

Draw
the cake
of your
dreams
here!



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Icing?

Coconut?

What's on top?

cut



Even though we can't feel it, the Earth is constantly moving. It is rotating eastward, spinning in place like a top. We count each spinning rotation as a twenty-four-hour day. The Earth is slowly orbiting around the Sun. It takes 365 days—or one year—for the Earth to complete this immense circle. When leap year occurs every four years, it takes 366 days! We count these years by adding candles to our birthday cake!

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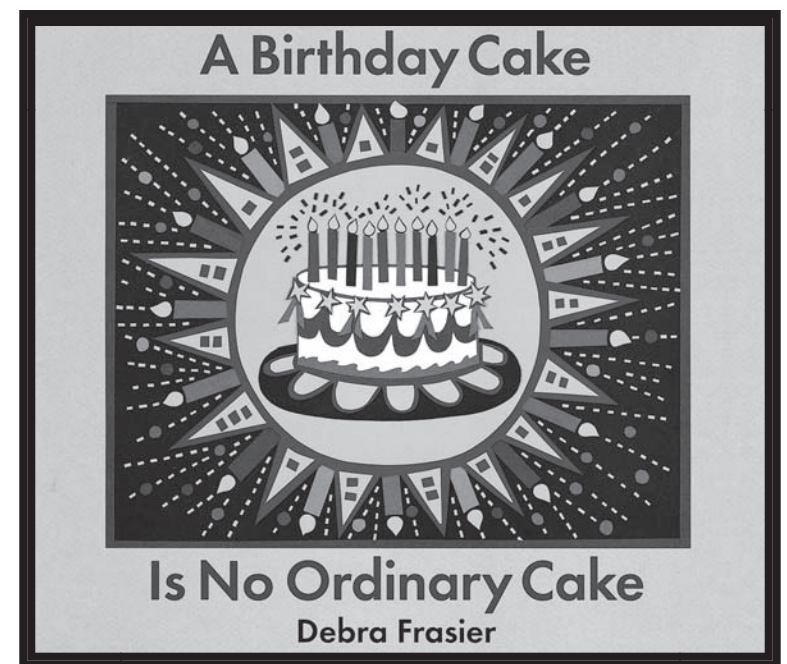
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May June July August September
April
Month
March
Day Year
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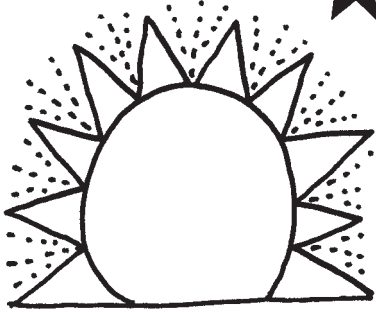
Next we need your birth date!

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What Will We Need for YOUR Cake?

Every cake needs



SUNRISES!

(How many?)

You will also need something from each season. What will you choose?

Spring: _____

Summer: _____

Fall: _____

Winter: _____

How many times have you circled the Sun? Color the number of candles needed for your cake.



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4

cut



Your name here!

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- Yum!
- Chocolate?
- Vanilla?
- Yellow?
- Cream cheese?
- Strawberry?
- German chocolate?
- Wizards?
- Flowers?
- A circus?
- An airplane?
- A whale?
- A princess?

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