How do I plan a celebration of learning?

A celebration process starts with reflection and leads to a final presentation. Kids reflect on what they’ve learned and how they grew as a learner. Then they present!

Celebration steps generally stay the same:

- **STEP 1:** Plan the event.
  Save the date and announce the event—easy peasy!

- **STEP 2:** Prepare your kids.
  Preparing to celebrate is as important as the celebration itself. Luckily, you’re probably doing most of this anyway.
  
  » **Explain the celebration.** Discuss what a celebration of learning is and ask what kids would like to present in their celebration of learning.
  
  » **Learn!** Lead your kids through their learning. You can celebrate all kinds of growth.
  
  - **Facilitate reflection.**
    » When ready, invite your kids to reflect.

- **STEP 3:** Practice.
  Before the actual celebration, kids should practice presenting, using the sample agenda below.
  
  - **Provide feedback on that practice** to help kids think about how they can improve their presentation for the celebration.

- **STEP 4:** Celebrate. It’s time!

**Reflection is essential.**
It cements learning and helps kids prepare for their big presentation! Offer open-ended reflection questions, and ask kids to return to their plans or long term goals to think and talk about how what they’re learning connects to their goals.
Your Celebration Agenda!

Welcome and Introductions
LEADER: Welcome the audience and explain the event. (3–5 min)
- Describe the purpose of the celebration of learning.
- Explain the sequence of events.
- Share excitement about the kids’ growth over a period of time.
- Introduce kids as they take their turns presenting.

Student Presentations
KIDS: Take your turn presenting your learning. (Time varies)
- Describe the project or activity you worked on in your own words.
- Present your work on a project or other activity.
- Discuss your reflections to share what you’ve learned about yourself, others, the topic, and the world around you.
- Express thanks to the audience and anyone who helped you in your learning journey.
- Answer questions from the audience.
- Ask for feedback to help improve your work in the future.

Conclusion
LEADER: Wrap things up! (3–5 min)
- Congratulate kids and thank them for their informative presentations and dedication to growth and learning.

After
ALL: Reflect on the celebration and audience feedback. (5–10 min)
- Think about how you will use what you learned today to improve future goal setting, learning experiences, and celebrations of learning.