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August 2021

Children's Activity Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p>1</p> <p>National Dog Month: Join DOGust, a celebration for shelter dogs whose birthdays are unknown! Use the North Shore Animal League's birthday pawty planning kit.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>National Back to School Month: Check out 25 Fun Virtual Games by BoredTeachers.com and host a friendly competition on Zoom or Google Meet.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to <i>Pug & Pig and Friends</i> by Sue Lowell Gallion, illustrated by Joyce Wan.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Student voice is a powerful tool. Read edutopia's How to Promote Student Voice—Literally to learn how to start a podcast that lets kids express themselves out loud.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>National Underwear Day: Host a themed read-aloud with books like Creepy Pair of Underwear by Aaron Reynolds and Peter Brown or Captain Underpants by Dav Pilkey.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>National Root Beer Float Day: Try a twist on this classic treat with Floats That Melt in Your Mouth from Easy Kids Recipes.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>National Lighthouse Day: Read Sophie Blackall's Caldecott-winning Hello, Lighthouse, and then take a virtual tour of Rose Island Lighthouse.</p>	
<p>8</p> <p>National Happiness Happens Day: Celebrate everyday moments of joy and delight by Helping Kids Find Happiness in the World Around Them (via GrowKidsMinds.com).</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Book Lovers Day: Host a craft day or share instructions for one of Worth Writing For's 21 Children's Book Themed Crafts for Kids.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to <i>Be Strong</i> by Pat Zietlow Miller, illustrated by Jen Hill.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Shark Week: Spanning August 9–16, this week is the perfect time to learn how important sharks are to our world. Read <i>If Sharks Disappeared</i> by Lily Williams and learn more on her website.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>National Middle Child Day: Show middle children they are appreciated today by sharing Picture Books About Middle Children that put them in the spotlight.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>International Left-Handers Day: Use free posters and ideas from LeftHandersDay.com to Create Your Own Lefty Zone, where everything must be done left-handed!</p>	<p>14</p> <p>National Crayon Collection Month: Learn about the invention of crayons in The Crayon Man by Natascha Biebow, illustrated by Steven Salerno.</p>	
<p>15</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to <i>Jack Horner: Dinosaur Hunter</i> by Sophia Gholz, illustrated by Dave Shephard.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Close out Shark Week by scheduling a virtual shark education event through Shark Angels or sharing the Aquarium of the Pacific's live shark cam.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to <i>Clovis Keeps His Cool</i> by Katelyn Aronson, illustrated by Eve Farb.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Bad Poetry Day: Give kids permission to play with words in silly ways today. Try 6 Tech-Based Poetry Ideas for Students Who Think They Hate Poetry from teachthought.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>National American Adventures Month: Whether you want to explore the outdoors or learn American history, the National Park Service's Find Your Park quiz can help you plan the perfect trip.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>National Lemonade Day: Find out how to get involved with Alex's Lemonade Stand, a foundation that raises money to help find a cure for childhood cancers.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Anniversary of Hawaii's Statehood: Share Native Hawaiian Children's Picture Books to showcase authors and illustrators from this beautiful state.</p>	
<p>22</p> <p>National Tooth Fairy Day: Read How to Trick the Tooth Fairy by Erin Danielle Russell, illustrated by Jennifer Hansen Rolli, and craft a tooth fairy box using an empty tin, plastic gems, and stickers.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Mac Barnett's Birthday: Read <i>Extra Yarn</i> and try one of The Spruce Craft's 10 Yarn Crafts for Kids.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>International Strange Music Day: Open up Chrome Music Lab's Songmaker to experiment with original tunes.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Ian Falconer's Birthday: <i>Olivia</i> is a Caldecott-winning book starring a high-energy, over-the-top pig who loves the beach and Degas paintings.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>National Dog Day: Contact Therapy Dogs International to set up a Reading to Dogs event with local service animals. Share <i>Raising a Hero</i> by Laura Numeroff.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Just Because Day: Sing in the shower, give someone a gift, eat ice cream for breakfast — why? Just because!</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Brian Pinkney's Birthday: Share the award-winning illustrator's <i>Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down</i>, written by Andrea Davis Pinkney, and work through the Educator's Guide.</p>	
<p>29</p> <p>Get kids' backpacks school-ready with DIY Luggage Tags from Handmade Charlotte.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Mary Shelley's Birthday: On Frankenstein Day, honor the iconic monster with these Fun Family Crafts and read <i>She Made a Monster</i> by Lynn Fulton, illustrated by Felicita Sala.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to <i>Survivor Tree</i> by Marcie Colleen, illustrated by Aaron Becker. Read the story of a resilient tree that healed and was replanted in its original home — now the 9/11 Memorial.</p>	<p><i>“Librarians save lives by handing the right book at the right time to a kid in need.”</i> — Judy Blume</p>				

