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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

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

September 2018

Children's Activity Calendar

<p>2</p> <p>Good Manners Month Read Laurie Keller's <i>Do Unto Otters</i> and make a list of other "otterly" important manners for others to follow.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Labor Day Read <i>Jabari Jumps</i> by Gaia Cornwall, a beautiful picture book about a boy finding the courage to jump from the high dive—perfect for taking the leap into a new school year.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to <i>We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga</i> by Traci Sorell and Frané Lessac.</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Teddy Bear Day Have your students draw teddy bears using the blind contour drawing method.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Yoga Awareness Month Watch the video for Susan Verde's <i>I Am Yoga</i> with an original song by Emily Arrow.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>September 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance Share <i>Saved by the Boats: The Heroic Sea Evacuation of September 11</i> by Julie Gassman and Steve Moors, a true account of the largest sea evacuation in history.</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Karen Katz's Birthday Share these activities and projects based on Karen Katz's best-selling books with teachers of our youngest learners.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Library Card Sign-up Month This year the librarian toolkit for Library Sign-up Card Month is incredible! Check it out!</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to <i>Khalida and the Most Beautiful Song</i> by Amanda Moeckel.</p>
<p>23</p> <p>International Literacy Month Make a display of books featuring authors from around the globe.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>National Punctuation Day Here's a collection of "Great Children's Books for Teaching Punctuation Rules."</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to <i>So Tall Within: Sojourner Truth's Long Walk Toward Freedom</i> by Gary D. Schmidt and Daniel Minter.</p>
<p>30</p> <p>International Podcast Day Subscribe to a new-to-you podcast today, such as The Children's Book Podcast.</p>		

Good Manners Month | Yoga Awareness Mo

WEDNESDAY

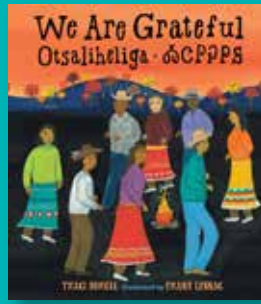
THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

“Autumn seemed to arrive suddenly that year. The morning of the first September was crisp and golden as an apple.”

— J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*



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Hummingbird Day

Make one of these **“15 Homemade Hummingbird Feeders from Recycled Material.”**

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Roxie Munro’s Birthday

The acclaimed nonfiction picture book author and illustrator has a number of downloadables free for kids on her **website**.

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Fight Procrastination Day

That thing you’ve been putting off and putting off? Devote 5–10 minutes today to taking the first steps toward finishing it.

7

Google Commemoration Day

The search engine company that’s now synonymous with the Internet was founded 20 years ago today. Talk with students about **how to choose reliable websites** from search results.

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National Ampersand Day

Do your students know the name of the “&” symbol? Make a display of books featuring the ampersand in the title and see who is the first one to call out the common trait.



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Happy Book Birthday to *Naomis*

Too by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich and Audrey Vernick.

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Think Positively Day

Employ some solid positive self-talk to keep your perspective focused on the up-and-up.

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John Steptoe’s Birthday

In **this video**, *Sesame Street’s* Gordon reads Steptoe’s *Stevie*, a book he wrote when he was only 16.

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National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15–Oct. 15)

Make a display of books celebrating Hispanic heritage, including past winners and honors of the **Pura Belpré Award**.

19

Talk Like A Pirate Day

Use this **pirate translate tool** in order to strengthen your pirate speak.

20

Chicken Dance Day

You probably know the song by heart, but if you’re looking for something a little... different, we suggest **J. Geco’s Chicken Song**.

21

Gratitude Day

Say thank you with a handmade craft using one of these **300+ ideas** from Pinterest users.

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First Day of Autumn

Share *Little Elliot Fall Friends* by Mike Curato, and display objects representing favorite fall things.

26

Johnny Appleseed’s Birthday

Celebrate the legendary figure with **apple-themed activities and games**.



27

Ancestor Appreciation Day

Share *Drawn Together* by Minh Lê and Dan Santat, a story about a boy and his grandfather who bridge a language barrier by making art with one another.

28

Ask a Stupid Question Day

Remind students that there are no stupid questions. Encourage them to use library resources to find the answer to a question they have been wondering about.

29

Marissa Moss’s Birthday

Moss writes books about strong women, both real and realistic. **Read a selection of her books** and draw inspiration to share stories of the strong women you know.