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**MOTHER'S &
FATHER'S DAY
COLLECTION**

Mother's Day & Father's Day Collection*

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www.ReadersTheaterAllYear.com. (Click on free scripts and check under the "Holidays and Events" section for more holiday scripts. And, while you're there join our community for free gifts and newsletter updates--including our current teleseminar training.)

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Mom: Every Day Is Mother's Day

A Choral Readers Theater

By Carol Montgomery

Performance Time = a little over a minute

Readability: Sorry, the Flesch-Kincaid Readability formula with Word says this is grade point 7 (.7). I'd say primary grades--with vocabulary help as needed.

Cast (2+):

Guys

Girls

Springs

Summers

Falls

Winters

Although this short script may be done with just two voices, it was written for choral readers theater where no voice reads alone. The parts of the seasons could be based on when the students have their birthdays, what season they like best, volunteers, or assigned. Students are expected to be in more than one group.

IF you do this choral reading as a performance, you will have to work on enunciation or assign individual parts for clarity.

IF you think the script is too short you may repeat it or write your own lines. Alternatively, you could have single voices read the first time through and chorally the second. Just don't spoil the surprise ending before you're really ending, please! :)

(Note: This script should match most of the first verse of the song, "Mame." It is not a perfect match unless you leave out the Winters line and ignore our ending.)

Mom: Every Day Is Mother's Day
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Guys: You knew me way before I was born.

All: Mom.

Girls: You loved me, fed me, watched me 'til morn'.

All: Mom.

Springs: You've got the kitchen cooking and working out a meal to feed the clan.

Summers: Now all our tums are looking for something more than fast food, that's the plan.

All: Yum!

Girls: You make our house a wonderful home.

All: Mom.

Guys: You make our hearts shine like the car chrome.

All: Mom.

Falls: You've done so much for us we can't imagine all that you have sacrificed.

Winters: You share your love with us and offer all your wisdom and advice.

Girls: You make us feel alive again.

Guys: You give us all the drive again...

Voices: To help us thrive again,

All: Mom!

Girls: Thanks, Mom!

Guys: Yea, thanks, Mom!

Girls: I love you!

Guys: I love you more!

All: Happy Mother's Day!

Mom: Every Day Is Mother's Day Curriculum Links (Valid in 2011):

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/mothersday/>

Crafts and printables for elementary age students to make gifts for Mother's Day.

<http://www.littlegiraffes.com/mothersday.html>

Mother's Day gift ideas for grades K-3.

<http://www.dltk-holidays.com/mom/>

Mother's Day cards, coloring pages, crafts, games and puzzles, poems, recipes (not necessarily healthy).

<http://www.teachervision.fen.com/family-tree/printable/55049.html?detoured=1>

"Your Family Tree" printable for students to fill in the blanks--or make your own!

You Tube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ex0FWKb4ayg>

"Anna Jarvis and the History of Mother's Day"--a well-done, short documentary by West Virginia Public Broadcasting 4:30

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EP4fHr-hTrw>

"The History of Mother's Day" and how its celebrated in the UK and elsewhere plus Mother's day messages. Interesting. 2:36

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TGdIY0uk4zE>

"Rest of the Story--Mother's Day" with famous radio newscaster Paul Harvey sharing quotes and history of Mother's Day. 3:42

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GINIOmwl6uo>

"Mother's Day Gift 2-Craft for Kids--Insightful Nana" presents a unique raised cookie/candy plate kids will be proud to give mom or grandma. 6:53

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mjZ7UwHaY8g>

This is the **original soundtrack** to the song "Mame" from the old musical (with dancing). There are several different verses (some you may not like some words--e.g., "give my mint julep a kick") 6:13

* IF you want to do this script with the music you'll have to make some adjustments and perhaps add your own lyrics.

Hats Off to Dad!

By Carol Montgomery

Performance Time = about 1 1/2 minutes

Readability = grade 1.4

Cast (2-26):

Reader #1

Reader #2

Reader #3

Reader #4

Reader #5

Reader #6

Reader #7

Reader #8

Reader #9

Reader #10

Reader #11

Reader #12

Reader #13

Reader #14

Reader #15

Reader #16

Reader #17

Reader #18

Reader #19

Reader #20

Reader #21

Reader #22

Reader #23

Reader #24

Reader #25

Reader #26

Note: "Hats Off to Dad!" can be adapted to choral Readers Theater or two readers simply by having one group (e.g., girls) read the odd numbered lines and having another group (e.g., boys) read the even numbered lines.

Suggestions:

1. Please, try to have the students in hats! I suggest the speaker take his/her hat off when he/she says the line.
2. Since it may seem repetitious otherwise, have the readers try to speak their lines with extra special expression and enthusiasm. :) Each reader may bow in a slightly different direction for variety of eye contact. "Thank you" should also be varied. The audience will love a little drama! :)

Hats Off to Dad!

