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# AUGUST 2017

## Children's Activity Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <b>Happy book birthday</b> to <i>This Beautiful Day</i> by Richard Jackson and Suzy Lee.	2 <b>Ice Cream Sandwich Day</b> Provide frosting gel and ice cream sandwiches for kids to create tasty works of art on their frozen treats.	3 <b>Watermelon Day</b> Ask kids, "What do you think would happen if you swallowed a watermelon seed? Would a watermelon grow in your tummy?" Serve juicy slices of watermelon and read aloud Greg Pizzoli's <i>The Watermelon Seed</i> .	4 <b>Sherri Duskey Rinker's Birthday</b> Read <i>Mighty, Mighty Construction Site</i> and ask students what other machines would make good partners.	5 <b>Get Ready for Kindergarten Month</b> Here are a couple of <b>great tips to share</b> from the U.S. Department of Education for parents of kids getting ready to enter kindergarten.
6 <b>Friendship Day</b> Encourage kids to do something nice for a friend today! Write a note, help out with a project, or go on an adventure. Or challenge kids to make a new friend today!	7 <b>National Lighthouse Day</b> Read <i>Goldfish Ghost</i> by Lemony Snickett and Lisa Brown. In the story, a goldfish ghost searches all about town for someone to keep him company until it finds something unexpected in a nearby lighthouse thought to be haunted.	8 <b>Happy book birthday</b> to <i>Little Red Riding Sheep</i> by Linda Ravin Lodding and Cale Atkinson.	9 <b>Book Lovers Day</b> Ask students, "What's your favorite book? What do you love about it? Have you ever shared it with someone else?" Encourage students to carry a favorite book around today and show off their book love.	10 <b>S'mores Day</b> Have you tried the Elvis? Or how about some S'moreos? These <b>10 easy s'mores recipe variations</b> may entice you to turn every day into a s'mores day!	11 <b>Back to School Month</b> Read <i>First Day Jitters</i> by Julie Denneberg and Judy Love, and talk about the ways students can help each other overcome butterflies when starting a new situation.	12 <b>United Nations International Youth Day</b> The focus of this year's event is "Youth Building Peace." Read aloud <i>The Peace Book</i> by Todd Parr.
13 <b>Left Handers Day</b> Challenge kids to try going a day using their non-dominant hand. Discuss the challenges they experience.	14 <b>Family Fun Month</b> This month is all about having fun with the family. Hold a family game night at your library and encourage families to bring their favorite games to share.	15 On this day in 1969, the Woodstock Music & Art Fair opened its doors to participants and spectators. Read aloud <i>Snoozefest</i> by Samantha Berger and Kristyna Litten.	16 <b>Eric Litwin's Birthday</b> Read aloud <i>Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes</i> or <i>The Nuts: Keep Rolling!</i>	17 <b>National Peach Month</b> Hold a screening of Disney's <i>James and the Giant Peach</i> and serve peach-flavored refreshments.	18 In August of 1939, <i>The Wizard of Oz</i> premiered in theaters. Listen to this <b>classic performance</b> of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" by Judy Garland.	19 <b>National Aviation Day</b> Sit in the cockpit of over 50 historical airplanes and enjoy a panoramic view with the <b>National Air and Space Museum's multimedia gallery</b> .
20 <b>Judy Schachner's Birthday</b> Go on an adventure with Skippyjon Jones in one of the many books in Judy's well-loved series.	21 <b>Sharon Draper's Birthday</b> Visit <a href="http://SharonDraper.com">SharonDraper.com</a> to learn more about the author and her books, including the award-winning <i>Out Of My Mind</i> .	22 <b>Happy book birthday</b> to <i>Creepy Pair of Underwear!</i> by Aaron Reynolds and Peter Brown.	23 On this day in 1966, the <i>Lunar Orbiter 1</i> returned the first photograph of Earth taken by a spacecraft from the vicinity of the Moon. <b>View the image</b> on NASA's website.	24 Ask students, "What are your favorite things to do in the sun?" Have each student make a list and compare with a partner. How many did they do this summer?	25 <b>Lane Smith's Birthday</b> Read Smith's <i>A Perfect Day</i> . Have students write a short story about their perfect day.	26 <b>Women's Equality Day</b> Read <i>Susan B. Anthony</i> by Alexandra Wallner, and access Equality Day celebration resources from the <b>National Women's History Project</b> .
27 <b>Lisa Yee's Birthday</b> Check out Lisa's <b>DC Super Hero Girls series</b> .	28 On this day in 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech to 250,000 people attending the March on Washington. View a <b>captivating, animated presentation of the speech</b> .	29 <b>Happy book birthday</b> to <i>Yo Soy Muslim: A Father's Letter to His Daughter</i> by Mark Gonzales and Mehrdokht Amini.	30 <b>Frankenstein Day</b> Celebrate the birth of Frankenstein author Mary Shelley and her creation of one of the most iconic monsters by making <b>some Frank-inspired treats</b> .	31 <b>Eat Outside Day</b> Take students outside for a picnic today. Encourage kids to take note of all of the different sounds they encounter while outside.		



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