Congratulations on your purchase of this Really Good Stuff®

Our Birthday Graph Space-Saver Pocket Chart—a colorful
way to record, display, and celebrate student birthdays
throughout the year.

This Really Good Stuff® product includes:
• Our Birthday Graph Space-Saver Pocket Chart
• 60 Candle Cards
• 14 Flame Cards
• 1 Header Card
• This Really Good Stuff® Activity Guide

Cleaning and Storing the Our Birthday Graph Space-Saver
Pocket Chart
Keep your Pocket Chart in good condition by wiping it
occasionally with a damp sponge. Fold the Pocket Chart along
the horizontal stitching lines for easy storage.

Displaying the Our Birthday Graph Space-Saver
Pocket Chart
Before displaying the Our Birthday Graph Space-Saver Pocket
Chart, make copies of this Really Good Stuff® Activity Guide, cut
apart the reproducibles, and file the pages for future use. Or,
download another copy of it from our Web site at
www.reallygoodstuff.com. Hang the Pocket Chart where
students will be able to see it easily.

Our Birthday Graph Space-Saver Pocket Chart
Well before a student in your class has his or her birthday,
develop community within your class as you fill in the Birthday
Graph together. Gather students around the Our Birthday
Graph Space-Saver Pocket Chart. Explain how you want to
make everyone’s birthday special this year. Share how you hope
to handle birthdays in the classroom (parties, cupcakes, cards,
and so forth). Indicate when you will celebrate any birthdays
that fall during weekends and school vacations.

Direct students’ attention to the Pocket Chart. Discuss how
you will be using it as a reminder throughout the year of
everyone’s birthday and as a way to celebrate each student’s
birthday on his or her special day.

Birthday Bonanza
Before filling in the graph, allow some time for students to
learn each other’s birthdays by playing one of the following
games. You may want to have a class list of birthdays on hand
to double-check dates.

• Birthday Line Up: For younger children, ask them to line up
by month. For older students, have them line up by month
and date. For a challenge, ask students to line up by
birthday without speaking.
• Birthday Red Rover: (Note: You need plenty of room for
students to run.) As you divide the class into two lines,
remind students how to play the game. Split the class in
two and set up two lines: Indicate that when a student
hears his or her birth date called, that student is to run
from the line he or she is in toward the other line, while a
person in the middle tries to tag the runner. Explain that
if a runner is tagged, he or she joins the person in the
middle and tries to tag other runners.

Tell students to stand about 20 to 30 feet apart from
each other and to face each other; then ask for a volunteer
to be in the middle. Stand near the two lines, and call out
birth months, saying, “Red Rover, Red Rover, send anyone
whose birthday is in ________ on over.” The last student
who manages to make it safely to the other side without
being tagged is the winner.

Light the Candles
Ask students to gather in groups by birth month. Then direct
them to get in order by date. Pass out the same Candle Card
to each student in a birth month. For example, give a yellow-
and blue-striped Card to each student who is born in January.
Have students write their name and birth date on their Card.
Take turns placing the Cards into the Pocket Chart. Once all of
the students in one month have put their Card into the Pocket
Chart, add the Flame Card to light the candle.

Tell students that on their birthday, you will fill in the Header
Card for the Pocket Chart with his or her name and birth date.

Birthday Graph
Use your completed Pocket Chart to review your students’
graphing skills by asking a few word problems. Here are some
to get you started:
• Which month has the most birthdays? How many does
it have?
• Which month has the least birthdays? How many does
it have?
• How many children were born in the Summer? Fall?
Winter? Spring?
• Which season has the most birthdays? How many does
it have?
• What is the difference between the number of children
born in _____ from those born in ____?

Happy Birthday Desk Candle
Copy the Stand-Up Happy Birthday Desk Candle Reproducible
on cardstock. Add the birthday child’s name, and color the
candle. Then cut around the flame so that it will stand up when
folded. Fold along the dotted lines, and glue the bottom tabs
together so that the candle stands up. Place the candle on
the birthday child’s desk before he or she comes to class.

Birthday Timeline
Make enough copies of the Birthday Timeline Reproducible for
your class. Have children take one home to fill out prior to their
birthday. Instruct them to fill in the timeline with memorable
occasions in their life and to add drawings or bring in pictures
to go along with the timeline. On their birthday, urge the
birthday child to share his or her timeline with the class.
Display the completed timelines near the Our Birthday Graph
Space-Saver Pocket Chart, or bind them to create a
classroom birthday timeline book.

All activity guides can be found online: