

SPECIAL DAYS

VOCABULARY		
special day old	happy birthday candle	blow out party years

SAMPLE LESSON

Skill Area: Culture

Language Stage: Early Production

Outcome: Students will be able to find the school less foreign and will be more motivated to attend class.

Materials: A royal crown or badge of recognition and/or a decorated desk with crepe paper, cardboard or flowers; if possible, a party with a birthday cake and candles.

Procedure: At the beginning of the school year, make a list of all the students' birthdays. When a student's birthday approaches, tell the students about the special day. Use posters or pictures of children celebrating a birthday and place them in a prominent place where the students can look at them. On the day of the student's birthday, have the student crowned with the crown or have the student pinned with the special button. Have the student's desk or classroom decorated; and if possible, have a party with a birthday cake with candles. Have the students sing "Happy Birthday."

Note: Tiedt & Tiedt, *Multiculture Teaching*, Allyn & Bacon: Boston, MA has a rationale and details on this lesson.