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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

*“If you become a bird and fly away from me ... I will be a tree that you come home to.”*

— Margaret Wise Brown, *The Runaway Bunny*



- Holiday
- Celebration
- Birthday

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| <p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>Cinco de Mayo:</b> Celebrate this important day in Mexican history by reading <i>The Piñata That the Farm Maiden Hung</i> by Samantha R. Vamos, illustrated by Sebastià Serra, a beautiful bilingual picture book.</p> | <p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Teacher Appreciation Week</b> begins on this day. It's not easy doing what we do! Tell a colleague what you appreciate most about him or her.</p>                                                                        | <p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Happy Book Birthday to <i>Being Edie Is Hard Today</i></b> by Ben Brashares and Elizabeth Bergeland</p>                                        | <p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>National School Nurse Day:</b> Be sure to thank your school nurses today for all they do.</p>                                                                                                                                           | <p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>Lost Sock Memorial Day:</b> Have your students design new socks to replace the ones they've lost.</p>                                                                                                                                              | <p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>Christopher Paul Curtis's Birthday:</b> Access teacher resources and videos to support Curtis' award-winning books on <a href="#">his website</a>.</p>                                       | <p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>National Eat What You Want Day:</b> Ask students, "If you could eat anything you want for dinner, what would it be?" The crazier, the better!</p>                                                                                  |
| <p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>Mother's Day:</b> Make a book display celebrating famous and important literary moms, such as Mrs. Weasley from J.K. Rowling's <i>Harry Potter series</i> and Roz from Peter Brown's <i>The Wild Robot</i>.</p>       | <p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>National Bike Month:</b> Read <i>Bikes for Sale</i> by Carter Higgins, illustrated by Zachariah OHora, a book about two bikes, a big crash, and an opportunity to start again.</p>                                      | <p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>Happy Book Birthday to <i>It Feels Good to Be Yourself: A Book About Gender Identity</i></b> by Theresa Thorn, illustrated by Noah Grigni</p> | <p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>National Chocolate Chip Day:</b> Fill a mason jar with different kinds of chocolate chips and then challenge your students to estimate how many are inside.</p>                                                                        | <p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>National Love a Tree Day:</b> Is there a particular tree of which you are particularly fond? Share <i>Oliver: The Second Largest Living Thing on Earth</i> by Josh Crute, illustrated by John Taesoo Kim, for some extra leafy giggles today.</p> | <p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>Grace Lin's Birthday: <i>A Big Mooncake for Little Star</i></b>, Lin's newest picture book, received a 2019 Caldecott Honor! Check out <b>four fun activities</b> to accompany the book.</p> | <p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>International Museum Day:</b> What museum holds the oldest artifact? What museum contains the most complete dinosaur skeleton? Send students on a quest to discover and explore (virtually) museums from all around the world.</p> |
| <p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>National Salad Month:</b> Share <b>1 Big Salad: A Delicious Counting Book</b> by Juana Medina and have students make a list of all of the things they'd like to include in a salad.</p>                               | <p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>National Pick Strawberries Day:</b> Visit a local strawberry patch or pick up a pint of fresh strawberries today so you can try out one of these <b>39 Recipes to Celebrate the Beginning of Strawberry Season</b>.</p> | <p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>Happy Book Birthday to <i>Nova the Star Eater</i></b> by Lindsay Leslie, illustrated by John Taesoo Kim</p>                                   | <p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>National Buy a Musical Instrument Day:</b> Instead of buying an instrument, check out <b>42 Splendidly Creative Homemade Musical Instruments</b> to try with students.</p>                                                             | <p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>Margaret Wise Brown's Birthday: <i>Goodnight Moon</i></b> has been parodied perhaps more than any other children's book. Thankfully for us all, the folks at <b>Literary Hub</b> have ranked them.</p>                                            | <p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>National Escargot Day:</b> Before you eat snails today, first consider friendship. <b>The Snail and Worm easy reader series</b> by Tina Kugler is a great place to start!</p>                | <p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>Frank Oz's Birthday:</b> In honor of the voice of Cookie Monster, share <b>The Joy of Cookies: Cookie Monster's Guide to Life</b> with students.</p>                                                                               |
| <p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>National Photography Month:</b> Create a bulletin board to display selfies of readers in your class with their favorite books.</p>                                                                                    | <p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>Memorial Day:</b> Honor those who died in the service of our nation by inviting classes to browse images of monuments erected to commemorate those in the armed forces lost in combat.</p>                              | <p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>Happy Book Birthday to <i>When Pencil Met Eraser</i></b> by Karen Kilpatrick and Luis O. Ramos Jr., illustrated by Germán Blanco</p>          | <p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>National Learn About Composting Day: <i>Composting Is Way Easier Than You Think</i></b> and can help you cut down on waste. It also results in nutrient-rich soil that will guarantee your flowers will grow fuller and healthier.</p> | <p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>Frances O'Roark Dowell's Birthday:</b> Dowell's <b>Creative Writing for Kids</b> blog is full of helpful tips on how to write, especially for kid listeners. Check it out!</p>                                                                    | <p><b>31</b></p> <p>Ask students what they are most looking forward to about summer vacation. Have a show and tell where they can share a memento from last summer.</p>                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |



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Children's Activity Calendar