

Party Time

The Top Ten



Top Ten form
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Here are some ways to use the number “10” as an inspiration for a party.

- * At a special story hour, show “Happy Anniversary” (episode #1001), in which the Reads celebrate their 10th anniversary. Then read a book featuring the number 10 (see below).
 - * In the show’s interstitial, kids talk about the Top Ten reasons they like ARTHUR. Ask kids to fill out and return a **Top Ten form** on one of the following topics:
 - The Top Ten Reasons I Like to Read
 - My Top Ten Favorite Books
 - The Ten Best Things about the Library
 - The Top Ten Kids’ Web Sites to Visit
- Post the results, highlighting the 10 most popular entries.
- * Invite kids and their families to contribute to a poster displaying the number 10 in a variety of languages.
 - * Ask older children to write a story using the number 10. With the writers’ permission, publish a collection of the stories or post them on your library’s Web site.
 - * You may want to do this program over a 10-day period.



10 for 10!

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| Butler, John. <i>Ten in the Den</i> | Fleming, Denise. <i>The First Day of Winter</i> |
| Crews, Donald. <i>Ten Black Dots</i> | Onyefulu, Ifeoma. <i>Emeka’s Gift</i> |
| Durango, Julia. <i>Cha-Cha-Chimps</i> | Stickland, Paul. <i>Ten Terrible Dinosaurs</i> |
| Falwell, Cathryn. <i>Feast for 10</i> | Thong, Roseanne. <i>One is a Drummer</i> |
| Feelings, Tom. <i>Moja Means One</i> | Wood, Audrey. <i>Ten Little Fish</i> |

Happy Birthday, Arthur!

Even though Arthur always stays his delightful 8-year-old self, you can celebrate his birthday on or near May 25. (P.S. It's Muffy's birthday, too!)



Party Invitation
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- * Check out the online [ARTHUR party ideas](#). You may also find useful material at the [PBS Parents Guide to Birthday Parties](#).
- * Create a [party invitation](#) with the date, time, and recommended age range.
- * Suggest that children bring a “gift” such as a book they no longer read. Books in good condition can be donated to a library book sale, local shelter, or city hospital.
- * Wrap the books you are going to read aloud as if they were presents.
- * Have children make birthday cards for Arthur to display at the library.
- * Make ARTHUR [party hats](#).
- * Sing “Happy Birthday” or the “[Arthur Theme Song](#)” all together. Have kids dance along as you sing. (You can listen to the theme song in the [Music Box](#).)
- * Serve refreshments.
- * Give out “goodie bags” for kids to take home. Fill them with information about your library, [bookmarks](#), [coloring sheets](#), [trading cards](#), [character masks](#), and [booklists](#).

You can use this format to celebrate the birthdays of other popular book characters or in honor of a favorite children’s book author or illustrator. For information on authors and illustrators, check their individual Web sites or <http://www.childrensliteraturenetwork.com/birthday/bbios.html>.

You can use these Arthur episodes and theme-related books with your library program.

ARTHUR and . . . Birthdays

Arthur's Birthday (#110)
D.W.'s Perfect Wish (#314)
Prunella Gets It Twice (#406)
Prunella's Prediction (#408)
Elwood City Turns 100! (#705)
Desperately Seeking Stanley (#807)

Read about . . . Birthdays!

Asch, Frank. *Happy Birthday, Moon*
Brown, Marc. *Arthur's Birthday*
Bunting, Eve. *Flower Garden*
Cooke, Trish. *So Much*
Feldman, Eve. *Birthdays! Celebrating Life Around the World*
Graham, Bob. *Oscar's Half Birthday*
Hobbie, Holly. *Toot and Puddle: A Present for Toot*
Holabird, Katherine. *Angelina's Birthday*
Horning, Sandra. *The Giant Hug*
London, Jonathan. *Froggy Bakes a Cake*
Look, Lenore. *Henry's First-Moon Birthday*
Lopez, Loretta. *The Birthday Swap*
Mora, Pat. *Pablo's Tree*
Soto, Gary. *Chato and the Party Animals*
Wells, Rosemary. *Bunny Cakes, Yoko's Paper Cranes*
Williams, Vera. *Something Special For Me*



Arthur's All-Mixed-Up Party

Children love to use their imagination in creative ways. This event will help them experiment with new and unusual perspectives.

- * Rearrange the room so that it looks different than it usually does—move chairs around or place them backwards. Hold the book you are reading upside down and see who notices first!
- * Suggest that kids wear mixed-up clothing, such as their shirts inside out, different colored socks, or, if it's warm outside, hats and mittens. Be sure to mix up your outfit as well.
- * Instead of stamping children's hands as they enter, have them stamp yours.
- * Have kids write their names backwards on nametags as they arrive. Ask them to walk in backwards.
- * Say goodbye when children come in and hello when they leave.
- * Listen to the "Jekyll and Hyde" song from the *Arthur and Friends* audiocassette or CD.
- * Serve "mixed-up" snacks (such as pineapple upside-down cake) at the beginning instead of at the end of your event.
- * Have children try writing and drawing with their non-dominant hand, or with their toes, or with their eyes closed!
- * Ask children to use their imaginations and make up "what if?" stories or draw "what if" drawings: What if pigs flew? What if it snowed in the summer?
- * Play "Backwards Toss" using a beanbag and a coffee can or larger container.



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ARTHUR and . . . Mix-Ups!

Binky Barnes, Art Expert (#202)

Arthur Goes Crosswire (#303)

Arthur's Almost Live Not Real Music Festival (#311)

Buster's Best Behavior (#409)

D.W.'s Time Trouble (#707)

Read about . . . Mix-Ups!

Auch, Mary Jane. *The Princess and the Pizza*

Barrett, Judi. *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*

Cole, Babette. *Princess Smartypants*

Jackson, Ellen. *Cinder Edna*

Kloske, Geoffrey. *Once Upon a Time, The End*

Loh, Morah. *Tucking Mommy In*

Perry, Sarah. *If*

Pulver, Robin. *Punctuation Takes a Vacation*

Scieszka, Jon. *The Frog Prince Continued*

Trivizas, Eugene. *Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig*

