

American Flag of Prints (Calendar Craft)

This unique American flag allows for some parental creativity too! The most important element you will need is your child's hand! For more craft activities and ideas, please visit us at www.signingtime.com or www.signingtimekids.org

Materials Needed:

- Tempera paint (red and blue)
- June Calendar page (backside, upside-down)
- Gold glitter glue
- Foil
- Toothpick

Book Link:

- **The American Flag** by Lloyd G. Douglas
- **Stars and Stripes: The Story of the American Flag** by Sarah L. Thomson, Bob Dacey



Time to create!

Step 1: Begin by using the June calendar page (backwards, upside-down). Using the blue tempera paint, put a drop about the size of a quarter onto a piece of foil. Have your child smear his/her hand around in the paint until his/her hand is thoroughly covered. When your child is ready to place his/her handprint onto the paper, keep in mind you will need to leave space near the top for the month of "July" as well as for the binding when the calendar is finally bound together. Then have your child turn his/her hand sideways, fingers together, and press onto the page. Wash your child's hand with soap and water.

Step 2: Using the red tempera paint, dip your child's index finger into the paint and begin making seven lines of red finger prints across the page and allow time to dry.

Step 3: Now it is time for you, the parent, to get a little creative as well. Over your child's blue handprint, place small dots of gold glitter glue in rows. You will need 5 rows with 10 dots of glue in each. Once all 50 dots are in place, you can begin making those dots into stars. Drag a toothpick through each glitter dot to create the points on each star.

Step 4: The poem to the right can be mounted on red or blue construction paper and placed below the flag. It is a fun poem about Independence Day!

Whose Birthday Is It?

Some birthdays come in winter,
Some birthdays come in spring.
On birthdays there are games to play
And lots of songs to sing.

My favorite birthday is in July,
And it doesn't belong to me!
It's the birthday that lights up the sky
For all the world to see!

Rockets glare, trumpets blare,
And bands begin to play.
Happy Birthday America
It's Independence Day!

