

A Carp for Kimiko

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In this sensitive look at cultural traditions, Virginia Kroll introduces readers to two Japanese holidays: Children's Day and Doll Festival Day. Make a compare-and-contrast chart on a chalkboard including such holiday characteristics as the ones below. Have the children complete the chart for both holidays.

Have the children choose their own favorite holiday and add it to the chart. Discuss the similarities and differences in the traditions.

	Children's Day	Doll Festival
Preparations	put up a pole	unpack dolls and place on bright cloth
Clothing	informal, weekend clothes	formal kimonos
Food		rice cakes, candies, tea
Ceremonies	fly carp kites	tea party

