K-2 Pre-Reading: Cinco de Mayo

Mexico is a country that touches the United States, which means it is our neighbor. Long ago, a special celebration started in Mexico and spread to the United States. The celebration is called **Cinco de Mayo** in Spanish. In English those words mean *Fifth of May*.

Cinco de Mayo is a celebration to help people remember something that happened a long time ago in Puebla, Mexico. A large and powerful army from a different country wanted to take over Mexico, but the people living in Puebla stopped the big army from invading. The people of Puebla had a parade and parties to show how happy they were that they had stopped the big army.

Because Mexico is close to the United States, Cinco de Mayo is now celebrated here. Sometimes, people celebrate by having parties and dancing the Mexican Hat Dance. They also have colorful flowers because Mexico has many beautiful flowers.

K-2 Pre-reading Activity: Cinco de Mayo

Circle the pictures that are about Cinco de Mayo:

- Happy Thanksgiving
- Happy 4th of July
- Map of Mexico
- Mexican dancer
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Circle the pictures that are about Cinco de Mayo:

- Mexican flower
- Thanksgiving turkey
- Christmas tree
- Map of Mexico
- Fireworks
- Mexican dancers