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“Be yourself. No one can say you’re doing it wrong.”
– Charles M. Schulz

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY



1
National Family Literacy Day
Happy book birthday to *A Celebration of Beatrix Potter: Art and letters by more than 30 of today’s favorite children’s book illustrators*, celebrating the 150th birthday of Beatrix Potter.

6
Daylight Saving Time Ends
Read aloud *The Clock Struck One: A Time-telling Tale* by Trudy Harris, and remember to set your clocks back one hour.

7
Hold an election between picture book characters, such as Duck from Doreen Cronin’s *Duck for President* and Grace from Kelly DiPucchio’s *Grace for President*.

8
Election Day
Read aloud *Vote for Me!* by Ben Clanton. Ask students if they would want to run for president. Why or why not?

13
American Education Week (Nov. 13–19)
Robert Louis Stevenson’s Birthday
Take inspiration from Stevenson’s *Treasure Island* and create treasure maps for items hidden around your classroom or library.

14
William Steig’s Birthday
Read aloud *Shrek!*, the book that inspired the popular movie franchise.

15
America Recycles Day
Check out <http://tinyurl.com/zh4hp5l> for advice on how to organize a recycling initiative, and encourage students to take the recycling pledge at <http://americarecyclesday.org>.


20
Explore the night sky. Watch this video for an animated guide to constellations: <http://tinyurl.com/z2s5lo9>.

21
World Hello Day
Sing “Hello to All The Children of the World” from Wee Sing. Sing along at <http://tinyurl.com/q8x2qtv> or print a lyric sheet at <http://tinyurl.com/jh9fjp3>.


22
Go For a Ride Day
Read aloud *Are We There Yet?* by Dan Santat. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/zb7reuw> for a list of games that keep kids occupied in the car, and practice a couple in the library.

27
Kevin Henkes’ Birthday
Watch how Kevin Henkes creates his characters in this collection of short videos from inside his studio: <http://tinyurl.com/zqtey9a>.

28
French Toast Day
Read aloud *Lady Pancake and Sir French Toast* by Josh Funk.

29
Madeleine L’Engle’s Birthday
Check out *A Wrinkle in Time* on audiobook, which features an introduction read by the late author. Tesser well.

November 2016
Children’s Activity Calendar

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

2

Look for Circles Day

Check out <http://tinyurl.com/j4suomc> for creative circle activities to do across the curriculum.

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Sandwich Day

Read aloud *The Bear Ate Your Sandwich* by Julia Sarcone-Roach. Ask students to write a short story about how their sandwich disappeared.

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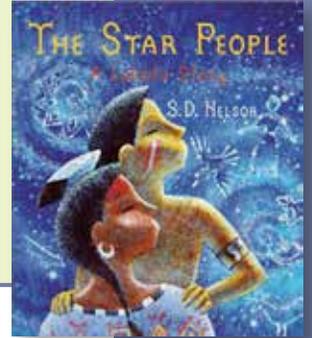
King Tut Day

Celebrate the day that honors the discovery of the entry to King Tut's tomb with fun facts from *National Geographic Kids*, including how to make a mummy. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/q34kn6s>.

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American History and Alaska Native Heritage Month

Share *The Star People: A Lakota Story* by S.D. Nelson.



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Family Stories Month

Check out <http://tinyurl.com/jdhg7md> for ideas to celebrate families.

10

Neil Gaiman's Birthday

Read aloud an excerpt from *Fortunately, the Milk* and download a free teacher guide (from the Bloomsbury edition) at <http://tinyurl.com/zf4dg9w>.

11

Veterans Day

Create or take inspiration from over 100 different crafts and activities honoring those who serve: <http://tinyurl.com/hqjg9p>.

12

Gather fallen leaves from outside and visit <http://tinyurl.com/o34uwue> for 15 great DIY leaf crafts for kids.

16

Button Day

Read aloud *Dewey Bob* by Judy Schachner, a story about a button-collecting raccoon.

17

Take a Hike Day

Take students on a nature walk and record signs of autumn using words, drawings, photographs, and found objects.

18

Mickey Mouse's Birthday

Celebrate the world's most recognized mouse by watching his motion picture debut in *Steamboat Willie*: <http://tinyurl.com/jtejcw6>.

19

International Games Day

Set up some classic board games, such as Candy Land and Chutes and Ladders, and hold a tournament.

23

Read aloud *Thank You, Sarah: The Woman Who Saved Thanksgiving* by Laurie Halse Anderson.

24

Thanksgiving Day

What are some of the things you are thankful for?

25

Crescent Dragonwagon's Birthday

Yes, that's this writer's real name! Ask students: If you could make up a new name for yourself, what would it be?

26

Charles M. Schulz's Birthday

Create an avatar in the likeness of Schulz's famous *Peanuts* characters. Visit <http://www.peanutizeme.com>.

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Aviation History Month

Visit <http://tinyurl.com/hzduugf> to send students on an aviation-themed scavenger hunt in the library.

Holiday
 Month/Week/Day/World Celebration
 Birthday Celebration

