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DIA DEL NIÑO
A Day for Children in Mexico!
In Mexico, Children's Day (Día Del Niño) is celebrated on April 30th. On this day, there are no classes in schools. Instead, schools organize games and music.

Children bring in their favorite foods to share. Some families take a day out with their children. Often there are special activities for children around the community. Children wear bright colors to celebrate their youth and the coming of Spring.

Color the last balloon in each row the color it should be to continue the pattern in that row.

A Day for Games
One popular Dia del Niño game is Pin the Tail on the Donkey. Help Hector pin the tail on the donkey picture.

Hot Chocolate Song
On Children's Day, many families start the day with a yummy cup of hot chocolate and they sing of a song at breakfast. A **mollinillo** is used to stir the chocolate drink by rolling it between the palms of your hands while it is dipped in the hot chocolate. The kids sing the following song while stirring the drink. The game is to sing each verse a little faster every time it is sung.

Bate, bate, chocolate,
(Stir, stir, chocolate.)
Tu nariz de cacahuete.
(Your nose is a peanut.)
Uno, dos, tres, CHO!
(One, two, three, CHO!)
Uno, dos, tres, CO!
(One, two, three, CO!)
Uno, dos, tres, LA!
(One, two, three, LA!)
Uno, dos, tres, TE!
(One, two, three, TE!)
Chocolate, chocolate!
(Chocolate, chocolate!)

Piñata Pairs
On Dia del Niño, children take turns to swing a bat or stick at a piñata, trying to break it apart to release the candy and goodies inside! **ACTIVITY:** All but one of these piñatas have an exact twin. Circle the one that's unique.

Extra! Extra!
Children's Rights Collage
Look through the newspaper for pictures and words showing things you think all children should have a right to. Cut these out and use them to make a Children's Rights collage.

Standards Link: Visual Art: Use art to express a message.

Children's Day in Mexico started in 1925. This celebration has its origins during Alvaro Obregón's presidential term after the country joined the Geneva Convention. The Geneva Convention emphasized the importance of taking care of children, originally the vulnerable children affected by World War I. The United Nations suggested in 1959 countries adopt a National Children's Day in honor of the Children's Rights Declaration of 1959.

Kid Scoop Puzzler
Silly Book Puns
A pun is a play on words. Read the book titles below and then draw a line from the book title to the author's name that makes a funny pun. For example: *The Arctic Ocean* by I.C. Waters.

Double Double Word Search
Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

CHOCOLATE
CHILDRENS
CELEBRATE
MEXICO
DONKEY
PEANUT
SCHOOL
PALMS
FROTH
DRINK
CANDY
MUSIC
TAIL
GAME
DAY

D Y A D E Y L F N C
I T U N A E P R H H
M D R I N K N O O I
S E F O L N C T M L
Y M X L R O C H U D
D A L I L D O E S R
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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