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# JUNE 2017

## Children's Activity Calendar

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

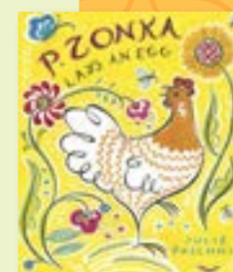
FRIDAY

SATURDAY

*“Let the wild rumpus start!”*

— Maurice Sendak, *Where the Wild Things Are*

<p>4</p> <p><b>Cheese Day</b> Did you know there are more than 1,750 different kinds of specialty cheeses? <b>Search and explore</b> by type, country, milk, texture, and color. (Perhaps you'll uncover some long lost relatives of the Stinky Cheese Man!)</p>	<p>5</p> <p><b>National Gingerbread Day</b> Explore <b>different versions of the Gingerbread Man story</b> from around the world, including runaway tortillas, matzo balls, and cornbread. Which story is your students' favorite?</p>	<p>6</p> <p><b>National Garden Week</b> Ask students, "If you could plant a garden, what would you plant?" Vegetables? Herbs? Flowers? Have students plan a garden, then read <i>Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt</i> by Kate Messner. Ask students what animals might come to visit their gardens.</p>	<p>7</p> <p><b>Nikki Giovanni's Birthday</b> Listen to Ms. Giovanni <b>read aloud her poem "Fame,"</b> then have students write poems about what careers they see themselves in as adults. Ask, "If you were famous, how would you use your fame to change the world for the better?"</p>	<p>8</p> <p><b>National Best Friends Day</b> Elephant and Piggie. Frog and Toad. Bink and Gollie. Or maybe Harold and George. Today we celebrate best friends of all types. Challenge students to name as many literary friend pairings as they can.</p>	<p>9</p> <p><b>Donald Duck Day</b> The renowned friend of Mickey Mouse first appeared in <i>The Wise Little Hen</i> in 1934. Watch the <b>original cartoon short.</b></p>	<p>10</p> <p><b>Maurice Sendak's Birthday</b> Celebrate the author/illustrator of <i>Where The Wild Things Are</i> with one of over <b>150 different crafts and activities</b>, including STEM challenges and book-inspired treats!</p>
<p>11</p> <p><b>Corn on the Cob Day</b> Looking to add some pop to this a-maize-ing holiday? How about telling some <b>corny jokes?</b></p>	<p>12</p> <p><b>Magic Day</b> Head straight for the nonfiction section in your library and locate books with the Dewey call number 793.8. Challenge students to learn a trick they can show to the class.</p>	<p>13</p> <p><b>Happy book birthday</b> to <i>The Quilts of Gee's Bend</i> by Susan Goldman Rubin. This children's photo essay book explores the history and traditions of the African American women in the rural Alabama community of Gee's Bend, who have been making gorgeous quilts for generations out of remnant cloth and scrap materials.</p>	<p>14</p> <p><b>Flag Day</b> Flag Day commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened on June 14, 1777. Have students color the flag using this <b>coloring sheet.</b> Talk about what the stars and stripes mean and how the flag has changed since 1777.</p>	<p>15</p> <p><b>Fly A Kite Day</b> Is it good kite weather today? Help your students <b>make simple kites</b> using two sticks, a bag, some string, and scissors, then find an open space outside to try them out. Just don't end up like the boy in Oliver Jeffers' <i>Stuck!</i></p>	<p>16</p> <p><b>National Safety Month</b> Read <i>Officer Buckle and Gloria</i> by Peggy Rathmann. Invite a firefighter or police officer into your library to talk about safety procedures for school, home, and the community. Have children create safety tip posters to hang throughout the school.</p>	<p>17</p> <p><b>National Fudge Day</b> Check out <b>35 mouthwatering ways to make fudge</b> with easy recipes any kid can follow. Now all you need is to find someone who can taste test!</p>
<p>18</p> <p><b>Father's Day</b> Read aloud <i>Beard Boy</i>, a picture book by John Flannery and Steven Weinberg about a boy who goes to great lengths to grow a beard just like his dad.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>On this day in 1885, the Statue of Liberty arrived at its home in New York Harbor. Take a <b>virtual tour of the Statue of Liberty.</b></p>	<p>20</p> <p><b>American Eagle Day</b> View "Mr. President" and "The First Lady," mated bald eagles in Washington, D.C., on the <b>DC Eagle Cam.</b></p>	<p>21</p> <p><b>First Day of Summer</b> Read aloud <i>Ice Cream Summer</i> by Peter Sis.</p>	<p>22</p> <p><b>National Candy Month</b> Create a display of books from the Candy Fairies series by Helen Perelman and take a poll of students' favorite types of candy.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Encourage students to watch the sunset tonight. Tell them to write down what colors they see. Then, watch the sunset again tomorrow night and compare.</p>	<p>24</p> <p><b>Great American Campout Day</b> Set up a tent in the library and read <i>A Camping Spree with Mr. Magee</i> by Chris Van Dusen.</p>
<p>25</p> <p><b>Eric Carle's Birthday</b> Take a <b>virtual tour</b> of the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art in Amherst, MA.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Go on a nature sound tour by walking outside and recording a list of all of the things you hear along the way.</p>	<p>27</p> <p><b>Happy book birthday</b> to <i>Back to School with Bigfoot</i> by Samantha Berger, Martha Brockenbrough, and Dave Pressler.</p>	<p>28</p> <p><b>Great Outdoors Month</b> Take kids outside and read aloud <b>a book about the great outdoors.</b></p>	<p>29</p> <p><b>Camera Day</b> Challenge students to a photo scavenger hunt around the school or neighborhood. Create a list of objects to locate or <b>print a list from online.</b></p>	<p>30</p> <p><b>Asteroid Day</b> Check out <a href="http://asteroidday.org">asteroidday.org</a> to learn the basics of asteroids and watch videos on how scientists are working to protect Earth from asteroids.</p>	



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