Mrs. Braun’s L.E.A.P. Kindergarten May 13 and 14  
Theme: Happy Un-Birthday  
**This would have been our last day of school and would have been a half day.**  
Because we don't officially celebrate any student’s birthday throughout the year, we generally have an “Un-Birthday Bash” one of our last days.

Warm Up: Welcome to your last day of LEAP Kindergarten! Have a look at the months in the year and see if you can think of someone who has a birthday each month of the year. Who shares their birthday month? Explain through the message of the day that you only get one birthday each year, however you have 364 un-birthdays! Ask if they can find a compound word in your message: birthday. Play A Very Merry Un-birthday song from Alice in Wonderland.

Journal: Write about your favorite birthday ever. Write a brief invitation with Who, What, When and Where. Explain why it was your favorite and illustrate.

Math: Count how many days until their next birthday. If it is too far away, choose a friend or family member who has a birthday in the next three months. You can use birthday candles as tally marks and explain the “tens” idea that each candle represents 10 days. One color can represent the tens group, and the other colors can represent ones. Have them group appropriately and write out a number sentence showing their work. This could take awhile, but if they cruise through it, challenge them to represent multiple people’s birthdays.

Reading Activities: Read Rabbit’s Birthday Surprise. It is about Rabbit choosing to plan his own birthday because he wants everything to be perfect, but ends up disappointed and steals the joy from his Hundred Acre Wood friends.

Craft: Make home made party games. We would have made a “Pin the Cherry on the Cupcake” game. Make a large cupcake with sprinkles and cut out as many cherries as you wish for the number of participants in your game. We would have also made paper party cone hats from construction paper and streamers attached on top. One year we made a fun pinata from a cereal box, decorated it and filled it with treats.

Snack: Ice cream and cake of course! Or something festive like popsicles or maybe add frosting to a cookie. Whatever feels like a special birthday celebration!

Music (from Mrs. Flanscha):
Listen: Remember when we learned the story of Peer Gynt and the trolls and heard it in "The Hall of the Mountain King"? Here is a cartoon of the story. Be sure to listen to the music! 
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QnLWa3ij0pk&authuser=0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QnLWa3ij0pk&authuser=0)

Sing: Try the So Mi Challenge in the video below. They sing it first, then you sing it back. Watch those line notes and if they are high or low! 
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g_lcb0qL_q0&authuser=0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g_lcb0qL_q0&authuser=0)
Play: Here is some more rhythm reading practice! You may want to go back to the other lessons to practice those first. This one uses the rest and wants you to say "sh" on the rest. (or you can just close your mouth and say "mm".)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rf5rcXhGPps&authuser=0

Games: Musical Chairs, Balloon Number Game, Scavenger Hunt for birthday items like a balloon, invitation, bow, party plate, streamers, etc. Relay races or Hot and Cold with deflated balloons, and whoever finds it gets to blow it up and pop it,...or add it to the day's decorations! Bust open that homemade pinata if you chose to make one!

Sketch Book: Draw a self portrait from their Un-Birthday Bash doing one of their favorite activities from the day. I hope they had a great last day of LEAP. I wish we could have celebrated together!