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## **Mother's Day Activities**



Do you remember this Howard Johnson song titled "M-O-T-H-E-R (A Word That Means the World to Me)?"

- 'M' is for the million things she gave me,
- 'O' means only that she's growing old, 'T' is for the tears were shed to save me,
- 'H' is for her heart of purest gold
- 'E' is for her eyes, with love-light shining, 'R' means right, and right she'll always be,

Put them all together, they spell MOTHER, A word that means the world to me!

What does your mother mean to you? Here are a few suggestions to help celebrate her special day. Most can be done at home.

- 1. Make a bouquet of flowers using colored tissue paper and chenille stems. Create an arrangement by putting the stems in styrofoam in a basket.
- 2. On a piece of poster board, make a colorful flower by using crayons, markers, paint, or torn pieces of colored construction paper. Laminate it to make a placemat.
- 3. Let your mother be the star of her own TV show! Get a box and cut out two holes near the top, one on each side, to insert a dowel; repeat on the bottom. Glue a scroll of paper to both dowels and use them to turn the paper. Use photographs or draw pictures of your mom; then write captions for each. When you put the lid of the box back on,

cut out a square for the screen. Enjoy!

- 4. Have a Mother's Day Tea at school. Prepare refreshments and let the students share some creative writing, one-on-one, with their mothers. Afterwards, entertainment could include songs and dances. Have someone sign the songs as they are sung.
- 5. Choose a photograph or draw a picture to frame. The frame can be made of patterned or textured wallpaper samples or cloth. If you use poster board, use craft scissors with various-shaped edges and decorate with stickers, buttons, or glitter.
- 6. Write your original words to the song, MOTHER, and perform it. If there is a different special lady in your life, use her name or title instead. Perhaps you would rather list adjectives for each letter in MOTHER rather than write a song.
- 7. Tape vignettes of your mother and present her with the videotape or DVD. Alternately, keep a photo journal and present her with an album or scrapbook.
- 8. Have family entertainment with all members singing, dancing, or telling their favorite stories. Mom could be sitting in a specially decorated chair.
- 9. Give coupons for each day of the week. What will you do to help your mom? Wash the dishes? Babysit? Vaccuum?
- 10. Buy your mother a ticket for an upcoming event or movie.

I hope these tips are useful and inspire your own creativity. However you celebrate, Happy Mother's Day!

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