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- Holiday
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SUNDAY

“I’m so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers.”

— L.M. Montgomery,
Anne of Green Gables

MONDAY



TUESDAY

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Happy Book Birthday to *Encounter* by Brittany Luby, illustrated by Michaela Goade

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National Mad Hatter Day: Encourage students to wear or create ridiculous and gravity-defying hats in celebration of the famed character from *Alice in Wonderland*.

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Family History Month: Share *Alma and How She Got Her Name* by Juana Martinez-Neal and encourage students to speak with family members about their family’s history.

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Happy Book Birthday to *It Began with a Page: How Gyo Fujikawa Drew the Way* by Kyo Maclear, illustrated by Julie Morstad

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National Roller Skating Month: Use *Roller Girl*, Victoria Jamieson’s award-winning graphic novel to kick off some roller derby fun. Have students create roller derby names like these **39 Killer Literary Roller Derby Names** from Book Riot.

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Indigenous Peoples’ Day: Share one of these **Native American and Indigenous Children’s Books** from Lee & Low Books, the largest multicultural children’s book publisher in the country.

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Happy Book Birthday to *My Singing Nana* by Pat Mora, illustrated by Alyssa Bermudez

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Nikki Grimes’ Birthday: Let’s celebrate poetry! Visit **Grimes’ website** for educator resources and teacher guides to many of her award-winning picture books and novels.

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National Pizza Month: Have students design pizzas based on favorite literary characters and stories. A pizza for the Pigeon would have to include hot dogs! What toppings would Fancy Nancy choose?

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Happy Book Birthday to *Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story* by Kevin Noble Maillard, illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal

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National Cookie Month: Set up a cookie maker station in your classroom where students can design and make **cardboard cookies** using various craft supplies.

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Statue of Liberty Dedication Day: Celebrate the birthday of Lady Liberty by sharing *Her Right Foot* by Dave Eggers, with illustrations by Shawn Harris, a book that celebrates liberty on the move in our nation.

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Happy Book Birthday to *Chapter Two Is Missing* by Josh Lieb, illustrated by Kevin Cornell

October 2019

Children’s Activity Calendar

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p>2</p> <p>National Name Your Car Day: Or, even better, have students name their school bus! Bussy McBus-erton?</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Marilyn Singer's Birthday: Wow readers with one of Singer's books of reversos, poems that are meant to be read top to bottom and then in reverse, including <i>Mirror Mirror</i>, <i>Follow Follow</i>, and <i>Echo Echo</i>.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>National Golf Lovers' Day: Have students design miniature golf courses using graph paper and colored pencils. Courses can be based on favorite learning topics or book plots.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>World Teachers' Day: Use a video conferencing tool such as Skype to connect with a classroom in a different state or country. How is learning similar or different there?</p>
<p>9</p> <p>National Moldy Cheese Day: How long does it take for cheese to become moldy? Do different cheeses mold more quickly? Have students make hypotheses, and set up an experiment in your teaching space for students to observe over the month.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Nancy L. Carlson's Birthday: Carlson's books are excellent for supporting social emotional learning with young learners. Browse all of her books by visiting her website.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>National Coming Out Day: LGBTQ identity is personal, but making a welcoming environment for all learners is something that can be very public. Share <i>When Aidan Became a Brother</i> by Kyle Lukoff, illustrated by Kaylani Juanita.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>National Farmers' Day: Share this video of amazing food processing machines that help farmers harvest crops before they are shipped across the country and to a grocery store near you.</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Joseph Bruchac's Birthday: Bruchac talks about being a person of mixed ancestry in this interview from Reading Rockets.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>National Pasta Day: Using play dough and plastic cutlery, teach students how to make handmade pasta using instructions from How to Make 29 Handmade Pasta Shapes with 4 Types of Dough.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>National Chocolate Cupcake Day: Make some delicious treats for your colleagues or for your upcoming conferences using this Most Amazing Chocolate Cupcake Recipe.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>National Bullying Prevention Month: Visit the PACER Center's website for valuable resources on preventing bullying in your community.</p>
<p>23</p> <p>National Canning Day: Host or help support a canned and nonperishable food drive to benefit your school or neighborhood community.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>National Bologna Day: Forget the sandwich meat and enjoy this video tour highlighting the best and most iconic sites and experiences of Bologna, Italy.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>International Artist Day: Transform your library or classroom into a walking art gallery with prints from artists from around the world, or explore the National Gallery of Art's collection virtually to bring the world into your classroom.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>National Pumpkin Day: Share <i>Stumpkin</i> by Lucy Ruth Cummins, a story about a pumpkin without a stump who worries about not being selected to be carved for Halloween.</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Henry Winkler's Birthday: The popular co-author of the Here's Hank series, not to mention notable actor, has a new book out this month with Lin Oliver called <i>Alien Superstar</i>.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Halloween: Share <i>Zombies Don't Eat Veggies!</i> by Megan Lacera and Jorge Lacera, then enjoy one of these Spooky Halloween Recipes for Kids.</p>		