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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

“True friends are always together in spirit.”

— L.M. Montgomery, *Anne of Green Gables*

February 2018

Children's Activity Calendar



<p>4</p> <p>Rosa Parks' Birthday Read Nikki Giovanni's <i>Rosa</i>, illustrated by Bryan Collier, and recount that moment on the bus that ultimately changed history.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Weather Forecaster's Day Ask students, "What's your favorite kind of weather? Is there a weather phenomenon you hope never to see?" Provide art materials and have students create pictures of their favorite — or least favorite — kinds of weather.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Happy book birthday to <i>Playing Atari with Saddam Hussein: Based on a True Story</i> by Jennifer Roy with Ali Fadhil.</p>
<p>11</p> <p>National Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk Day This holiday just seems silly, so here's a very silly book to go with it! Enjoy <i>Fortunately, the Milk</i> by Neil Gaiman.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>American Heart Month The American Heart Association has some healthy, happy eating suggestions for kids that will make your heart happy.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>International Pancake Day Check out this 4-minute video of how to make seven different pancakes from around the world. The cong you bing look delicious!</p>
<p>18</p> <p>National Battery Day Do you know that batteries can be recycled at special locations? Find out what local businesses accept used batteries so that you'll know for next time. Hardware stores are a great place to start!</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Presidents' Day Read <i>President Squid</i> by Aaron Reynolds, illustrated by Sara Varon, about an underwater candidate who thinks he has all the right answers.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Happy book birthday to <i>The Girl Who Drew Butterflies: How Maria Merian's Art Changed Science</i> by Joyce Sidman.</p>
<p>25</p> <p>International Friendship Month There are friends to be made all over the world. Check out Skype in the Classroom to connect with a class from another part of the globe this month.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>National Tell a Fairy Tale Day Challenge students to retell from memory one of their favorite fairy tales to an audience of one or more. This is how these tales survived over so many years.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Share <i>Bunny's Staycation (Mama's Business Trip)</i> by Lori Richmond, and ask students what they would do if they went on a "staycation."</p>

American Heart Month | Black History Month | International

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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Black History Month

Read a different book written by and about an African American today and every day this month. Start with *Schomburg: The Man Who Built a Library* by Carole Boston Weatherford.

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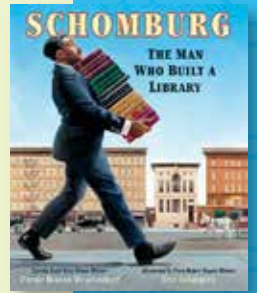
Groundhog Day

Will spring be just around the corner? Or is there more winter on its way? Regardless, reading Emily Jenkins' *A Greyhound, a Groundhog* is perfect for any kind of weather.

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American Painters Day

Take students to visit an art museum in person or virtually this month.



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National Bird-Feeding Month

Use the **Audubon Guide to North American Birds** to identify what birds are local to your region and which may visit your bird feeder.

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National Kite Flying Day

Today may or may not be a great day to fly a kite, but it is most certainly a great day to read a book. Try *Blue Sky, Yellow Kite* by Janet A. Holmes and Jonathan Bentley.

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National Toothache Day

Share *The Berenstain Bears Visit the Dentist* by Stan and Jan Berenstain.

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National Umbrella Day

Have students bring in an umbrella from home. Then, have them partner up and compare their umbrellas. Which is the biggest? The smallest? What is alike and different about them?

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Valentine's Day

For any of those love-resistant folks out there, reading *This Is Not a Valentine* by Carter Higgins, illustrated by Lucy Ruth Cummins, will definitely not at all make you feel like letting someone special know that you care.

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Susan B. Anthony Day

Read aloud *Susan B. Anthony* by Alexandra Wallner, and discuss the impact Anthony had on society.

16

Share the new book *Earth Verse: Haiku from the Ground Up* by Sally M. Walker, illustrated by William Grill.

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National Random Acts of Kindness Day

As a class, make a list of simple, kind things they can do for others. Then, challenge them to do at least one thing from the list today.

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Library Lovers' Month

Ask students, "What do you love about the library?" Make a list, and then make a list of students' favorite books and authors. Post the answers on a heart-filled bulletin board.

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Edward Gorey's Birthday

Enjoy *The Doubtful Guest* or any other one of Gorey's eclectic, at times creepy, stories.

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Women Inventors Month

Check out **5 Female Inventors Who Changed Life as We Know It**, and discuss how life would be different without these inventions.

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National Trading Card Day

Challenge your students to make trading cards based on their favorite book series. For example, Harry Potter cards might feature Harry, Hermione, Ron, Hogwarts, and so on.

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Tooth Fairy Day

Read aloud *You Think It's Easy Being the Tooth Fairy?* by Sheri Bell-Rehboldt, illustrated by David Slonim.



Friendship Month | Library Lovers' Month | Women Inventors Month