

Activity: Create Your Own Pizza Parlor

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Grade Level: Elementary–Middle

Subjects Integrated: History, Math, Writing, Art

1. Warm-Up Discussion (5–10 min)

- Ask: *“Who here has eaten cheese pizza?”*
- Talk about how pizza originally came from Italy and became a favorite food in the United States.
- Share a fun fact: The first pizzeria in the U.S. opened in New York City in 1905!

2. Pizza Fraction Math (10–15 min)

- Give each student a paper circle (pizza template).
- Have them fold or divide it into 2, 4, 6, or 8 slices.
- Pose math problems like:
 - *“If you eat 2 out of 8 slices, what fraction of the pizza is gone?”*
 - *“If half the pizza is left, how many slices remain?”*

3. Design Your Dream Cheese Pizza (10–15 min)

- Using markers, crayons, or construction paper, students decorate their pizza slices.
- Challenge them to invent **cheesy variations** (triple cheese, rainbow cheese, or a dessert pizza made with cream cheese).
- They can even name their “pizza parlor” and create a small menu card.

4. Writing Prompt (10 min)

“Imagine you own a pizza shop on Cheese Pizza Day. Write a short story about the most unusual customer who comes in and what kind of cheese pizza they order.”

5. Optional Tasting (if allowed)

- Bring in small cheese pizza samples (or cheese crackers as a substitute).
 - Students can vote: *Thin crust or thick crust? Extra cheese or regular cheese?*
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