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“If a dream is in your heart, you never lose it.”

– Nikki Grimes, *Bronx Masquerade*

OCTOBER 2017

Children’s Activity Calendar

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

<p>1</p> <p>World Vegetarian Day Check out 13 creative veggie snacks that kids will love.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Computer Learning Month Encourage kids to follow their creativity and make original art using a digital tool. Check out Common Sense Media’s list of the best apps for kids.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Happy book birthday to <i>After the Fall (How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again)</i> by Dan Santat.</p>
<p>8</p> <p>R. L. Stine’s Birthday Check out spooky Goosebumps-themed online games.</p> <p>National Fire Prevention Week (Oct 8–14)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Children’s Magazine Month Create a display of children’s magazines and booktalk a few of them this month.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Happy book birthday to <i>The Wolf, the Duck, and the Mouse</i> by Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen.</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Grouch Day Finally! A chance to join our favorite muppet and complain about everything wrong today! The sky’s not gray enough. Your cereal’s too soggy. What else could go wrong?</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Joseph Bruchac’s Birthday Read aloud <i>The First Strawberries</i>, a retelling of the Cherokee legend explaining how strawberries came to be.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Happy book birthday to <i>This Is Not a Normal Animal Book</i> by Julie Segal-Walters and Brian Biggs.</p>
<p>22</p> <p>National Nut Day Celebrate the holiday with everyone’s favorite nuts, the Nut family in their all-new adventure, <i>The Nuts: Keep Rolling!</i> by Eric Litwin and Scott Magoon.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>National Book Month Encourage students to read a book by an author they have never read before!</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Happy book birthday to <i>How the Cookie Crumbled: The True (and Not-So-True) Stories of the Invention of the Chocolate Chip Cookie</i> by Gilbert Ford.</p>
<p>29</p> <p>National Cat Day Everyone loves a good cat book! Here are 17 new picture books featuring cats for cat-loving readers!</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Candy Corn Day This candy is ubiquitous with the season, but here are a handful of candy-corn-related crafts for kids you might not have seen.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Halloween Invite students to dress as their favorite book character today and parade around in celebration of great stories!</p>

Computer Learning Month | Children’s Magazine Month

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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Sukkot Begins

Share *Night Lights: A Sukkot Story* by Barbara Diamond Goldin and Laura Sucher.

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David Shannon's Birthday

Read aloud *A Bad Case of Stripes*.

6

Mad Hatter Day

Wear a silly hat today to celebrate the zany character from *Alice in Wonderland*.

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World Card Making Day

Hold a card-making workshop. Make a birthday card! Make a pop-up card! Get creative on making any card imaginable! For ideas, check out **ideas from Tinker Lab**.

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National Apple Month

Read aloud *How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World* by Marjorie Priceman.

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Farmer's Day

Listen to Dane Zanes' recording of "**The Farmer Is the One**," a song celebrating farmers for helping to provide food to us all.

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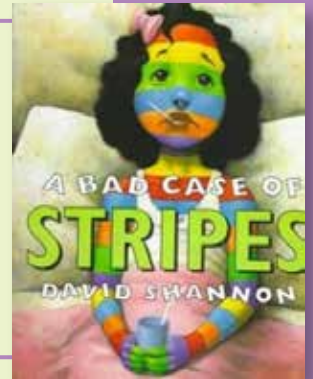
World Egg Day

Challenge students to create their own retelling of the Humpty Dumpty story and share with a friend. Does Humpty still fall apart? Does he see something unexpected from atop the wall? Do we get to meet his family?

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National Arts and Humanities Month

Play music and provide art supplies for students to get creative!



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Diwali Begins

National Bullying Prevention Month

Check out PACER's **top 10 reasons** to celebrate National Bullying Prevention Month.

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Dan Gutman's Birthday

Visit **World of Dan Gutman** for games, quizzes, and printable activities.

20

Nikki Grimes's Birthday

Share **Reading Rockets' video interview** with the author and poet.

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Count Your Buttons Day

Do you have a button jar at home like Judy Schachner's *Dewey Bob*? Or maybe you've lost a particular button like Frog and Toad in "A Lost Button"? Read one or both of these stories aloud—and don't forget to count your buttons!

25

International Artist Day

Read *Masterpiece Mix* by Roxie Monroe and see how one artist's work in a picture book is inspired by 37 different masterpieces. Students will have fun finding the different masterpieces in the included search-and-find game.

26

National Pumpkin Day

Choose from **35 creative ideas** for pumpkin crafts.

27

Frankenstein Friday

Named for Frankenstein's monster, today is a day to celebrate like your favorite monster or make up a completely new creation!

28

Statue of Liberty Day

Happy birthday, Lady Liberty! **Take a tour** of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.



- Holiday
- Month/Week/Day/World Celebration
- Birthday Celebration

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