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### Intro

Who wants pizza with all the fixings?! This month we're diving into delicious pizza history, as we follow the journey of this popular dish from its humble beginnings in Naples, Italy, all the way to the streets of New York City – and beyond. Along the way, we'll explore Ellis Island, take in majestic views from the Bay of Naples, and head over to Buffalo, NY where chicken wings were born. We'll also get a taste of how pizza is enjoyed in different forms the world over. Ready to set up shop? Let's get cooking!





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### Math



#### Beginner:

- A pizza wouldn't be a pie without its signature circle shape. Let's dig into a little [circle math](#) just in time for Pi Day.
- A pizza slice might be one of the most famous triangles of all! Can you list all [six different types of triangles](#)?
- It's easy to count 1 pizza pie, but how do you count a slice? This [intro to fractions](#) will show you how.

#### Intermediate:

- Did you know? [Roman numerals](#) were the most common method for writing numbers in Europe up until the middle ages.
- If you're going to run your own pizza shop, it's a good idea to [practice exchanging money](#).
- Pizzeria owners have to buy supplies in large quantities. [Practice counting by 2s, 5s, 10s, and 100s](#).

#### Advanced:

- How well do you know your shapes? Use your knowledge to [identify these different types of triangles](#).
- In this [hands-on fraction activity](#) you'll cut out partial pizza pies and order them from least to greatest.
- How many pizza slices should you eat? [Solve this question about equivalent fractions](#) to get the answer.



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## Science & Geography

### Beginner:

- Goopy cheese makes pizza great! At this dairy farm, you'll watch the fascinating process of [making cheese from scratch](#).
- The key to great pizza is the dough. Learn why [making fresh pizza dough](#) is mostly a waiting game.
- Did you know? Sauces and dressings use an amazing principle called [emulsification](#) to become smooth and delicious.

### Intermediate:

- See the beautiful [Bay of Naples from space](#) in this incredible satellite footage from the European Space Agency.
- Pizza making is a tasty science! Follow along in a [Neapolitan pizza kitchen](#) and learn the science behind each step.
- [Majestic Niagara Falls](#) is just a hop and a skip from Buffalo, NY, the birthplace of hot wings!

### Advanced:

- Go behind the scenes at a [Parmigiano-Reggiano factory](#) to learn more about the science of crafting this famous cheese.
- Did you know that Naples, Italy is right next door to Mt. Vesuvius? Learn how this [historic volcanic explosion](#) unfolded to destroy the nearby city of Pompeii.
- Pizza ovens are pretty special! An experienced baker explains [how these super hot brick ovens work](#) to make perfect pies.





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### Languages & Literature

#### Beginner:

- [Little Nino's Pizzeria](#) by Karen Barbour. A boy discovers the meaning of family as he helps in his parents' pizza shop.
- [Pizza](#) by Frank Asch. With a little support from his parents, Baby Bear musters up some courage to try a new food: pizza!
- [Lorenzo the Pizza Loving Lobster](#) by Claire Lorden. After Lorenzo falls in love with a new food called pizza, he has a little trouble recreating it under the sea.

#### Intermediate:

- [A Picnic in October](#) by Eve Bunting. A young Italian American girl learns why her family's annual trip to The Statue of Liberty means so much to her grandma.
- [All the Way to America](#) by Dan Yaccarino. This sweet story follows four generations of a family newly arrived in America.
- If you want to pronounce Italian correctly it's best to start with the alphabet, or as the Italians call it, [il alfabeto](#).

#### Advanced:

- [What Was Ellis Island? \(Chapter 1\)](#)? By Patricia Brennan Demuth. This nonfiction book is packed with amazing facts about the history of immigration to America.
- [Peppe the Lamplighter](#) by Elisa Bartone. Young Peppe finds a job to help his immigrant family make ends meet in Little Italy.
- Are you ready to make some new friends? These [basic greetings](#) will help you break the (Italian) ice.

#### Writing Prompts:

- Imagine you're an immigrant living in a New York City tenement building in 1895. Write a letter home to your relatives in Italy telling them at least 3 interesting things about your new life in America.



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### History & Culture

#### Beginner:

- Did you know? More than 4 million Italians passed through [Ellis Island](#) between the 1880s and the 1920s on their way to America.
- Enjoy [a slice of pizza history](#) in this animated video about how this local lunch from Naples became an American favorite.
- Pizza is beloved around the world, but not in exactly the same way! See which Domino's Pizza toppings are [most popular in different countries](#).

#### Intermediate:

- Get to know the birthplace of pizza with [50 cool facts about the city of Naples](#), or “Napoli,” as it’s called at home.
- Italy may be one country, but it’s regions are unique! Learn some important cultural differences between the [south and north of the country](#).
- America has its fair share of pizza styles too! This handy guide will walk you through the [major types of pizza](#) you’ll find stateside.

#### Advanced:

- Buono Appetito! Meet your meal in a new language with these delicious [beginner Italian food words](#).
- Dig deep into the [history of pizza](#) with PBS and explore how this three-ingredient wonder came to be one of the world’s most popular foods.
- These days, chicken wings often go side by side with pizza. Learn more about the cool [history of hot wings](#) in America.

#### Creative exercises:

- Imagine you are the founder of your very own country. Design a pizza that represents your nation’s flag with an explanation of what the colors represent.



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### Arts & Crafts

#### Beginner:

- Use paper plates, paint, paper scraps, and a little imagination to make a colorful [paper plate pizza pie](#)!
- Follow along with a pen and paper as we learn [how to draw a 3-D pizza](#) with the talented team at Art Hub for Kids!
- This fun and festive [paper pizza garland](#) is a great way to dress up your pizza shop!

#### Intermediate:

- Make a squeezable friend with this adorable and fun [pizza squishy project](#). Be creative with designs to create your very own master-pizza!
- Measure, cut, and fold to make your very own [origami pizza box](#)!
- Do you love lizards? It's time to travel back in time and [make your own dinosaur](#) with this out-of-the-pizza box project!

#### Advanced:

- Make everyone at the dinner table feel special with this [do-it-yourself paper rose](#).
- Explore the pop art of Andy Warhol and learn how to make a [pizza slice painting](#) inspired by his work.
- Ready to set up your pizza shop? This [cardboard box brick-style pizza oven](#) will definitely add some flavor to the menu!





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### Field Trips

- Explore the magnificent [seaside city of Naples](#) (or “Napoli” as the locals call it) and mark off the top 13 sites to see.
- There’s more to Buffalo, New York than chicken wings! Discover more about this historic town in a roundup of [the coolest sites to see](#).
- Get a front row seat at the [US Pizza Team Acrobatic Trials](#) and watch some serious spinning!
- [Tour an Italian tomato farm](#), try a few different varieties, and learn a little more about this fascinating fruit.