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

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Children’s Activity Calendar

SUNDAY

MONDAY

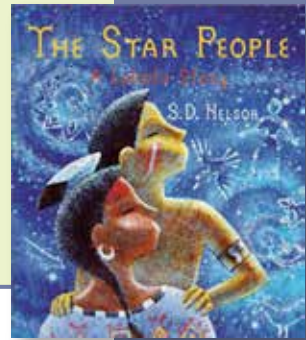
TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



1 <b>National Family Literacy Day</b> Happy book birthday to <i>A Celebration of Beatrix Potter: Art and letters by more than 30 of today’s favorite children’s book illustrators</i> , celebrating the 150th birthday of Beatrix Potter.	2 <b>Look for Circles Day</b> Check out <a href="http://tinyurl.com/j4suomc">http://tinyurl.com/j4suomc</a> for creative circle activities to do across the curriculum.	3 <b>Sandwich Day</b> Read aloud <i>The Bear Ate Your Sandwich</i> by Julia Sarcone-Roach. Ask students to write a short story about how their sandwich disappeared.	4 <b>King Tut Day</b> Celebrate the day that honors the discovery of the entry to King Tut’s tomb with fun facts from <i>National Geographic Kids</i> , including how to make a mummy. Visit <a href="http://tinyurl.com/q34kn6s">http://tinyurl.com/q34kn6s</a> .	5 <b>American History and Alaska Native Heritage Month</b> Share <i>The Star People: A Lakota Story</i> by S.D. Nelson.
6 <b>Daylight Saving Time Ends</b> Read aloud <i>The Clock Struck One: A Time-telling Tale</i> 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 <i>Duck for President</i> and Grace from Kelly DiPucchio’s <i>Grace for President</i> .	8 <b>Election Day</b> Read aloud <i>Vote for Me!</i> by Ben Clanton. Ask students if they would want to run for president. Why or why not?	9 <b>Family Stories Month</b> Check out <a href="http://tinyurl.com/jdhg7md">http://tinyurl.com/jdhg7md</a> for ideas to celebrate families.	10 <b>Neil Gaiman’s Birthday</b> Read aloud an excerpt from <i>Fortunately, the Milk</i> and download a free teacher guide (from the Bloomsbury edition) at <a href="http://tinyurl.com/zf4dg9w">http://tinyurl.com/zf4dg9w</a> .
11 <b>Veterans Day</b> Create or take inspiration from over 100 different crafts and activities honoring those who serve: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/hqjrg9p">http://tinyurl.com/hqjrg9p</a> .	12 Gather fallen leaves from outside and visit <a href="http://tinyurl.com/o34uwue">http://tinyurl.com/o34uwue</a> for 15 great DIY leaf crafts for kids.	13 <b>American Education Week (Nov. 13–19)</b> <b>Robert Louis Stevenson’s Birthday</b> Take inspiration from Stevenson’s <i>Treasure Island</i> and create treasure maps for items hidden around your classroom or library.	14 <b>William Steig’s Birthday</b> Read aloud <i>Shrek!</i> , the book that inspired the popular movie franchise.	15 <b>America Recycles Day</b> Check out <a href="http://tinyurl.com/zh4hp5l">http://tinyurl.com/zh4hp5l</a> for advice on how to organize a recycling initiative, and encourage students to take the recycling pledge at <a href="http://americarecyclesday.org">http://americarecyclesday.org</a> .
16 <b>Button Day</b> Read aloud <i>Dewey Bob</i> by Judy Schachner, a story about a button-collecting raccoon.	17 <b>Take a Hike Day</b> Take students on a nature walk and record signs of autumn using words, drawings, photographs, and found objects.	18 <b>Mickey Mouse’s Birthday</b> Celebrate the world’s most recognized mouse by watching his motion picture debut in <i>Steamboat Willie</i> : <a href="http://tinyurl.com/jtejcw6">http://tinyurl.com/jtejcw6</a> .	19 <b>International Games Day</b> Set up some classic board games, such as Candy Land and Chutes and Ladders, and hold a tournament.	20 Explore the night sky. Watch this video for an animated guide to constellations: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/z2s5lo9">http://tinyurl.com/z2s5lo9</a> .
21 <b>World Hello Day</b> Sing “Hello to All The Children of the World” from Wee Sing. Sing along at <a href="http://tinyurl.com/q8x2qtv">http://tinyurl.com/q8x2qtv</a> or print a lyric sheet at <a href="http://tinyurl.com/jh9fjp3">http://tinyurl.com/jh9fjp3</a> .	22 <b>Go For a Ride Day</b> Read aloud <i>Are We There Yet?</i> by Dan Santat. Visit <a href="http://tinyurl.com/zb7reuw">http://tinyurl.com/zb7reuw</a> for a list of games that keep kids occupied in the car, and practice a couple in the library.	23 Read aloud <i>Thank You, Sarah: The Woman Who Saved Thanksgiving</i> by Laurie Halse Anderson.	24 <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> What are some of the things you are thankful for?	25 <b>Crescent Dragonwagon’s Birthday</b> 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 <b>Charles M. Schulz’s Birthday</b> Create an avatar in the likeness of Schulz’s famous <i>Peanuts</i> characters. Visit <a href="http://www.peanutizeme.com">http://www.peanutizeme.com</a> .	27 <b>Kevin Henkes’ Birthday</b> Watch how Kevin Henkes creates his characters in this collection of short videos from inside his studio: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/zqtey9a">http://tinyurl.com/zqtey9a</a> .	28 <b>French Toast Day</b> Read aloud <i>Lady Pancake and Sir French Toast</i> by Josh Funk.	29 <b>Madeleine L’Engle’s Birthday</b> Check out <i>A Wrinkle in Time</i> on audiobook, which features an introduction read by the late author. Tesser well.	30 <b>Aviation History Month</b> Visit <a href="http://tinyurl.com/hzduugf">http://tinyurl.com/hzduugf</a> to send students on an aviation-themed scavenger hunt in the library.

Holiday  
 Month/Week/Day/World Celebration  
 Birthday Celebration



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