



- **Plan a Party**



Have the child make special party supplies (such as streamers, party hats, confetti, invitations, place mats, etc.) and have a special party for your family, a friend, a pet or him/herself! Have the child suggest ideas for how to decorate the room, what refreshments to serve, what songs to sing and what games to play. Make a crown for your child and the other guests celebrating the birthday. On a piece of sturdy paper, help the child draw and cut out a crown. Let the child decorate the crown with crayons, markers, glitter, feathers, cotton balls, etc. Even a special tea party with stuffed animals is fun!

- **Birth Story**

Tell your child about the events of the day when he/she was born. Talk about how exciting the first day home from the hospital was. Talk about who was at the home to greet you. Show pictures of your child as a newborn and discuss how he/she has changed.



- **Paper Chain Countdown**



A month before a child's birthday, use a paper chain to keep track of the days. Precut several strips of paper and number them 1-30. Paste the ends (of one strip) together to make a circle. Place another strip through the circle and paste the ends together. Add a link in the chain everyday and count the chains with your child.



### **Other Books for Children:**

*Happy Birthday, Jesse Bear!* by N. Carlstrom

*Happy Birthday, Moon* by F. Asch

*Happy Birthday, Baby Bop!* by L. Dowdy

*Happy Birthday* by P. Hutchins

*Arthur's Birthday* by M. Brown



**\*Don't forget to visit your local library!!!\***

### **Shows to Watch for:**

Barney: #610—*Birthday Ole (Birthdays)*

Mister Rogers' Neighborhood: #1564—*Celebrations: Different Feelings about Birthdays*

Mister Rogers' Neighborhood: #1450—*Birthday Parties*

Caillou: #130—*Celebrations*

Dragon Tales: #103—*Ord's Unhappy Birthday*

Arthur: #110—*Arthur's Birthday*

Sesame Street #3806— *It's Linda's birthday and Bob teaches everyone how to sign the "Happy Birthday" song to her as a surprise. (Human Relations) Letter/#: H/6*