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JUNE 2017

Children's Activity Calendar



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

“Let the wild rumpus start!”
— Maurice Sendak, *Where the Wild Things Are*

<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">4</p> <p>Cheese Day Did you know there are more than 1,750 different kinds of specialty cheeses? Search and explore by type, country, milk, texture, and color. (Perhaps you'll uncover some long lost relatives of the Stinky Cheese Man!)</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">5</p> <p>National Gingerbread Day Explore different versions of the Gingerbread Man story from around the world, including runaway tortillas, matzo balls, and cornbread. Which story is your students' favorite?</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">6</p> <p>National Garden Week Ask students, “If you could plant a garden, what would you plant?” Vegetables? Herbs? Flowers? Have students plan a garden, then read <i>Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt</i> by Kate Messner. Ask students what animals might come to visit their gardens.</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">11</p> <p>Corn on the Cob Day Looking to add some pop to this a-maize-ing holiday? How about telling some corny jokes?</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">12</p> <p>Magic Day Head straight for the nonfiction section in your library and locate books with the Dewey call number 793.8. Challenge students to learn a trick they can show to the class.</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">13</p> <p>Happy book birthday to <i>The Quilts of Gee's Bend</i> by Susan Goldman Rubin. This children's photo essay book explores the history and traditions of the African American women in the rural Alabama community of Gee's Bend, who have been making gorgeous quilts for generations out of remnant cloth and scrap materials.</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">18</p> <p>Father's Day Read aloud <i>Beard Boy</i>, a picture book by John Flannery and Steven Weinberg about a boy who goes to great lengths to grow a beard just like his dad.</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">19</p> <p>On this day in 1885, the Statue of Liberty arrived at its home in New York Harbor. Take a virtual tour of the Statue of Liberty.</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">20</p> <p>American Eagle Day View “Mr. President” and “The First Lady,” mated bald eagles in Washington, D.C., on the DC Eagle Cam.</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">25</p> <p>Eric Carle's Birthday Take a virtual tour of the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art in Amherst, MA.</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">26</p> <p>Go on a nature sound tour by walking outside and recording a list of all of the things you hear along the way.</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">27</p> <p>Happy book birthday to <i>Back to School with Bigfoot</i> by Samantha Berger, Martha Brockenbrough, and Dave Pressler.</p>

June Dairy Month

National Safety Month

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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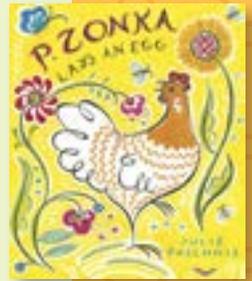
International Children’s Day
Celebrate and appreciate the role children play in the future of all communities around the world. Dedicate space in your classroom or library for students to share and display artifacts of their interests and culture.

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June Dairy Month
Read aloud *Milk Goes to School* by Terry Border, a picture book about the universal fears of starting school. Have students write letters to the upcoming class about all of the things they can look forward to in the coming year.

3

Egg Day
Read *P. Zonka Lays an Egg* by Julie Paschkis and learn how to make your own pysanky (ornate Ukrainian Easter eggs).



7

Nikki Giovanni’s Birthday
Listen to Ms. Giovanni read aloud her poem “Fame,” then have students write poems about what careers they see themselves in as adults. Ask, “If you were famous, how would you use your fame to change the world for the better?”

8

National Best Friends Day
Elephant and Piggie. Frog and Toad. Bink and Gollie. Or maybe Harold and George. Today we celebrate best friends of all types. Challenge students to name as many literary friend pairings as they can.

9

Donald Duck Day
The renowned friend of Mickey Mouse first appeared in *The Wise Little Hen* in 1934. Watch the original cartoon short.

10

Maurice Sendak’s Birthday
Celebrate the author/illustrator of *Where The Wild Things Are* with one of over 150 different crafts and activities, including STEM challenges and book-inspired treats!



14

Flag Day
Flag Day commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened on June 14, 1777. Have students color the flag using this coloring sheet. Talk about what the stars and stripes mean and how the flag has changed since 1777.

15

Fly A Kite Day
Is it good kite weather today? Help your students make simple kites using two sticks, a bag, some string, and scissors, then find an open space outside to try them out. Just don’t end up like the boy in Oliver Jeffers’ *Stuck!*

16

National Safety Month
Read *Officer Buckle and Gloria* by Peggy Rathmann. Invite a firefighter or police officer into your library to talk about safety procedures for school, home, and the community. Have children create safety tip posters to hang throughout the school.

17

National Fudge Day
Check out 35 mouthwatering ways to make fudge with easy recipes any kid can follow. Now all you need is to find someone who can taste test!

21

First Day of Summer
Read aloud *Ice Cream Summer* by Peter Sis.

22

National Candy Month
Create a display of books from the Candy Fairies series by Helen Perelman and take a poll of students’ favorite types of candy.

23

Encourage students to watch the sunset tonight. Tell them to write down what colors they see. Then, watch the sunset again tomorrow night and compare.

24

Great American Campout Day
Set up a tent in the library and read *A Camping Spree with Mr. Magee* by Chris Van Dusen.

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Great Outdoors Month
Take kids outside and read aloud a book about the great outdoors.

29

Camera Day
Challenge students to a photo scavenger hunt around the school or neighborhood. Create a list of objects to locate or print a list from online.

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Asteroid Day
Check out asteroidday.org to learn the basics of asteroids and watch videos on how scientists are working to protect Earth from asteroids.

