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January 2019

Children's Activity Calendar

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

“People say nothing is impossible, but I do nothing every day.”

— A.A. Milne, *Winnie-the-Pooh*

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New Year's Day

What are your reading-related resolutions for this year?

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National Bean Day

Make a beautiful **bean mosaic** using dry black beans, lentils, peas, kidney beans, or any other bean of choice.

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National Hobby Month

Have students share their favorite hobbies this month, giving them a chance to show off their unique skills and share their interests with others.

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Happy Book Birthday to

Snakes on a Train by Kathryn Dennis

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National Skating Month

Enjoy sharing Tara Lazar's *Little Red Gliding Hood*, illustrated by Troy Cummings, a fractured fairy tale of Little Red and a skating competition. Then have students consider how other fairy tales might play out on ice.

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National Dress Up Your Pet Day

Some think it's adorable. Others think it's frightening. We're not sure what the pets think about it, but here's some **animals in costumes** that your students (and you!) will love.

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Happy Book Birthday to *You Make Me Happy* by Smriti Prasad-Halls,

illustrated by Alison Brown

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National Soup Month

The folks at Genius Kitchen have served up **54 Satisfying Soup Recipes for Cold Weather** that might be just the comfort you need this month in chilly weather.

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Martin Luther King Jr. Day

The National Education Association (NEA) has curated a **list of K-5 classroom resources** for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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Happy Book Birthday to *Oh No, Bobo!* *You're in Trouble* by Phil Gosier

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National Chocolate Cake Day

There's no better day to read *Chocolate Cake* by Michael Rosen, illustrated by Kevin Waldron.

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National Mentoring Month

Reach out this month to see if you can be a mentor to or be mentored by a colleague. Wisdom's strength is in its ability to be passed from one person to another.

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Happy Book Birthday to

Just Right: Searching for the Goldilocks Planet by Curtis Manley, illustrated by Jessica Lanan

National Thank You Month

National Hobby Month

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WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

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SATURDAY

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Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews' Birthday
Share a video of Trombone Shorty at the age of 13 playing on stage with the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, or enjoy one of the many picture books about Shorty's life.

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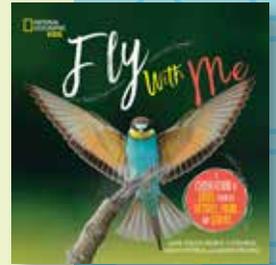
Perihelion Day
Share with students that today is the day that Earth is closest to the sun (147,099,760 km or 91,403,554 mi). This day occurs annually roughly two weeks after the December solstice.

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National Thank You Month
Challenge students to thank a different person each day this month for something the person did that they appreciate, or just for being generally awesome.

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National Bird Day
Share *Fly with Me: A Celebration of Birds Through Pictures, Poems, and Stories* by renowned children's book author Jane Yolen, Heidi Stemple, Adam Stemple, and Jason Stemple.



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National Apricot Day
Growing an apricot tree from seed to plant is a simple and satisfying process that can be done almost anywhere. **Here are the steps** to get you and your students started.

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National Houseplant Appreciation Day
Do you keep plants in your library or classroom? Have you appreciated them recently? Make signs indicating the name, genus, and species so that others who enjoy the plant can know more about it.

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National Milk Day
According to some sources, bottled milk was first delivered on this day in 1878. How many different kinds of milk and milk alternatives can your students name?

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Work Harder Day
This is not to imply that you weren't already working hard enough. Consider "working hard" on something new to you today.

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National Nothing Day
Earlier this month we asked you to work harder, so today you can spend a moment or two doing absolutely nothing.

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Kid Inventors' Day
Get inspired by watching these **11 Kid Inventors Break Down Their Greatest Inventions**.

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A.A. Milne's Birthday
Here are **15 Words of Wisdom from Winnie the Pooh** to help give your day new perspective.

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Pat Mora's Birthday
Celebrate poet and **Children's Day, Book Day founder Pat Mora** by reading one of the poems in her newest picture book, *Bookjoy, Wordjoy*, illustrated by Raúl Colón.

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National Handwriting Day
Check out 14 different ways to **celebrate National Handwriting Day** with your students, including writing a letter to a friend or family member by hand.

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National Peanut Butter Day
The folks at *Eat This, Not That!* counted down **the best (and the worst) peanut butters on the market**. What peanut butter do you like best?

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Opposite Day
This is always a favorite day to celebrate with students. Switch up your routine by doing everything in reverse order or get a little silly by doing the opposite of the norm.

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Shannon Hale's Birthday
Hale's Princess in Black series celebrates **Princess Magnolia's adventures** by day as a princess and in disguise as the Princess in Black, embracing that you don't need to choose between royalty and adventure when you can do both!

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It's almost the end of the first month of 2019. How are your resolutions coming along?

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Inspire Your Heart with Art Day
Provide art materials, and encourage students to let their imaginations go wild and create a piece of art that is uniquely them.

