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# February 2018

## Children's Activity Calendar



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

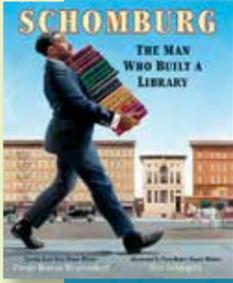
THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

*“True friends are always together in spirit.”*

— L.M. Montgomery, *Anne of Green Gables*



<p>4</p> <p><b>Rosa Parks' Birthday</b> Read Nikki Giovanni's <i>Rosa</i>, illustrated by Bryan Collier, and recount that moment on the bus that ultimately changed history.</p>	<p>5</p> <p><b>Weather Forecaster's Day</b> Ask students, "What's your favorite kind of weather? Is there a weather phenomenon you hope never to see?" Provide art materials and have students create pictures of their favorite — or least favorite — kinds of weather.</p>	<p>6</p> <p><b>Happy book birthday</b> to <i>Playing Atari with Saddam Hussein: Based on a True Story</i> by Jennifer Roy with Ali Fadhil.</p>	<p>7</p> <p><b>National Bird-Feeding Month</b> Use the <b>Audubon Guide to North American Birds</b> to identify what birds are local to your region and which may visit your bird feeder.</p>	<p>8</p> <p><b>National Kite Flying Day</b> Today may or may not be a great day to fly a kite, but it is most certainly a great day to read a book. Try <i>Blue Sky, Yellow Kite</i> by Janet A. Holmes and Jonathan Bentley.</p>	<p>9</p> <p><b>National Toothache Day</b> Share <i>The Berenstain Bears Visit the Dentist</i> by Stan and Jan Berenstain.</p>	<p>10</p> <p><b>National Umbrella Day</b> Have students bring in an umbrella from home. Then, have them partner up and compare their umbrellas. Which is the biggest? The smallest? What is alike and different about them?</p>	
<p>11</p> <p><b>National Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk Day</b> This holiday just seems silly, so here's a very silly book to go with it! Enjoy <i>Fortunately, the Milk</i> by Neil Gaiman.</p>	<p>12</p> <p><b>American Heart Month</b> The American Heart Association has <b>some healthy, happy eating suggestions for kids</b> that will make your heart happy.</p>	<p>13</p> <p><b>International Pancake Day</b> Check out this <b>4-minute video</b> of how to make seven different pancakes from around the world. The cong you bing look delicious!</p>	<p>14</p> <p><b>Valentine's Day</b> For any of those love-resistant folks out there, reading <i>This Is Not a Valentine</i> by Carter Higgins, illustrated by Lucy Ruth Cummins, will definitely not at all make you feel like letting someone special know that you care.</p>	<p>15</p> <p><b>Susan B. Anthony Day</b> Read aloud <i>Susan B. Anthony</i> by Alexandra Wallner, and discuss the impact Anthony had on society.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Share the new book <i>Earth Verse: Haiku from the Ground Up</i> by Sally M. Walker, illustrated by William Grill.</p>	<p>17</p> <p><b>National Random Acts of Kindness Day</b> As a class, make a list of simple, kind things they can do for others. Then, challenge them to do at least one thing from the list today.</p>	
<p>18</p> <p><b>National Battery Day</b> Do you know that batteries can be recycled at special locations? Find out what local businesses accept used batteries so that you'll know for next time. Hardware stores are a great place to start!</p>	<p>19</p> <p><b>Presidents' Day</b> Read <i>President Squid</i> by Aaron Reynolds, illustrated by Sara Varon, about an underwater candidate who thinks he has all the right answers.</p>	<p>20</p> <p><b>Happy book birthday</b> to <i>The Girl Who Drew Butterflies: How Maria Merian's Art Changed Science</i> by Joyce Sidman.</p>	<p>21</p> <p><b>Library Lovers' Month</b> Ask students, "What do you love about the library?" Make a list, and then make a list of students' favorite books and authors. Post the answers on a heart-filled bulletin board.</p>	<p>22</p> <p><b>Edward Gorey's Birthday</b> Enjoy <i>The Doubtful Guest</i> or any other one of Gorey's eclectic, at times creepy, stories.</p>	<p>23</p> <p><b>Women Inventors Month</b> Check out <b>5 Female Inventors Who Changed Life as We Know It</b>, and discuss how life would be different without these inventions.</p>	<p>24</p> <p><b>National Trading Card Day</b> Challenge your students to make trading cards based on their favorite book series. For example, Harry Potter cards might feature Harry, Hermione, Ron, Hogwarts, and so on.</p>	
<p>25</p> <p><b>International Friendship Month</b> There are friends to be made all over the world. Check out <b>Skype in the Classroom</b> to connect with a class from another part of the globe this month.</p>	<p>26</p> <p><b>National Tell a Fairy Tale Day</b> Challenge students to retell from memory one of their favorite fairy tales to an audience of one or more. This is how these tales survived over so many years.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Share <i>Bunny's Staycation (Mama's Business Trip)</i> by Lori Richmond, and ask students what they would do if they went on a "staycation."</p>	<p>28</p> <p><b>Tooth Fairy Day</b> Read aloud <i>You Think It's Easy Being the Tooth Fairy?</i> by Sheri Bell-Rehwoldt, illustrated by David Slonim.</p>				

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