

Cinco de Mayo

The national holiday *Cinco de Mayo*, which means the 5th of May, commemorates the Battle of Puebla, which took place on that date in 1862. It was during this battle that untrained Mexican forces defeated an army of French mercenaries.

Cinco de Mayo is celebrated with boisterous fiestas throughout Mexico. In Mexico City, the president makes a stirring speech that is followed by a huge military parade through the streets of the capital.

Local celebrations include mariachi bands, ferris wheels, fireworks, dancing, and lots of delicious food and drink!



Project

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a classroom fiesta. Make *cascarones* to have at your fiesta. Make sure you have a broom nearby!

Materials

- empty egg shells
- tissue paper
- scissors
- confetti
- tempera paint
- paintbrushes
- small funnel

Directions

1. Your teacher will provide you with an empty egg shell. Use a small funnel to fill the egg with confetti.
2. Glue a small piece of tissue paper over the opening to seal the confetti inside.
3. Paint the egg with bright colors.

For the Teacher

Teach students how to empty a raw egg for each student in your class. Carefully use a large sewing needle to pierce a raw egg on both ends. Use scissors to expand the hole on one end. Hold the egg over a bowl and blow into the needle hole. The bowl will catch the raw egg. Rinse the egg and allow to dry thoroughly.

