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March 2018

Children's Activity Calendar

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

*“Is the spring coming?” he said. “What is it like?”
“It is the sun shining on the rain and the rain
falling on the sunshine...”*

— from *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett

<p>4</p> <p>Youth Art Month Celebrate the art made by students in your school as well as the art program helping to produce these beautiful works. Participate in an art show, share photographs, and give out compliments to let others know how important their art is to you and to others.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>National Potty Dance Day Pampers declared today Potty Dance Day a few years back as part of a promotion. Though some still celebrate the holiday, let's hope potty dances are at a minimum today!</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Happy book birthday to <i>I Am Enough</i> by Grace Byers, illustrated by Keturah A. Bobo.</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Ezra Jack Keats' Birthday There are too many beloved Ezra Jack Keats stories to name just one. Why not try to read aloud as many as you can throughout the day?</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Women's History Month Learn about 30 history makers by reading <i>Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History</i> by Vashti Harrison, a beautifully illustrated biography anthology.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Happy book birthday to <i>How Are You? / ¿Cómo estás?</i> by Angela Dominguez.</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Music In Our Schools Month The National Association for Music Education has a great list of things to do this month to celebrate MIOSM.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>National Poultry Day Lose the fowl attitude and maybe lay off the chicken nuggets for the day. Then go read <i>Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer</i> by Kelly Jones, illustrated by Katie Kath.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>First Day of Spring Read aloud <i>And Then It's Spring</i> by Julie Fogliano, illustrated by Erin E. Stead. Then, take students outside to search outside for signs that spring is arriving. How many signs do they see?</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Linda Sue Park's Birthday Celebrate by reading <i>Yaks Yak: Animal Word Pairs</i> by Park, illustrated by Jennifer Black Reinhardt, and try to come up with funny word pairs of your own.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>National Nutrition Month Check out 36 ideas for getting involved in National Nutrition Month, for grown-ups and for children.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Happy book birthday to <i>Good Dog</i> by Dan Gemeinhart.</p>

Youth Art Month

Women's History Month

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



1
National Pig Day
It's a fine day for a swine day! Celebrate Elephant & Piggie-style with a celebration in the spirit of **Mo Willems' Happy Pig Day!**

2
Read Across America Day
Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday by doing something awesome with reading! Skype with another classroom and share your favorite story. Visit students in a younger grade and read aloud to them. Have a reading marathon or participate in a **one-book-one-school challenge!**

3
National Anthem Day
Few Americans know that there are actually four official verses to our national anthem. Fewer still are aware that poet Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote a fifth verse a century later. Listen to **the fifth verse** with your students.

7
Artist Piet Mondrian's Birthday
Have students create a painting in the style of Mondrian using a **step-by-step guide.**

8
Robert Sabuda's Birthday
Share one of Sabuda's amazing pop-up books, and challenge students to make pop-up animals, flowers and more of their own using one of his **step-by-step activities.**

9
National Barbie Day
The Barbie doll was first manufactured in 1959. Ask students, "If you could create your own doll, what would it look like?" Provide art supplies for students to draw their ideas.

10
US Paper Money Day
Challenge students to put their origami skills to the test to transform a handful of Washingtons into one of these **amazing folded creations!**

14
National Potato Chip Day
Pickle? Old Bay? Chicken and waffles? Ask students, "What's the most unusual potato chip flavor you've tried?" Then share this list of **unusual chip flavors** that might win your heart over (or at least your taste buds).

15
Read Adam Rex's *Nothing Rhymes with Orange* for a hilarious story about coming to terms with what's in a name.

16
National Everything You Do Is Right Day
What could go wrong if all of your choices are right, right? But maybe you'll use the day as an opportunity to try something new, and that's definitely a step in the right direction.

17
St. Patrick's Day
Read aloud *The Gingerbread Man and the Leprechaun Loose at School* by Laura Murray, illustrated by Mike Lowery. Create a trap to catch a leprechaun, but watch out for the leprechaun's tricks!



21
World Poetry Day
Read a poem translated from another language and written somewhere outside of the US. Have students locate the country where the poem originates on a map.

22
Randolph Caldecott's Birthday
The Caldecott Medal is awarded annually to the best illustrated children's book of the past year. How many medal winners have you read? Find out by reading **ALSC's list of past winners.**

23
On this day in 1857, the first commercial elevator traveled safely up and down in a New York department store. Challenge students to do some research to determine the world's tallest, fastest, biggest, and most unusual elevators.

24
Read aloud Todd Parr's *The Family Book*. Ask students, "What makes your family unique? What do you love most about your family?"

28
Manatee Appreciation Day
Some call them sea cows. They were once mistaken as mermaids. But **watching these gentle giants** make their way to the natural springs of Florida is in and of itself quite a treat.

29
Hold a crafting workshop for students to make beautiful **rainbow flowers** in honor of springtime.

30
National Pencil Day
Provide pencils and paper, and encourage students to let their imaginations run wild as they create pencil sketches.

31
National Crayon Day
Last year, Dandelion was retired from the 120-color line-up and a new blue was introduced. Explore all of Crayola's colors and try some fun experiments at **Crayola.com.**

