

Fancy Nancy Tea Party



Description of Program FANCY NANCY HOLIDAY TEA .

This annual Holiday Tea for mothers, grandmothers, and their favorite girls is centered on the Fancy Nancy books. A tea party, stories, games, and crafts will make this a memorable event for the ladies in the family. Dress in your glamorous (a fancy word for “stylish and beautiful”) best . The girl and the adult wearing the most gorgeous (fancy word for “even more beautiful than beautiful”) and Fancy Nancy-like outfits will win a prize.

Program Plans As guests arrive, hand out “Fancy Nancy” name tags and activity/color sheets for children to do while the other guests arrive. Serve tea. Play the PowerPoint game and Bingo. Break into groups for other activities and crafts. End with contest for the fanciest dressed adult and child.

Stories

- O'Connor, Jane. *Fancy Nancy*. New York: HarperCollins, 2005.
- O'Connor, Jane. *Fancy Nancy's Favorite Fancy Words : from Accessories to Zany*. New York: HarperCollins, 2008.
- O'Connor, Jane. *Fancy Nancy and the Posh Puppy*. New York: HarperCollins, 2007
- O'Connor, Jane. *Fancy Nancy the Dazzling Book Report*. New York: HarperCollins, 2009.

Songs/ Fingerplays/ PowerPoint

- PowerPoint Game

Make a PowerPoint game with “fancy” words and have a multiple choice on the meaning of the word. Play in teams of girls after reading *Fancy Nancy's Favorite Fancy Words*. The winning team will receive Fancy Nancy books and the runners-up will receive a smaller prize, like stickers.

- Song: “I am Fancy! (to the tune of B-I-N-G-O)
I know a very fancy girl
And Nancy is her name, oh
F-A-N-C-Y
F-A-N-C-Y
F-A-N-C-Y
And Nancy is her name, oh!

Craft Ideas

- Purchase inexpensive tiaras or cut them out of cardstock. Decorate with markers, stick on jewels, etc.
- Decorate sunglasses so they are “fancy.” Purchase inexpensive sunglasses and provide glue, decorative jewels, feathers, etc. and let the children’s creativity flow.
- Fancy Nancy coloring sheets. These may be downloaded from the HarperCollins “Fancy Nancy” web site.
- Provide blank journals (white canvas ones purchased from Oriental Trading work well) and a variety of fabric markers, sequins, feathers, etc. for children to decorate. This works well after reading *Fancy Nancy the Dazzling Book Report*.

Activities or games for small groups

If the group is large, break them into two groups. One group will do the game and the other group will do the craft; then they will switch

- A variety of Fancy Nancy Board games and puzzles can be purchased from Amazon and other sources. The groups can be divided into smaller groups of 4 to play the games and puzzles. After a few minutes, they rotate to the next game or puzzle, beginning where the last group left off.
- Play “Hangman” using Fancy words
- Fancy Nancy Wordsearch & crossword puzzles
- Teach the children some fancy French words, using the worksheet on the HarperCollins web site.

Activities For the Whole Group

- Fancy Nancy Bingo. Download Bingo cards from the HarperCollins website. Everyone creates a Bingo card with the provided fancy pictures. When everyone is done, the Bingo caller randomly pulls copies of these objects from a bag. When someone has Bingo, she calls “I am Fancy!”
- Show the video of the Fancy Nancy tea party featuring the author and illustrator. Available online at the HarperCollins web site.
- Play music and let the girls swirl and dance to the music in their Fancy Nancy outfits.

Snacks:

- Punch and tea
- Assorted fancy cookies

Other

- **Fancy Nancy Dress Costume:** The girl and the adult wearing the most gorgeous (fancy word for “even more beautiful than beautiful”) and Fancy Nancy- like outfits will win a prize. Don’t forget to dress up fancy yourself.
- **Fashion Show:** Girls will model their Fancy Nancy clothing for their mothers and grandmothers. Use a roll of bright paper or wrapping paper to make a red carpet for them to walk on and then take a photo of each girl as she exits the red carpet.
- **Parting Gifts:** Fancy Nancy stickers, nail stickers, anything “fancy” or sparkly.
- **Decorations:** Decorate the party room with streamers, balloons, etc. Set a fancy table with tablecloths sprinkled with glitter and ribbons, doilies, and pink or Fancy Nancy paper goods.

Resources (online & book)

O'Connor, Jane. *Fancy Nancy Tea Parties*. New York: Harper, 2009

<http://www.harpercollinschildrens.com/kids/gamesandcontests/features/fancynancybooks/> [The HarperCollins web site has a plethora of wonderful Fancy Nancy projects and program ideas. A variety of these could be combined for activity books for children.]

www.celebrateexpress.com [This site has a large variety of themed party goods for purchase, including Fancy Nancy party goods, stickers, tattoos, etc.]

More information or questions?

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