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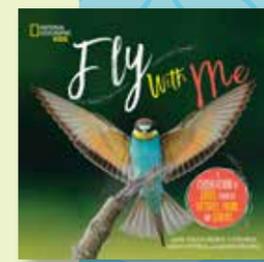
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January 2019

Children's Activity Calendar



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 New Year's Day What are your reading-related resolutions for this year?	2 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.	3 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.	4 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.	5 National Bird Day Share <i>Fly with Me: A Celebration of Birds Through Pictures, Poems, and Stories</i> by renowned children's book author Jane Yolen, Heidi Stemple, Adam Stemple, and Jason Stemple.
6 National Bean Day Make a beautiful bean mosaic using dry black beans, lentils, peas, kidney beans, or any other bean of choice.	7 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.	8 Happy Book Birthday to <i>Snakes on a Train</i> by Kathryn Dennis	9 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.	10 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.	11 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?	12 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.
13 National Skating Month Enjoy sharing Tara Lazar's <i>Little Red Gliding Hood</i> , 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.	14 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.	15 Happy Book Birthday to <i>You Make Me Happy</i> by Smriti Prasad-Halls, illustrated by Alison Brown	16 National Nothing Day Earlier this month we asked you to work harder, so today you can spend a moment or two doing absolutely nothing.	17 Kid Inventors' Day Get inspired by watching these 11 Kid Inventors Break Down Their Greatest Inventions .	18 A.A. Milne's Birthday Here are 15 Words of Wisdom from Winnie the Pooh to help give your day new perspective.	19 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, <i>Bookjoy</i> , illustrated by Raúl Colón.
20 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.	21 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.	22 Happy Book Birthday to <i>Oh No, Bobo! You're in Trouble</i> by Phil Gosier	23 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.	24 National Peanut Butter Day The folks at <i>Eat This, Not That!</i> counted down the best (and the worst) peanut butters on the market . What peanut butter do you like best?	25 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.	26 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!
27 National Chocolate Cake Day There's no better day to read <i>Chocolate Cake</i> by Michael Rosen, illustrated by Kevin Waldron.	28 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.	29 Happy Book Birthday to <i>Just Right: Searching for the Goldilocks Planet</i> by Curtis Manley, illustrated by Jessica Lanan	30 It's almost the end of the first month of 2019. How are your resolutions coming along?	31 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.		



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