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August 2017

Children's Activity Calendar

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

*“Thoughts need words.
Words need a voice.”*

— Sharon Draper, *Out of My Mind*

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Happy book birthday to *This Beautiful Day* by Richard Jackson and Suzy Lee.

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Friendship Day

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!

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National Lighthouse Day

Read *Goldfish Ghost* 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.

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Happy book birthday to *Little Red Riding Sheep* by Linda Ravin Lodding and Cale Atkinson.

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Left Handers Day

Challenge kids to try going a day using their non-dominant hand. Discuss the challenges they experience.

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Family Fun Month

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.

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On this day in 1969, the Woodstock Music & Art Fair opened its doors to participants and spectators. Read aloud *Snoozefest* by Samantha Berger and Kristyna Litten.

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Judy Schachner's Birthday

Go on an adventure with Skippyjon Jones in one of the many books in Judy's well-loved series.

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Sharon Draper's Birthday

Visit SharonDraper.com to learn more about the author and her books, including the award-winning *Out Of My Mind*.

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Happy book birthday to *Creepy Pair of Underwear!* by Aaron Reynolds and Peter Brown.

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Lisa Yee's Birthday

Check out Lisa's **DC Super Hero Girls series**.

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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 **captivating, animated presentation of the speech**.

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Happy book birthday to *Yo Soy Muslim: A Father's Letter to His Daughter* by Mark Gonzales and Mehrdokht Amini.

Back to School Month

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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Ice Cream Sandwich Day

Provide frosting gel and ice cream sandwiches for kids to create tasty works of art on their frozen treats.

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Watermelon Day

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 *The Watermelon Seed*.

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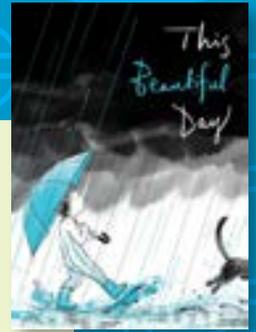
Sherri Duskey Rinker's Birthday

Read *Mighty, Mighty Construction Site* and ask students what other machines would make good partners.

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Get Ready for Kindergarten Month

Here are a couple of **great tips to share** from the U.S. Department of Education for parents of kids getting ready to enter kindergarten.



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Book Lovers Day

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.

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S'mores Day

Have you tried the Elvis? Or how about some S'moreos? These **10 easy s'mores recipe variations** may entice you to turn every day into a s'mores day!

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Back to School Month

Read *First Day Jitters* by Julie Denneberg and Judy Love, and talk about the ways students can help each other overcome butterflies when starting a new situation.

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United Nations International Youth Day

The focus of this year's event is "Youth Building Peace." Read aloud *The Peace Book* by Todd Parr.

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Eric Litwin's Birthday

Read aloud *Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes* or *The Nuts: Keep Rolling!*

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National Peach Month

Hold a screening of Disney's *James and the Giant Peach* and serve peach-flavored refreshments.

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In August of 1939, *The Wizard of Oz* premiered in theaters. Listen to this **classic performance** of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" by Judy Garland.

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National Aviation Day

Sit in the cockpit of over 50 historical airplanes and enjoy a panoramic view with the **National Air and Space Museum's multimedia gallery**.

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On this day in 1966, the *Lunar Orbiter I* returned the first photograph of Earth taken by a spacecraft from the vicinity of the Moon. **View the image** on NASA's website.

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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?

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Lane Smith's Birthday

Read Smith's *A Perfect Day*. Have students write a short story about their perfect day.

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Women's Equality Day

Read *Susan B. Anthony* by Alexandra Wallner, and access Equality Day celebration resources from the **National Women's History Project**.

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Frankenstein Day

Celebrate the birth of Frankenstein author Mary Shelley and her creation of one of the most iconic monsters by making **some Frank-inspired treats**.

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Eat Outside Day

Take students outside for a picnic today. Encourage kids to take note of all of the different sounds they encounter while outside.

