



CREATING A CINCO DE MAYO PARTY



Celebrating our differences can be fun!



What is Cinco de Mayo?

Cinco de Mayo, or the fifth of May, is a celebratory day commemorating the date of the Mexican army's May 5, 1862 victory over France at the Battle of Puebla. Cinco de Mayo also called the Battle of Puebla Day will be honored this Friday, May 5. In Mexico, it is a relatively minor holiday however in the United States, Cinco de Mayo has evolved into a Mexican culture and heritage celebration, particularly in areas with large Mexican-American populations.

Why should we celebrate this day with students?

Cinco de Mayo is the perfect time to provide an end of the year party to teach students about Mexican culture and heritage. Providing opportunities for children of all ages to honor each other's differences is the key to acceptance and promoting positive mental health.

How do I create a Cinco de Mayo Celebration?

Decorations: Cinco de Mayo is all about the vibrant colors. Grab this pack of colorful banners and paper decor to make your classroom party authentic.



Food: Most kids love tacos so why not make "walking tacos" in your classroom. Here is a quick recipe!

Music: Ask Alexa to play some Spanish/Mexican music during your festivities!



Fun: Create a fun craft like one from Haeley with Design Improvised. Click on the wreath for a detailed description.



Games: Play Finish the Phrase Game. Download this teacher freebie here.



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