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November 2019

Children's Activity Calendar

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

“October extinguished itself in a rush of howling winds and driving rain and November arrived, cold as frozen iron ...”

— J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*

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American Indian Heritage Month: The American Indian Youth Literature Award (AIYLA) honors writing and illustrations by and about Native Americans and Indigenous peoples. Display a collection of AIYLA books.

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National Candy Day: Have students work in teams to create their own candy-inspired board games or redesign the classic Candy Land board game with their favorite candies and treats.

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National Novel Writing Month: Encourage your **young writers** to take a shot at writing a novel this month!

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Sandra Markle's Birthday: Read aloud a book in Markle's bestselling *What If You Had* series, and ask students what animal body part they think would give them a nose above the competition.

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National Aviation History Month: Make a "Books Can Take Us Anywhere" display, including books centering on different modes of air transportation and travel.

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Happy Book Birthday to *The Truth About Hawks* by Maxwell Eaton III

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National Model Railroad Month: Take a **virtual tour** of the world's largest model train display at EnterTRAINment Junction in West Chester, Ohio.

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Mickey Mouse Day: Mickey Mouse was first introduced to the world on this day in the 1928 short film *Steamboat Willie*. Today Mickey Mouse is one of the most recognized characters for people of all ages around the world.

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Happy Book Birthday to *Finding Narnia: The Story of C.S. Lewis and His Brother* by Caroline McAlister, illustrated by Jessica Lanan

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Miranda Paul's Birthday: Read aloud *Little Libraries, Big Heroes*, Paul's newest biography picture book. The story centers on the founders of the Little Free Library, now a worldwide phenomenon.

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National Adoption Month: Every family looks different. These **25 Children's Books About Adoption to Read Aloud With Your Family** can help your readers expand what it looks like to be in a family.

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Happy Book Birthday to *Who Wants to Be a Pirate? What It Was Really Like in the Golden Age of Piracy* by Bridget Heos, illustrated by Daniel Duncan

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



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National Author's Day: Have students research a fact about their favorite author by searching the author's website or by reading the author information in a book.

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Jeannie Baker's Birthday: Share this [video](#) of Jeannie Baker discussing her collage techniques in her newest picture book *Playing with Collage* and invite your students to play with collage as well.

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National Saxophone Day: Read *Sonny's Bridge: Jazz Legend Sonny Rollins Finds His Groove* by Barry Wittenstein, illustrated by Keith Mallett, and play music by Sonny Rollins while students draw how it makes them feel.

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Sneed B. Collard III's Birthday: Sneed and son Braden discuss their big year birding that inspired *Warblers and Woodpeckers* on [The Write Question](#) podcast.

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Tongue Twister Day: Challenge students to repeat one of these [20 Popular Tongue Twisters for Kids to Recite](#) from MyKidsTime.

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Pat Cummings' Birthday: Share the lyrical tale *Storm in the Night*, written by Mary Stolz, illustrated by Pat Cummings.



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World Kindness Day: You don't have to travel around the world in order to help change it. Share these [10 Simple Ways Kids Can Volunteer in Their Communities and Make a Difference](#) from ScaryMommy.

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International Girls Day: Share the [Rebel Girls podcast](#), from the creators of *Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls*, to connect today's girls with women from around the world and throughout history who pioneered in their fields.

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National Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day: Have students create short, funny works of fiction imagining what fun things might be lurking in the back of the fridge!

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National Button Day: Create a maker station with an assortment of colored buttons and materials for students to explore on their own or use to make one of these [20 Adorable Button Crafts for Kids](#).

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National Absurdity Day: Today is the day to get silly! Wear mismatched clothes and provide materials for students to create funny crafts in your makerspace.

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World Hello Day: Learn how to say hello in different languages with the song ["Hello Around the World."](#)

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National Start Your Own Country Day: Have students work in groups to imagine their own country and define the governing rules, design the flag, name the currency, and describe the values of their new nation.

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Fibonacci Day: This video about [spirals and Fibonacci](#) is sure to wow you and your students.

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National Pins and Needles Day: Are you familiar with this phrase used to describe feeling both nervous and anxious? Have students describe situations in which they might feel as if they are "on pins and needles."

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Thanksgiving Day: Share *Pete the Cat: The First Thanksgiving* by Kimberly and James Dean.

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Native American Heritage Day: Share *The People Shall Continue* by [Simon J. Ortiz](#), illustrated by Sharol Graves, a powerful retelling of the history of the Native/Indigenous people of North America.

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Computer Security Day: If you're asking yourself whether or not your computer is secure enough, it most likely is not. Here are [some steps to help improve your own personal computer security](#).

