

A Party for the Peanut



Erika's class had been studying all about peanuts, their nutritional value, and their many uses. They learned that Dr. George Washington Carver researched and developed more than 300 uses for peanuts in the early 1900s, and because of this, he is called "The Father of the Peanut Industry." Eating peanuts gives our bodies good things like protein, vitamins, and minerals.

Erika's teacher told the class that March is National Peanut Month and asked her students how they would like to celebrate this special time.

"Oh, I know," said Erika. "Let's have a party for the peanut. Each of us can bring a different food or snack made with peanuts. Maybe someone can even bring a blender to school, and we can make our own peanut butter right here in the classroom." Erika could see the other students smiling and nodding in agreement.

"That is a good idea, Erika," said her teacher. "I appoint you to be the chairman of the planning committee. Just tell us what we need to do." Erika blushed a little at this surprise announcement but felt very proud and decided she would try to plan the best peanut party ever.

1. What food had Erika's class been studying in this story?

2. Who is considered "The Father of the Peanut Industry?"

3. How many uses for peanuts were developed by Dr. George Washington Carver?

4. What did Erika suggest her class do to celebrate National Peanut Month?

5. Who did Erika's teacher announce would be the party committee chairman?