By Carol Montgomery

Reader #1: To the dads who are firefighters...

All: (*bow*) Thank you!

Reader #2: To the dads who are policemen...

All: (*bow*) **Thank you!**

Reader #3: To the dads who are teachers...

All: (*bow*) **Thank you!**

Reader #4: To the dads who are farmers...

All: (*bow*) Thank you! (*farm animal noises?*)

Reader #5: To the dads who are business men...

All: (*bow*) Thank you! Ka-ching!

Reader #6: To the dads in the military...

All: (*salute*) Thank you!

Reader #7: To the dads who are janitors...

All: (*bow*) Thank yooooooooou!

Reader #8: To the dads who are carpenters...

All: (*bow*) Thank you!

Reader #9: To the dads who are electricians...

All: (*bow*) Thank you!

Reader #10: To the dads who are scientists...

All: (*bow*) Thank you!

Reader #11: To the dads who are doctors...

All: (*bow*) Thank **you!**

Reader #12: To the dads who are musicians...

All: (*bow*) (*sing-song?*) Thank you!

Reader #13: To the dads who are writers...

All: (*bow*) Thank you!

Reader #14: To the dads who are truckers...

All: (*bow*) Thank you!

Reader #15: To the dads who play sports...

All: (*bow*) Thank you! Score!

Reader #16: To the dads who play games...

All: (*bow*) Thank you! More!

Reader #17: To the dads who cook for us...

All: (*bow*) Thank you! Yum!

Reader #18: To the dads who tell jokes...

All: (*bow*) Thank you! Fun!

Reader #19: To the dads who drive us..

All: (*bow*) T-h-a-n-k **you!**

Reader #20: To the dads who give hugs...

All: (*bow*) Woo-hoo! Thank you!

Reader #21: To the dads who encourage...

All: (*bow*) **Thank you!**

Reader #22: To the dads who listen...

All: (*bow*) Thank **you!**

Reader #23: To the dads who smile...

All: (*bow*) Thank you!

Reader #25: To the dads who really love us...

All: (*bow*) Thank you **very** much!

Reader #26: And to every dad who works hard and cares about his family...

All: (*bow, hats off*) Thank you! Hats off to you!

Hats Off to Dad! Curriculum Links (Valid in 2011):

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Father%27s_Day

Regular Wiki article on the history of Father's Day

<http://www.dltk-holidays.com/dad/>

Father's Day activities including cards, crafts, games and puzzles, poems and songs, recipes, worksheets, and other Father's Day links.

<http://crafts.kaboose.com/holidays/fathers-day/index.html>

Unique Father's Day crafts (22). Probably grades K-8

<http://crafts.kaboose.com/fathers-day-card-index.html>

Special child-made Father's Day cards (22). K-8.

<http://theapple.monster.com/training/articles/8490-fathers-day-lesson-the-story-of-last-names>

"Father's Day Lesson: The Story of Last Names." grades 3-5. Older students could do more research on their own.

http://www.makingfriends.com/dad_desk.htm

21 ideas for "Make It for Dad's Office" crafts. Lots of ads.

http://www.makingfriends.com/dad_more.htm

35 craft ideas for "More to Make for Dad". Lots of ads.

http://www.freekidscrafts.com/father%27s_day_crafts-t101.html

3 pages of craft ideas to make for dad. Lots of ads.

<http://www.apples4theteacher.com/holidays/fathers-day/kids-crafts/>

2 pages of craft and card ideas for Father's Day

http://familycrafts.about.com/od/fathersdaycrafts/tp/Gift_Ideas_for_Dad.htm

7 pages of child-made gift ideas for dads or other men.

You Tube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7pr-KBfTOJ4>

Father's Day song. Cute. Easy. K-2 :33

Wanted to Say

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Performance Time = a little over 3 minutes

Readability = grade 3.1

Cast (3+):

Narrator (May be another cast member, teacher, or director.)

Mothers (girls)

Fathers (boys)

Children (high voices--all)

NOTE: This script has the potential of touching hearts deeply...IF the words are applied to individual lives. You may want to incorporate a writing exercise with this script (e.g., a letter or a journal entry). Even if you choose not to discuss the script in small groups, hearing these words several times should encourage your students--especially if they can imagine their parents or grandparents speaking them. Maybe they'll inspire each other? :) Let me know how your class and audience responds, please.

Wanted to Say

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Narrator: Here are a few words our parents OR grandparents may have wanted to say, but never did--or never could. The guys represent the voices of fathers, the girls represent the voices of mothers, and the two groups reading together represent the voices of the children.

Fathers: Enjoy life!

Mothers: And vegetables!

Children: *(high voices)* Okay.

Mothers: Sing!

Fathers: Whistle!

Children: *(high voices)* Teach me?

Fathers: Sure!

Mothers: Stop to study a flower...a tree...or a rock.

Fathers: Watch ants. They'll teach you something.

Children: *(high voices)* What?

