

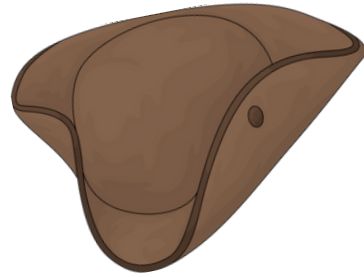
# YORKTOWN DAY PARADE

## K-2 CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

A classroom parade is a fun and active way for young students to celebrate Yorktown Victory Day and learn about how people mark this historic event. Here are simple ideas for creating a parade in your classroom or down the hallway.

### Cocked Hats and Cockades

- Students can make tricorne hats (folded and stapled).
- Let them decorate with stars, stripes, feathers, or glitter.
- Hats can be worn proudly during the parade.



### Drums and Fifes

**Drums:** Use empty oatmeal containers, coffee cans, or small boxes, preferably with a lid or turned upside down. Wrap paper on the sides and invite students to decorate their drum. Students can use unsharpened pencils as drumsticks to tap on the top.

**Fifes:** Decorate paper towel rolls or rolled-up cardstock. Don't forget to draw the holes! Students can color them red, white, and blue, then march while "playing" their instruments.

### Parade Plan

Line Up - Assign roles: drummers, fifers, flag-bearers, and marchers with hats.

March Together - Walk around the classroom, hallway, or playground. Add

Music - Play fife and drum music or let students create their own rhythm.

Celebrate - Wave flags, cheer "Victory!" or sing a simple patriotic song.

### Teacher Tips

- Keep the route short and safe.
- Invite another class to watch the parade.
- End with a reflection: ask students how it felt to march and celebrate, and why people use parades to celebrate.

