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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

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



November 2017

Children's Activity Calendar

<p style="font-size: 2em; color: #C00000;">5</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time Ends Don't forget to turn your clock back after you read <i>Sleep Like a Tiger</i> by Mary Logue and Pamela Zagarenski!</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: #C00000;">6</p> <p>National American Indian Heritage Month Explore the heritage of the first Americans through primary sources, including photographs, art, and historical accounts, all available through the Library of Congress and other institutions.</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: #C00000;">7</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to <i>Maya Lin: Thinking with Her Hands</i> by Susan Goldman Rubin.</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; color: #C00000;">12</p> <p>Read aloud <i>Rolling Thunder</i>, a story by Kate Messner and Greg Ruth about the annual Ride for Freedom made to Washington, D.C., each Memorial Day by more than a million veterans to honor the men and women of the U.S. armed forces.</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: #C00000;">13</p> <p>World Kindness Day Have kids trace their hands and choose five kind things to do for others today (one for each finger), and then go do them! Create a display so they can remember their kind deeds in the days to come.</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: #C00000;">14</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to <i>Hey Black Child</i> by Useni Eugene Perkins and Bryan Collier.</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; color: #C00000;">19</p> <p>National Play Monopoly Day There are hundreds of variations of this widely popular game. Have you ever played and finished a game?</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: #C00000;">20</p> <p>Mexico's Revolution Day Today honors the struggle of the Mexican people to overthrow dictator José de la Cruz Porfirio Díaz Mori in 1910. Celebrate their victory with a metal tooling craft for kids.</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: #C00000;">21</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to <i>The Boy and the Whale</i> by Mordicai Gerstein.</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; color: #C00000;">26</p> <p>Cake Day You can have or be any kind of cake you'd like today—just don't be <i>Rude Cakes</i>. If Rowboat Watkins's book taught us anything, it's that no one likes a rude cake!</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: #C00000;">27</p> <p>Katherine Milhous's Birthday Read aloud <i>The Egg Tree</i>, Milhous's Caldecott Medal-winning picture book.</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: #C00000;">28</p> <p>Make Your Own Head Day You read that right! And since two heads are better than one, why not model yourself a new head from clay, paper, or recycled materials?</p>

National Novel Writing Month

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1

Dia de los muertos (Day of the Dead)

Read *Funny Bones: Posada and His Day of the Dead Calaveras* by Duncan Tonatiuh, and make your own **calavera skull masks** with these easy directions.

2

National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo)

Here's a writing challenge unlike any other! Challenge yourself to draft an entire novel in just one month! Resources and support for writers of all ages are available online at **NaNoWriMo Young Writers Program**.

3

Sandwich Day

Read *The Adventures of Kung Fu Robot: How to Make a Peanut Butter, Jelly, and Kung Fu Sandwich* to celebrate the invention of the sandwich in 1762. This graphic novel by Jason Bays is enhanced with a free smartphone app that will bring the ka-POW to any PB&J!

4

King Tut Day

The entry to **King Tut's tomb** was discovered on this day in 1922. Learn more about the artifacts found inside and what they tell us about this ancient king by watching this biography from FreeSchool.

8

X-Ray Day

Make a **cool X-ray craft** to celebrate the invention of the X-ray in 1865.

9

Pat Cummings's Birthday

Watch children's book illustrator Pat Cummings and author H. Chuku Lee talk about the making of their book **Beauty and the Beast** on KidLit TV.

10

On this day in history *Sesame Street* first aired in 1969. Which *Sesame Street* character best describes you? Find out with this **fun quiz**.

11

Veteran's Day

Visit a memorial or monument with your family or friends today. Your local visitor's center will have information about nearby sites, or you can take a virtual trip to **15 incredible monuments** that honor American soldiers.

15

Georgia O'Keeffe's Birthday

Create a **contour flower painting** inspired by some of the modernist painter's best known works.

16

Button Day

Use buttons of all sizes, shapes, and colors in one of these **cool button crafts** from *Today's Parent* magazine.

17

Homemade Bread Day

Get creative by making clever **porcupine rolls** from scratch with just a couple of easy ingredients.

18

On this day in history Nathaniel Palmer became the first American to discover the mainland of Antarctica in 1820. Watch *March of the Penguins*, the award-winning documentary about the emperor penguins of the South Pole.

22

Jamie Lee Curtis's Birthday

Celebrate the author of *Today I Feel Silly: And Other Moods That Make My Day* by wearing a silly outfit and having some silly fun.

23

Thanksgiving Day

Read aloud *In November* by Cynthia Rylant and Jill Kastner, and consider all of the many things to be thankful for this month.

24

Celebrate Your Unique Talent Day

Can you recite the alphabet backwards? Can you walk on your hands? Have you ever taught a caterpillar a trick? No talent is overlooked today!

25

P.D. Eastman's Birthday

Celebrate the collected works of the author of *Go, Dog. Go!* and *Are You My Mother?* with **games and activities**.

29

Electronic Greetings Day

Have kids practice their writing skills by sending a **birthday, miss you, thank you, or "just because" e-card** to someone.

30

Mark Twain's Birthday

Read *The Purloining of Prince Oleomargarine* by Mark Twain and Philip C. Stead, with illustrations by Erin Stead.