Mothers: Working hard.

Fathers: And saving...which reminds me...

Children: *(high voices)* Yes?

Fathers: Save your money and fight debt!

Children: (*high voices*) What's debt?

Mothers: Owing money to someone.

Children: (*high voices*) I see.

Fathers: It's like being a slave.

Children: (*high voices*) Oh, no!

Mothers: You'll be fine, Honey.

Fathers: Just take care of your money... AND your body.

Children: (*high voices*) Okay.

Mothers: And, be nice to your brother, sister, friend, bus driver....

Fathers: And the police. They're your friends.

Children: (*high voices*) I'll try.

Fathers: Respect everyone.

Children: (*high voices*) Even the bully?

Mothers: Bullies are just hurting inside.

Fathers: Tell them what you know is right. And, get help.

Mothers: We're here for you.

Children: (*high voices*) I know.

Fathers: (*smiling*) Smile!

Mothers: *(smiling)* Your smile is a gift.

Children: *(smiling)* Then, I'll smile more!

Fathers: Love others--a lot!

Mothers: But remember, words can hurt.

Children: *(sad)* I know.

Fathers: Even my words have hurt you. I'm so sorry.

Mothers: And, I was wrong to yell at you. Will you forgive me?

Children: *(high voices)* Yes, I forgive you.

Fathers: Will you forgive me, too?

Children: *(high voices)* Yes, I forgive you, too.

Fathers: I LOVE you--really.

Mothers: I love you, too.

Children: *(high voices)* You do?

Fathers: Yes, I really love you.

Mothers: And, I will always love you.

Children: *(high voices)* That makes me happy!

Fathers: No matter what anyone has said, you're NOT a failure!

Mothers: You're important! Your feelings are important, too.

Fathers: And, you're a beautiful treasure.

Mothers: You have an unlimited future.

Fathers: You'll go far.

Children: (*high voices*) Wow!

Mothers: I believe in you.

Fathers: Dream BIG!

Children: (*high voices*) I'll try.

Mothers: I'm so glad you're in our family.

Fathers: Thank you for forgiving me.

Children: (*high voices*) You're welcome. You know what?

Fathers: What?

Children: (*high voices*) I'm hungry.

Mothers: Time for cookies!

Children: (*high voices*) You're so sweet, Mama.

Mothers: You, too, Sugar.

Fathers: What about me?

Children: (*high voices*) Moms are sweet and...

Fathers: And?

Children: (*high voices*) And dads are extra, extra, extra special!

Fathers: (*smiling*) And you're one of a kind!

Children: (*high voices*) Thanks! So are you! Want to thumb wrestle?

Fathers: You're on! Winner gets an extra cookie!

Children: (*high voices*) Let me win, okay?

Fathers: Because I love you?

Children: (*high voices*) No, because I want the extra cookie!

Narrator: The End.

Wanted to Say Curriculum Links (Valid in 2011):

<http://freestoriesforkids.com/children/stories-and-tales/resentful-thumb>

At the bottom of the page is a story about forgiveness called "A Resentful Thumb"--available in Spanish and several other languages.

<http://www.atozteacherstuff.com/pages/4459.shtml>

Here's a simple lesson plan on forgiving for K-2nd graders using a felt board and the book Snail Started It. (Which I haven't read yet.)

<http://www.amazon.com/Man-Named-Dave-Triumph-Forgiveness/dp/0452281903>

A Man Named Dave: A Story of Triumph and Forgiveness. Well, I haven't read this book, but apparently some teachers use it with middle and high schoolers. The 252 reviews look very positive. Maybe you can check it out at the library since it was a best seller?

<http://stubbydog.org/2011/02/a-lesson-of-forgiveness/>

"A Lesson of Forgiveness" from an abused pit bull who was rescued. This is her story as told by humans.

<http://bbl.com/ch10.html>

I don't know anything about the author, Bryan Bell, but his Chapter 10-Forgiveness from "Lessons in Lifemanship" is a beautiful, practical one-page essay. He shares stories from his own life. He mentions one prayer from Biblical literature, but if that bothers you skip that paragraph. There are wonderful principles of forgiveness here.

<http://www.thecutekid.com/parenting/effective-praise-kids.php>

Short article on the importance of Effective Praise for parents, but also useful for teachers.

<http://712educators.about.com/od/praise/a/praise.htm>

Short article for teachers on "Effective Praise."

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thumb_war

Wiki article on "Thumb War," shows a picture of a US army soldier playing a thumb war with an Iraqi boy. I never heard of most of their rules, though. :)

<http://www.wikihow.com/Thumb-Wrestle>

Wiki How on "How to Thumb Wrestle" with 4 steps. Photos included.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w85B8WapIGk>

"Thumb wrestling world championship match"--not really, just a dad playing his child! :) Takes seconds! Watch the smile!

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Cheering you on,
Carol Montgomery
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P.S.

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