## **Social Studies**

- The child learned about different types of hot air balloons and their designs.
- The child learned about the history and origins of hot air balloon festivals.
- The child learned about the different countries and cultures represented at the festival.
- The child learned about the importance of tourism and the economic impact of such events.

After the hot air balloon festival, the child can continue their development by creating a scrapbook or photo album showcasing their experience. They can also research and learn more about the specific countries and cultures they encountered at the festival. Additionally, they can explore the science and engineering behind hot air balloons, including how they are designed and how they work.

## **Book Recommendations**

- Hot Air: The (Mostly) True Story of the First Hot-Air Balloon Ride by Marjorie Priceman: This book tells the intriguing story of the first hot-air balloon ride and its historical significance.
- <u>The Great Balloon Hullaballoo</u> by Peter Bently: Join Ben and Bella as they embark on a colorful adventure at a hot air balloon festival in this delightful story.
- <u>Balloons Over Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy's Parade</u> by Melissa Sweet: While not directly related to hot air balloons, this book explores the creativity and imagination behind the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade balloons.

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