Happy Birthday America!

Stories we shared:
- Hurray for the Fourth of July / Wendy Watson
- Mouse's Birthday / Jane Yolen
- Froggy Bakes a Cake / Jonathan London
- Happy 4th of July Jenny Sweeney! / Leslie Kimmelman
- Gotcha! / Gail Jorgensen

More stories to share:
- Don't Wake up Mama / Eileen Christelow
- Phoebe's Parade / Claudia Mills
- Ice Cream Soup / Frank Modell
- Happy Birthday Dear Duck / Eve Bunting
- It's My Birthday / Shiego Watanabe
- Happy Birthday Dolores / Barbara Samuels
- Little Badger's Just About Birthday / Eve Bunting
- In My Mother's Garden / Melissa Madenski
- Clifford's Birthday party / Norman Bridwell
- Madeline in London / Ludwig Bemelmans
- Secret Birthday message / Eric Carle
- Birthday Wish / Ed Emberley
- Ask Mr. Bear / Marjorie Flack
- Beach party / Joanne Ryder
- Birthday Presents / Cynthia Rylant
- Birthday Wishes / Ann Schweninger
- Pancake pie / Sven Nordquist
- Birthday Blizzard / Bonnie Pryor
- Happy Birthday Dolores / Barbara Samuels
- Angelina's Birthday Surprise / Helen Craig
- Spot's Birthday Surprise / Eric Hill
- Happy Birthday Thomas / W. Awdry
- Caroussel / Pat Cummings
- Too Much Birthday / Stan Berenstain
- Arthur's Birthday / Marc Brown
- Max's Birthday / Rosemary Wells
- Mouse in the House / Henrietta
- The 13th clue / Ann Jonas
- Wheels / Shirley Hughes
- Birthday Basket for Tia Rosa / Pat Mora
- Montgomery's Time Zone / C.A. Nobens
- Happy Birthday / Barbara Porte
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Songs and Rhymes to share:

**Five Birthday Candles**

Five birthday candles
Wish there were more
Blow out one (blow quickly)
Then there are four
Four birthday candles
Pretty as can be
Blow out one (blow quickly)
Then there are three
Three birthday candles
Mother bought them new
Blow out one (blow quickly)
Then there are two
Two birthday candles
Birthday cakes are fun
Blow out one (blow quickly)
Then there was one
One birthday candle
A birthday wish is fun
Blow it out (blow slowly)
Then there are none

**What Am I Making?** (do actions as rhyme indicates)

Sift the flour and break an egg
Add some sugar and nutmeg
A pat of butter, a cup of milk
Stir and beat as fine as silk
Want to know what I'm going to bake? Shhh! It's a secret - a birthday cake!

**Way up in the Sky** sung to: "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"

Wave, wave, wave the flag,
Hold it very high.
Watch the colors gently wave,
Way up in the sky.
March, march, march around,
Hold the flag up high.
Wave, wave, wave the flag,
Way up in the sky.

**Balloons**

This is the way we blow our balloons
Blow, blow, blow (pretend to blow)
This is the way we break our balloons
Oh! Oh! Oh! (clap 3 times)
**Flag** Sung to: “Mary had a little lamb”
Our flag is red, white, & blue
red, white & blue
red, white & blue
Our flag is red, white, & blue
in the U.S.A.
Our flag has 50 stars,…
Our flag has 13 stripes,…

Ten little candles (hold up 10 fingers)
10 little candles on a chocolate cake
Wh! Wh! Now there are 8
(blow and drop 2 fingers at a time)
8 little candles on candlesticks
Wh! Wh! Now there are 6
6 birthday candles and not one more
Wh! Wh! Now there are 4
4 birthday candles red, white and blue
Wh! Wh! Now there are 2
2 little candles standing one by one
Wh! Wh! Now there are none!

**My Firecracker**
I have a firecracker (pretend to hold firecracker)
It may explode soon (hold it far away from body)
Look! There it goes…
With a big KABOOOOM! (Clap hands loudly)

**On Independence Day** sing to “Mary Had A Little Lamb”
Fireworks go snap, snap, snap
Crack, crack, crack
Zap, zap, zap
Fireworks make me clap, clap, clap
On Independence Day!

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Here is a cake to color!  How old are you?  Add that many candles!