country. With this activity, the children will discover why Presidents’ Day is celebrated and will have their own fun parade celebrating this famous holiday.

Grade Level and Subject: Kindergarten Social Studies and P.E.

TEKS: Social Studies 1A, 1B
      P.E. 1A, 1B, 3B, 6A, 7A, 7B, 7C

Materials: Items needed for a parade, which the children will decide during the classroom discussion

Activity: After the classroom discussion of Presidents’ Day and its importance, the class will need to discuss what type of parade they should have to honor Presidents’ Day. The teacher can suggest carrying banners, streamers, or other materials to show their support for this holiday. The children can make invitations inviting family members, friends, and other children to their parade.

The teacher and students should discuss the route the parade will take. It should be long enough for the students to get a good workout. The class needs to decide if they will be walking the whole parade route or performing other locomotive skills, such as running, skipping, etc. The teacher might want the children to make these decisions as they will feel they have more ownership of the parade. Also, the teacher might want to take the students for a “practice run” of the parade route the day before the parade is scheduled to take place. That way, the students become familiar with the route and the locomotive skills they will be using in the parade. It also provides an opportunity for the children to get more exercise!

Once it is time for their Presidents’ Day Parade, the students can celebrate the holiday by walking (or running, marching, skipping, etc.) through their parade route with happy friends and family cheering them on!

Evaluation: The teacher will monitor all activity during the parade. He or she will make sure that the parade route is safe and secure.