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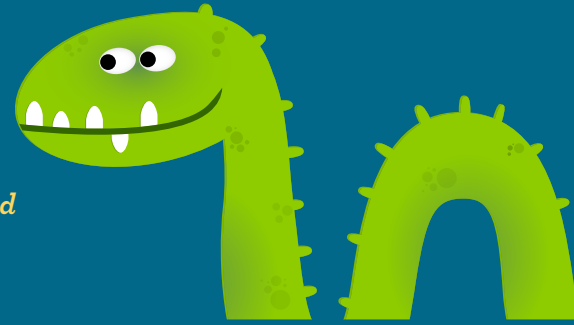
SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

*“Thoughts need words.
Words need a voice.”*

— Sharon M. Draper, *Out of My Mind*



August 2019

Children's Activity Calendar

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National Peach Month: At just the mention, you can nearly smell the peaches in the air! Here's a **10-minute recipe** for making homemade peaches and cream soap.

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National Underwear Day: Share **Creepy Pair of Underwear!** by Aaron Reynolds, illustrated by Peter Brown, then have students decorate some creepy underwear to hang throughout the classroom!

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Wiggle Your Toes Day: Get the wiggles out by wiggling your toes! Maybe in the sand or in the pool?

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Play in the Sand Day: Read **How to Code a Sandcastle** by Josh Funk, illustrated by Sara Palacios, then have students write directional codes for doing other tasks at the beach or while on vacation.

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National Sandwich Monh: Maybe it's not what's in the sandwich but rather what it says about you that counts. Share **The Sandwich Swap** by Queen Rania of Jordan Al Abdullah with Kelly DiPucchio, illustrated by Tricia Tusa.

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Happy Book Birthday to **My Grandma and Me** by Mina Javaherbin, illustrated by Lindsey Yankey

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Bad Poetry Day: Encourage students to get creative and write an original poem. Tell them not to worry about whether it is "good" or "bad," but just to let their creativity flow.

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National Potato Day: We eat them boiled, mashed, baked, or fried. But what does a potato's life look like before it ends up on the dinner plate? Share this video with students to find out **"How Do Potatoes Grow?"**

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Happy Book Birthday to the hardcover edition of **The Rhythm of the Rain** by Grahame Baker-Smith

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National Banana Split Day: Did you know that the **world-record-winning banana split** was made in Australia and measured over 8,000 meters! That's a whole town's worth of banana splits!

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Back to School Month: Share **Back to School Rules** by Laurie Friedman, and ask students what rules they would add to the list.

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Happy Book Birthday to **Spencer's New Pet** by Jessie Sima

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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Family Fun Month: Share **"33 Journal Prompts to Celebrate Family Fun Month."**

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Ice Cream Sandwich Day: Check out **"27 Ice Cream Sandwiches to Get You Through Those Hot Summer Days."** Which ones will you try?

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Liesl Shurtliff's Birthday: Keep an eye out for your chance for a **free Skype visit** from the amazing author of the books *Rump*, *Red*, *Jack*, and *Grump!*



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Lazy Day: Have you had a particularly busy week? Why not give yourself permission to take today to just be lazy? It's a do-nothing day.

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National Happiness Happens Day: Encourage students to write down three things that happen today that make them happy.

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Patricia C. McKissack's Birthday: Share this **video** of the late, beloved author speaking on why she writes and how she came to tell stories.

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National Thrift Shop Day: You never know what treasures await at the thrift shop. Bring in a handful of random thrift shop finds and challenge students to write a short story involving one or more of the items.

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National Relaxation Day: Do something today to let go of stress and make time for you. Read a book. Bake cookies. Take a walk in the park. Play some video games. Whatever relaxing looks like for you!

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Eric Litwin's Birthday: Check out Litwin's **website** for free downloads and music videos for all of his bestselling book series, including *Pete the Cat*, *The Nuts*, and *Groovy Joe*.

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International Strange Music Day: What's strange to some is beautiful to others. Help students to create music using unusual or found objects. Bonus points if the song is recognizable!

22

National Tooth Fairy Day: Share *The Berenstain Bears and the Tooth Fairy* by Jan and Mike Berenstain.

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National Ride the Wind Day: Take to the skies by kite or balloon or ... paper airplane! Here is a cool **design** that might turn the heads of your students.

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National Trail Mix Day: Want to make your own trail mix for a group of hungry campers? The Boy Scouts have ranked **"35 Trail Mix Ingredients from Best to Worst."**

29

Karen Hesse's Birthday: Share the audiobook adaptation of Hesse's Newbery-winning *Out of the Dust*.

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National Toasted Marshmallow Day: Since you can't toast marshmallows in a classroom, have students use fine tip pens to turn them into people akin to the characters in *Rowboat Watkins' Most Marshmallows*.

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National Sea Serpent Day: Have students craft their own sea serpents like those in *The Littlest Viking*, by Alexandra Penfold, illustrated by Isabel Roxas. Use paper cutouts and tape onto shish kabob skewers to bring them to life.

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National Creamsicle Day: Rethink the favorite poolside summer treat with one of these **"12 Twists On Creamsicles That'll Make Your Summer."**

21

Sharon Draper's Birthday: Did you know that this bestselling author of *Out of My Mind*, *Stella by Starlight*, and *Blended* also provides **study questions** for book clubs via her website?

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National Bow Tie Day: Don't have a spare **bow tie** lying around? You can fashion one out of a necktie in a pinch.

