Independence Day is celebrated each year in the United States on July 4th. There are a lot of ways that people celebrate; fireworks, parades, musical concerts, and outdoor picnics. How will you celebrate the 4th of July?

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**Literacy Activity**
Independence Day Vocabulary

**Dramatic Play or Music Activity**
4th of July
*Tune of 3 Blind Mice*

Red, white, and blue  
Red, white, and blue  
Stars and stripes too.  
Stars and stripes too.  
We celebrate Independence Day,  
Each July 4th the American way,  
With red, white, and blue.

**Math Activity**
Firework Poem

**Science Activity**
Science Challenge  
Can you make raisins dance?  
What happens when you put raisins in a glass of water? Will they sink or float?

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Here are some additional activities you may also enjoy.

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What happens when you put raisins in a glass of water? Will they sink or float?

**What you need:**
1. A glass  
2. A pint of warm water  
3. Raisins  
4. Baking soda  
5. White Vinegar

**Instructions:**
1. Fill the glass with 8 ounces of warm water.  
2. Add two heaped teaspoons of baking soda.  
3. Add a few raisins.  
4. Put the glass on a tray because it may overflow.  
5. Top with white vinegar.  
6. You should see the raisins begin to rise and fall.

Way up in the Sky  
*(To the tune of: Row, Row Your Boat)*

Wave, wave, wave the flag,  
Hold it very high.  
Watch the colors gently wave,  
Way up in the sky.  
March, march, march around.  
Hold the flag up high.  
Wave, wave, wave the flag,  
Way up in the sky.

**What you will need:**
1. small box of Rice Krispies  
2. large container of marshmallow fluff  
3. Red and blue M&Ms  
4. stick of butter

**Directions:**
1. Together, melt the butter in the microwave in a safe bowl.  
2. Mix butter and fluff into a large bowl together, then stir in the Rice Krispies.  
3. Have your child sort out red and blue m&m’s from the bag purchased to add into the mix.  
4. When everything is mixed up well, put the mix into a pan with some depth. Flatten the mixture to fit the shape of the bottom of the pan.  
5. Cut up into squares and enjoy!

Remember during this activity to allow your child to participate in everything. This is a following directions and measurement activity which is great practice for them!