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September 2017

Children's Activity Calendar

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

“Those who don’t believe in magic will never find it.”

— Roald Dahl, *The Minpins*

<p>3</p> <p>Skyscraper Day Today's a day for celebrating sky-piercing architectural marvels! Have students sketch a skyscraper or build a towering building using blocks or Legos.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Labor Day Have students make thank you cards to give to businesses they frequently visit.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Happy book birthday to <i>Big Machines: The Story of Virginia Lee Burton</i> by Sherri Duskey Rinker and John Rocco.</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Grandparents Day Read <i>Grandpa and Bo</i> by Kevin Henkes. Encourage students to talk to their grandparents about their favorite memories.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Patriot Day Celebrate the history of the World Trade Center by reading <i>The Man Who Walked Between the Towers</i> by Mordcai Gerstein.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Happy book birthday to <i>Thank You, Bees</i> by Toni Yuly.</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Apple Dumpling Day Try this super simple, super tasty recipe for apple dumplings that uses a can of Mountain Dew and five common ingredients.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Cheeseburger Day Ask students, “If you could put anything on a cheeseburger, what would it be?”</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Talk Like a Pirate Day Read aloud <i>Pirates Don't Change Diapers</i> by Melinda Long.</p> <p>Happy book birthday to <i>Red and Lulu</i> by Matt Tavares.</p>
<p>24</p> <p>National Punctuation Day Challenge students to a punctuation scavenger hunt. The first to locate and identify a period, comma, hyphen, apostrophe, and colon around the library is the winner!</p>	<p>25</p> <p>National Yoga Awareness Month Follow the poses in this video for <i>I Am Yoga</i>, a story by Susan Verde adapted to song by Emily Arrow, and watch for a follow-up book release tomorrow!</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Happy book birthday to <i>I Am Peace: A Book of Mindfulness</i> by Susan Verde and Peter H. Reynolds.</p>

Library Card Sign-up Month | Children's Good Manners Month

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1

Library Card Sign-up Month

Read *A Big Surprise for Little Card* by Charise Mericle Harper and Anna Raff. Then, have students design their own library cards to use in the library.

2

Chris Grabenstein's Birthday

Read aloud an excerpt from *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*.



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Read a Book Day

Encourage students to read a book in a genre they wouldn't normally pick up!

7

Grandma Moses's Birthday

View some of this celebrated American painter's collected works in this **video montage**.

8

International Literacy Day

Create a display of books written by authors from other countries. Consider donating to the **International Book Project**.

9

National Piano Month

Read *Ellie In Concert* by Mike Wu and download the **piano composition** for this story about making music to sooth a friend.

13

Roald Dahl's Birthday

Visit **roalddahl.com** for games, activities, and more based on *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *The BFG*, *Matilda*, and more.

14

Diane Goode's Birthday

Read aloud *Ladies of Liberty: The Women Who Shaped Our Nation*, illustrated by Goode.

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Hispanic Heritage Month

(Sept. 15–Oct. 15)
Visit **hispanicheritagemoth.gov** for activities and resources.

16

Constitution Day

Review the basic rights secured to all U.S. citizens in our Constitution with this **helpful video** from BrainPop.

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Children's Good Manners Month

Create a list of anti-manners inspired by the characters and events in the *Black Lagoon* series by Mike Thaler.

21

Mini Golf Day

Hold a mini golf event in the library! **Check out ideas** for setting up your course.

22

First Day of Autumn

Take students on a leaf walk and see how many trees you can identify by the shape of their leaves. Which trees change color first? Which have the largest leaves?

23

Create a fun **fall bulletin board** along with a display of autumn-themed books.

27

Ancestor Appreciation Day

Have students interview a family member to hear stories about their ancestors. Tell them to ask questions of the storyteller, such as "How old were you when you first heard this story?" and "How was our country different at the time of this story?" Have them write what they learn.

28

Ask a Stupid Question Day

Have fun with this day by encouraging students to ask each other the silliest questions they can think of!

29

Marissa Moss's Birthday

Encourage students to keep a journal for a week, using Moss's *Amelia's Notebook* for inspiration.

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Alvin Tresselt's Birthday

Check out Scholastic's activity guide for Tresselt's **Rain Drop Splash**.

