

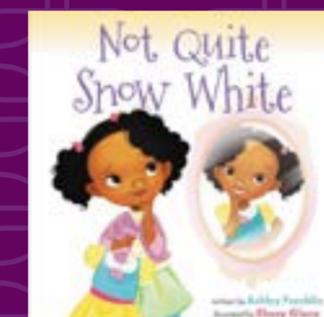
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July 2019

Children's Activity Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Canada Day: Share stories of the Indigenous people who knew the land before Canada was founded. This Place: 150 Years Retold is a graphic novel anthology of Indigenous stories from 1867 to present.	2 Happy Book Birthday to <i>Small World</i> by Ishta Mercurio, illustrated by Jen Corace	3 Compliment Your Mirror Day: Who do you see when you look in the mirror? Take a moment today to affirm that beautiful, strong, intelligent person in your reflection.	4 Independence Day: As we celebrate the birth of our nation, share these books about independence, citizenship, and immigration collected by Reading Rockets .	5 Comic Sans Day: The widely-used font was released by the Microsoft Corporation in 1994. Have students invent their own typeface today.	6 Kathi Appelt's Birthday: Watch this video interview filmed at the L.A. Times Festival of Books with Kathi Appelt and Alison McGhee discussing <i>Maybe a Fox</i> .
7 National Parks and Recreation Month: Read <i>You Are Home: An Ode to the National Parks</i> by Evan Turk and find a national park near you .	8 Video Game Day: Can you name five video games your students are playing? Ask students what games are piquing their interests and what makes these games so irresistible for gamers.	9 Happy Book Birthday to <i>Not Quite Snow White</i> by Ashley Franklin, illustrated by Ebony Glenn	10 Don't Step on a Bee Day: The bees are buzzing about the flowers. Be careful not to step on one, but go ahead and read Toni Yuly's <i>Thank You, Bees</i> to these hardworking pollinators today!	11 Patricia Polacco's Birthday: Listen to renowned picture book author-illustrator Patricia Polacco share how her family and her childhood has inspired her stories.	12 National Paper Bag Day: Create a zoo in your library with these 20 Paper Bag Animal Crafts for Kids from I Heart CRAFTY Things.	13 Ashley Bryan's Birthday: Enjoy poet and influential storyteller Ashley Bryan sharing his favorite poems and what the words mean to him in this video .
14 National Tape Measure Day: How might you measure up using Mary Poppins' tape measure? Invite students to use a permanent marker to customize a class tape measure for the library.	15 National Anti-Boredom Month: Here are 10 ways to beat summer boredom rain or shine, indoors or outdoors, using easy-to-find materials.	16 Happy Book Birthday to <i>Imagine That: A Hoot & Olive Story</i> by Jonathan D. Voss	17 Yellow Pig Day: Today is not a porcine celebration but rather a celebration of the number 17. It also celebrates bizarre national holidays with artwork, which you can check out here .	18 Ashley Spires' Birthday: Read and share one of Ashley Spires' hilarious <i>Binky comics</i> with your young graphic novel readers.	19 National Stick Out Your Tongue Day: What does it mean when we stick our tongues out? <i>Psychology Today</i> has a couple thoughts about it.	20 International Chess Day: Knight on the rim is dim and its chances are slim. Challenge a student to a game of chess, or teach someone how the timeless strategy game is played.
21 National Hot Dog Month: The Pigeon of Mo Willems' best-selling series loves hot dogs! Give students hot dog coloring pages and have them draw ridiculous toppings to surprise and delight Pigeon!	22 Pi Approximation Day: In math, pi is used to find the area and circumference of a circle. Its approximate fraction is 22/7, so today is a fun day to be a little math-y!	23 Happy Book Birthday to <i>Scouts</i> by Shannon Greenland	24 National Picnic Month: Read <i>The Teddy Bears' Picnic</i> by Jimmy Kennedy, illustrated by Alexandra Day, and invite kids to bring their favorite stuffed animals to the library for a picnic of their own.	25 National Merry-Go-Round Day: Challenge your young engineers to build a merry-go-round out of cardboard. This video from Back2School DIY is a great place to start!	26 National Talk in an Elevator Day: Elevators are always so quiet! Break the silence by making small talk with fellow passengers today.	27 National Walk on Stilts Day: According to the <i>Guinness Book of World Records</i> , the tallest stilts ever mastered (to date) measured 16.41 m (53 ft, 10 in) from ground to ankle. That's roughly the height of a flagpole!
28 National Hamburger Day: Read <i>Sam's Hamburger</i> by David Pelham for a truly entertaining and not-as-it-seems story of a sandwich thief and two kids determined for paypack.	29 National Ice Cream Month: Cake batter? Cookie dough? Why not go wild with one of these 11 Crazy Ice Cream Concoctions for Adventurous Kids (and Adults) from Famlii.	30 Happy Book Birthday to <i>I Am a Tiger</i> by Karl Newson, illustrated by Ross Collins	31 J.K. Rowling's Birthday: Think you know the world of Harry Potter? Read one of these 50 Must-Read Harry Potter Fan Fictions to see what Rowling's magical world has inspired in others.	<p><i>"It does not do well to dwell on dreams and forget to live."</i></p> <p>— J.K. Rowling, <i>Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone</i></p>		



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