

Father's Day Ideas

"One idea that I thought was the cutest thing was to get an entire outfit of an adult. Suit coat, pants, shirt and tie, shoes, hat if you want. Have the child put on the clothing, (all dragging, of course) and take their picture. Frame it with the caption, 'No buddy can fill your shoes, daddy!' The dads love it!"



"I did a fridge magnet last year. I bought little ceramic tiles, and the kids drew their Dad or Grandpa with felt pens. Then I sprayed it with clear varnish, and stuck a small magnet on the back."

"My class went on a field trip last year before Father's Day, and each one had to pick up a nice smooth rock about the size of their palms. Back in the classroom they painted the rock to resemble an animal - a frog, a rabbit, a ladybug, etc. They gave these to Dad for a paperweight."

"I usually do a handprint card, with a plaster of paris handprint plaque for the wall."

Set up a projector and trace each child's silhouette on white paper. Then transfer it to black construction paper and cut it out. Glue the black silhouette to white paper and add a frame. This makes a great keepsake!"

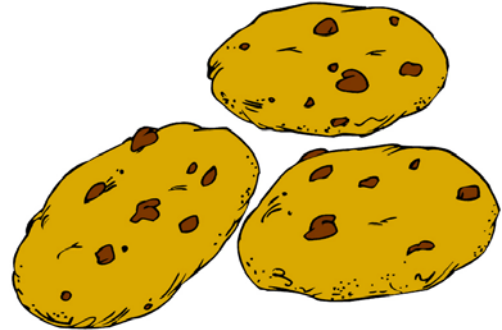
Buy white or plain coloured coffee mugs at your local dollar store. Have the students write '#1 Dad' and their name and date on the mug.

Write story about Dad, edit it and re-write neatly. Put it into a little book, illustrate it and make a cover. Dad will love it!

"I have made 'Dad's Cookies' with my class. This is the recipe - it makes about 48 cookies:

Dad's Cookies

1/2 pound (225 g) butter at room temperature
2 eggs
3 cups (750 ml) brown sugar, packed
1 tsp (5 ml) vanilla
2 cups (500 ml) sifted all-purpose flour
1 tsp (5 ml) baking powder
1/2 tsp (2 ml) baking soda
1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt
1 cup (250 ml) angel flake coconut
2 cups (250 ml) quick-cooking rolled oats (not instant)



Grease cookie pans. Preheat oven to 375 F (190 C). Beat butter, eggs, sugar and vanilla together until they are light and fluffy. Sift flour with baking powder, soda and salt and stir them into the first mixture. Blend well. Stir in coconut and rolled oats. Drop by heaping teaspoonfuls onto cookie sheets and bake for 10 minutes. Cool on wire racks and store in tightly covered cookie tins.

The students can decorate them with icing or smarties if they wish."

Look at this site for more great ideas!

<http://www.daniellesplace.com/html/mengifts.html>

"I like to give photographs of the students for parent gifts. For Father's Day, I take a special picture of the students - just the head with a plain background. I use my digital camera and then edit the pictures on my computer to the correct size and a circle shape. Then we glue them to can lids with the rolled edges, and add a magnet on the back,"

Cut out a very large heart from butcher paper. Trace the child's arms and hands from the elbow and cut them out - glue the arms behind the heart. Print on it 'I love you THIS much!'.

Take a digital picture of the child. Glue it to a coloured cut-out of the child's hand and laminate. Put a magnet on the back for the fridge.

"We make fancy picture frames and put in a photo of each child. Sometimes we decorate the frames with buttons, sometimes seashells, pretty pebbles (oiled or varnished) or other outdoor collections."



"Have the students draw their Dads with themselves beside. They always appreciate this! We put them into nice frames made of popsicle sticks."

"An idea for Father's Day project: a few years ago my class made 'Reminder Notepads'. Each child gets a canvas work glove. They stuff it with batting then an adult uses a hotglue gun to glue the thumb and three fingers down to the palm, leaving the index finger pointing up. The children stitch the wrist end closed. Also tack the two ends of a piece of elastic across the palm of the glove (about 2-3 inches). Slip the cardboard backing of a small notepad (about 2x4") through the elastic and write a message on the first page(Happy Fathers Day!) Tack a small plastic curtain ring on the back so it can be hung on a wall and tie a yarn or ribbon around the index finger like when you tie something around your finger as a reminder to do something. It comes out really cute."

"Last year we made calendars for Father's Day. I enlarged and photocopied a calendar with blank squares for July and August. I glued them onto 11 x 17 construction paper with a cover. We attached the 3 pages with ribbon or wool. We brainstormed outings with Dad (e.g. baseball game, picnic, bike riding, lunch at the office, swimming after work, etc. - the ideas were endless). The children planned about 5 activities for each month. They picked their favourite and illustrated it on the page above the month. The first page said "Happy Father's Day" and the children decorated it. On the back of that page they drew their July activity and on the back of the July calendar sheet they drew the August activity. We wrote in pencil and I included a short note explaining that things may have to be rescheduled depending on Dad's schedule. I got great feedback from the dads!"

A good father's day gift is a card made to look like a shirt with a pocket and put a slit in the pocket with a black man's comb taped in it.

I've decorated 8 by 8 ceramic tiles with nautical pictures for Dads. The kids finger paint ocean and sky, glue on felt for boat, white triangle sail, fluorescent yellow sparkly little pom pom for sun, sponge paint white clouds. Then I hot glued rope around the tile to finish it, with enough loose at top for hanging.



"Last year I had our shop teacher (I teach in a K-12 school) cut and plane me 5"x 7" boards that are about 3/4" thick. The children got 100 grit sandpaper and spent about 30 minutes sanding the boards smooth. The next day we stained them - only 4 children could do it at a time with me closely supervising. That night I sprayed a light coat of varnish on them. Then we stamped running horses on the boards and the next week I sprayed them 4 nights in a row. We put in 3 cup hooks and a hanger on the back and dad will have a key holder made with loving little hands. We made an embossed stamped card for dad also. And guess what ---- we will have to make it again next year!"

"Using different beads, we make key chains for Father's Day. The kids love this. Also, we had been collecting a few poems and drawing pictures to go with them, then we put them in folders, decorated them, put in a class photo (which I collect over the year), and wrote a Father's Day message inside the folders. Also, we made Coupon Ties used a pattern, let the kid trace it on folded paper, then they had to put fabric (that we had precut) over the tie. Then we had paper for them to make coupons, the same shape as the ties, and they wrote 'Good for one _____' and put them inside the tie."

