

## **Celebrations and Holidays – Teaching Cards & Booklet**

This file contains **Teaching Cards** and a smaller **Booklet** for the children. The information provided is basic information that you can use as an introduction to the celebration/holiday. It's meant as a starting point and will require supplementation either from your own knowledge or from other books and resources.

We recommend printing and laminating 1 set of **Teaching Cards**. They are larger in size (5"x4") and can be used in small group discussions and then made accessible to the children to view at their own leisure (i.e. at a holiday work station, library).

After the celebration/holiday has been discussed a **Booklet** can be printed for each child. The booklet contains the same information and pictures as the teaching cards, but is printed on 1 (8"x11") sheet of paper. Print and cut into 6 small pages, staple together, and give to each child to take home.

Encourage the children to create their own booklet, recalling the major points about the celebration/holiday. If a child is having difficulty writing directly on paper, use the Moveable Alphabet to 'write' the story first, then copy on to paper and illustrate. The Moveable Alphabet is a fantastic tool for early writing. You can learn more about the Montessori Moveable Alphabet here on our website: [http://www.montessoriprintshop.com/Moveable\\_Alphabet.html](http://www.montessoriprintshop.com/Moveable_Alphabet.html)

# Victoria Day



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Victoria Day is a statutory holiday in the three Canadian territories and in six out of ten provinces. This day celebrates the birthdays of both Queen Victoria (on Monday May 24, 1819) and the current monarch of Canada.



The Victoria Day holiday has been celebrated since 1845 and is named after the British monarch (Queen Victoria) who gave royal approval to the Confederation of Canada.



Both the Canadian flag and the Royal Union flag (also called the "Union Jack") fly side-by-side from sunrise to sunset on this day.



If you're in downtown Victoria, British Columbia (a city named for the Queen) you may join over 120,000 spectators watching marching bands, floats and clowns performing during the annual Victoria Day Parade.



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Victoria Day is not considered a statutory holiday in New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island - but that doesn't mean there aren't any celebrations!

In Quebec, Victoria Day and the National Patriotes Day (Commemoration of the Lower Canada Rebellion) are celebrated on the same day.

The Victoria Day celebration is also known by many other names. Some refer to it as the May Two-Four Weekend, the May long weekend (or just the May Long), the Victoria Day weekend and even Firecracker Day.

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