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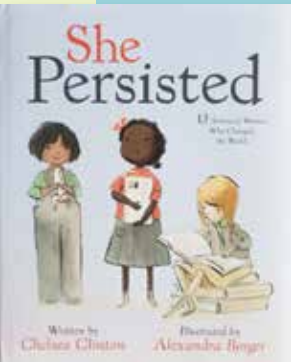
“Saying hello to something new means saying good-bye to something old and loved.”

– Phyllis Reynolds Naylor, *Incredibly Alice*

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Children's Activity Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p>1</p> <p>New Year's Day</p> <p>Polar Bear Plunge Day Each year organizations across the country challenge participants to “take the plunge” into frigid waters to support worthy causes. Ask students whether they think this is a good idea!</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Happy book birthday to <i>When Sophie Thinks She Can't...</i> by Molly Bang.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>National Drinking Straw Day Celebrate by getting creative with crafts made out of drinking straws.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Phyllis Reynolds Naylor's Birthday Watch the book trailer for Shiloh and read aloud an excerpt of the Newbery Medal-winning book.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Drew Daywalt's Birthday Read aloud <i>The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors</i> for a hilarious take on the classic game!</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Introduce students to the Habitat app, where players adopt a virtual polar bear and then take real-world actions to improve the bear's health. Available from iTunes and Google Play.</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Universal Letter-Writing Week Provide paper, envelopes and stamps, and encourage students to write a letter this week to a friend, family member, author, illustrator or teacher. Don't forget to mail the letters!</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Bubble Bath Day Read <i>A Whale in the Bathtub</i> by Kylie Westaway and Tom Jellett. Later, treat yourself to a bath brimming with bubbles and let your imagination drift to bubble kingdoms with bubble cannons and bubble sea monsters.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Happy book birthday to <i>Grandma's Purse</i> by Vanessa Brantley-Newton and <i>Love</i> by Matt de la Peña and Loren Long.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>National Cut Your Energy Costs Day Inventory your school for ways to save energy, including unplugging unused technology, turning off lights when not needed, and taking advantage of natural light when possible.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Step in a Puddle and Splash Your Friends Day Read aloud <i>Puddles</i> by Jonathan London, illustrated by G. Brian Karas.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Work Harder Day Share <i>She Persisted: 13 American Women Who Changed the World</i> by Chelsea Clinton. Have a discussion about what these amazing women accomplished through hard work and persistence.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Poetry Break Day Share poetry from Jack Prelutsky's <i>A Pizza the Size of the Sun</i>, and challenge students to write their own poem about pizza (or any other subject they like!)</p>
<p>14</p> <p>International Kite Day Read <i>Blue Sky Yellow Kite</i> by Janet A. Holmes and Jonathan Bentley about a girl and a boy and a stolen kite, and watch the book trailer.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Martin Luther King Jr. Day Read <i>The Crayon Box That Talked</i> by Shane Derolf and Michael Letzig. Create a class crayon box to celebrate that when we work together, the world is a much more interesting and colorful place.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Hold a craft workshop to make adorable snowman crafts.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Brain Teaser Month Challenge students to solve 45 riddles and brain teasers from Everything Mom.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Thesaurus Day Read aloud <i>The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus</i> by Jen Bryant and Melissa Sweet, and have students use a thesaurus to find interesting words to describe their day.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Pat Mora's Birthday <i>Gracias, Thanks</i>, Pat Mora's picture book with John Parra, is a perfect read aloud for this month of expressing thanks to people we appreciate.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>International Day of Acceptance Read <i>Lovely</i> by Jess Hong, a book that celebrates our differences — we look different, but we are all lovely in our own ways.</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Squirrel Appreciation Day Read <i>The Secret Life of Squirrels</i> by Nancy Rose to find out and appreciate all the things squirrels are up to when you're not looking.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>International Creativity Month Encourage students to let their creativity take them places. Write a story! Build a cardboard arcade game! Paint a favorite scene! Read a new book! The possibilities are endless!</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Happy book birthday to <i>Free as a Bird: The Story of Malala</i> by Lina Maslo.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>National Compliment Day "You were so kind in class yesterday!" Give your students compliments, and encourage them to compliment others.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Clashing Clothes Day Encourage students to wear clothes today that intentionally clash! Spots and plaid. Flower print and rainbow print. Mismatched socks. Then read aloud a section of <i>Pippi Longstocking</i> by Astrid Lindgren.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>National Preschool Health and Fitness Day Browse this great list of preschool-appropriate games, activities and art projects promoting health and fitness and choose one to do with your youngsters today.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>National Thank-You Month Have students make thank-you cards for someone they appreciate at school or at the library.</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Kazoo Day Enjoy <i>Koala's Kazoo</i>, a song story by Emily Arrow and Renee Kurilla about zoo animals taking turns playing a kazoo.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Puzzle Day What to do with puzzles that are missing pieces? Have students make puzzle-piece picture frames!</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Happy book birthday to <i>Festival of Colors</i> by Surishtha Sehgal, Kabir Sehgal, and Vashti Harrison.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Bryan Collier's Birthday Share <i>Hey Black Child</i>, Bryan Collier's newest book with Useni Eugene Perkins, and check out more of Bryan's art at bryancollier.com/gallery.php.</p>			



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