

Bold colored text indicates a live link. Click on the links to discover more information. For more programming ideas, visit ideas.demco.com/category/blog/.

- Holiday
- Celebration
- Birthday

September 2019

Children's Activity Calendar

SUNDAY

1

Happy Book Birthday to *My Footprints* by Bao Phi, illustrated by Basia Tran

8

Alison Formento's Birthday: Share one of Formento's *These Things Count!* books as a springboard for an investigation of nature outside your classroom or school.

15

National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15—Oct. 15): Make a display of #ownvoices **picture books and novels** by and about Hispanic individuals.

22

Elephant Appreciation Day: Pair today's celebrating with Mo Williams' *Happy Pig Day!* from the Elephant and Piggie series, and you've got quite a literary celebration of friends!

29

National Coffee Day: How do you take yours? Enjoy these **38 ways to make perfect coffee**.

MONDAY

2

Labor Day: Time to get to work and make a difference. Get inspired by *She Spoke: 14 Women Who Raised Their Voices and Changed the World* by Kathy MacMillan and Manuela Bernardi, illustrated by Kathrin Honesta.

9

Classical Music Month: Play classical music while reading *Bach to the Rescue!!! How a Rich Dude Who Couldn't Sleep Inspired the Greatest Music Ever* by Tom Angleberger, illustrated by Elio.

16

National Play-Doh Day: It's easy to make and versatile to play with, and it's something that people of all ages can enjoy. Use the **Best Homemade Playdough Recipe** to make a batch!

23

First Day of Autumn: In your makerspace, provide materials for students to **make fall crafts**.

30

Safety Pin Day: Make **friendship pins** with your students to share and wear, care of these simple directions from Kinder Art.



TUESDAY

3

Library Card Sign-Up Month: Your school library might not always have what the students want. Help support the school-home connection by promoting library card sign-up throughout your community.

10

Happy Book Birthday to *The End of Something Wonderful: A Practical Guide to a Backyard Funeral* by Stephanie V. W. Lucianovic, illustrated by George Ermos

17

Happy Book Birthday to *Who Wet My Pants?* by Bob Shea, illustrated by Zachariah OHora

24

Happy Book Birthday to *Explorers* by Matthew Cordell

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

4
Syd Hoff's Birthday: Ask students where they would take a pet dinosaur if given the opportunity, like Danny experiences in Hoff's classic *Danny and the Dinosaur*.

5
National Cheese Pizza Day: In honor of this favorite cheesy meal, share [fun facts about pizza](#).

6
Piano Month: While there are many great things you can do with a piano, bringing it to the beach is not one of them. Magnolia may tell you otherwise in *If You Ever Want to Bring a Piano to the Beach, Don't!* by Elise Parsley.

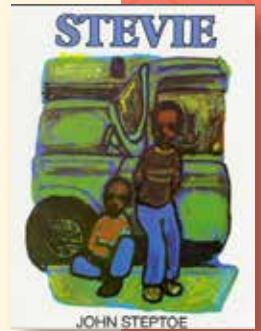
7
National Salami Day: Maybe it's better not to see how the sausage is made? But this is salami, so here's a video from [How to Make Everything](#) in case you're curious.

11
National Day of Service and Remembrance: Share one of these beautiful [children's books about 9/11](#) from Book Riot.

12
National Chocolate Milkshake Day: Who makes the best chocolate shakes in your area? Go treat yourself—you deserve it!

13
Positive Thinking Day: Give yourself some TLC today with these [20 Gentle Quotations](#) from Mr. Rogers.

14
John Steptoe's Birthday: Listen to *Sesame Street's* Gordon read aloud *Stevie* by John Steptoe in this [classic episode](#).



18
National Cheeseburger Day: For an extra tasty (or extra stomach-turning) treat, share [Sam's Hamburger](#) by David Pelham with your students.

19
International Talk Like a Pirate Day: The folks at We Are Teachers have [7 Ways to Celebrate International Talk Like a Pirate Day](#) that can make celebrating extra fun!

20
Arthur Geisert's Birthday: Learn about Geisert's fascinating use of copper plate etchings to create his picture books in this [conversation video](#) from Enchanted Lion.

21
World Gratitude Day: It's not difficult to find things for which you are thankful, if you just take time to consider it. While you and students ponder, share [Gracias/Thanks](#) by Pat Mora, illustrated by John Parra.

25
National Comic Book Day: You probably have many graphic novel readers in your library or classroom, but have your students ever read a comic book? What about a webcomic? A comic strip? Share comics of all types today!

26
National Pancake Day: Share the fun picture book [Hey, Pancakes!](#) by Tamson Weston, illustrated by Stephen Gammell. Then, take a poll of students' favorite kinds of pancakes or other breakfast treats.

27
G. Brian Karas' Birthday: Share a [collection of G. Brian Karas' works](#) including *Clever Jack Takes the Cake*, *Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!*, and *Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla*.

28
National Good Neighbor Day: Bring some color and joy to your neighborhood with these [Random Acts of Art: Crafts to Add Fun to Your Neighborhood](#) from *Parents* magazine.

“Music does not have a race or a disposition! Every instrument has a voice that contributes.”

— Pam Muñoz Ryan, *Echo*

