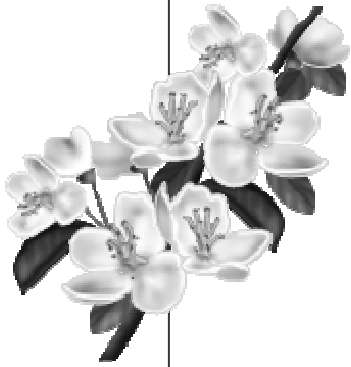


This workbook contains 5 no-cook recipes presented as reading comprehension passages, followed by 5 or 6 comprehension questions. Recipes include: Treasure Chest Cake, Banana Roll “Sushi”, Edible Rainbows, Lincoln’s Log Cabin, and Cherry Blossoms. The recipes are designed to be read by students, and then prepared by students with minimal teacher assistance. After students have read the passage and completed the recipe, they will answer the comprehension questions. These recipes can be used successfully by both general and special education students in grades 3 through 5, and are great for middle and high school aged life skills students. They can be used as a small group activity, as a reading center, or in any way the teacher sees fit. Some of the recipes are a little messy, and some will not turn out “perfectly”. The point is for students to have fun, and to connect their reading to real-world situations. Enjoy!

Read the following passage. Follow the directions to prepare the recipe described. Then use the passage to answer the questions.



National Cherry Blossom Festival

For two weeks every spring, Washington, D.C. comes alive with the pink blossoms of thousands of cherry trees. During these 2 weeks, over a million people come to our nation's capital to see the beautiful blooms. In 2008, the festival took place from March 29 through April 13. Here are some facts about the

National Cherry Blossom Festival and the cherry trees:

- The cherry trees were given to the city of Washington, D.C. by the mayor of Tokyo, Japan in 1912.
- The city of Tokyo gave the 3,000 cherry trees to Washington, D.C. as a symbol of friendship between the United States and Japan.
- The trees were planted along the banks of the Potomac River.
- The first festival was held in 1935.
- In 1965, Japan gave the U.S. 3,800 more cherry trees. Today, there are over 6,000 trees of 12 different kinds growing in Washington, D.C.

Make a Scrumptious Cherry Tree

Ingredients:

- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup popped, unbuttered popcorn
- 1 tbsp. cherry gelatin powder
- White frosting
- Pretzel sticks
- 1 large pretzel log

Directions:

- 1) Place the popcorn in a baggie. Add the gelatin powder to the baggie. Seal the baggie and shake it so that the popcorn turns light pink.
- 2) Lay the pretzel log on a paper plate to form a tree trunk. Dip pretzel sticks in frosting. Attach the colored popcorn to the pretzel sticks with the frosting.
- 3) Attach the pretzel sticks to the tree trunk with frosting to make branches.