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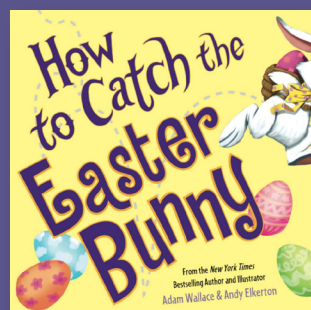
TUESDAY

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*“I have found the most valuable thing in my wallet is my library card.”*

— Laura Bush

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**April Fool's Day:** Get a head start on your jokesters this year by trying one of the **31 April Fools' Day Jokes for Teachers to Play at School.**

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**International Children's Book Day:** USBBY publishes the best international children's books list each year. Choose one of **these beautiful titles** from authors around the globe to read out loud.

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**Film Score Day:** On this date in 1943, the first-ever film score release was *The Jungle Book*. Make a playlist of popular scores and see if kids can guess the movie.

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**School Librarian Day:** Read *Library Mouse* by Daniel Kirk and give kids folded pieces of paper to write their own book just like Sam. Watch the author guide everyone through **drawing Sam** from KidLit TV.

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Is there a book festival coming to your area for spring? Check out this list by **bookreporter.com** and encourage kids to hit the road.

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Combine springtime and poetry by reading Rebecca Gardyn Livingston's new book **Whatever Comes Tomorrow**. This flowery cover and lyrical rhyming text takes readers on a journey centered around strength and resilience.

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**Humor Month:** Laughing reduces stress and supports our immune system. Find ways to laugh every day with kids and make a humorous book display to tickle the funny bone.

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**Tomorrow is Unicorn Day:** Read **Unicorn Thinks He's Pretty Great** by Bob Shea and have a uni-versally great time making these **paper roll unicorns** by Red Ted Art.

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**Easter:** Don't let the Easter Bunny get away. Read **How to Catch the Easter Bunny** by Adam Wallace, illustrated by Andy Elkerton.

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**Encourage a Young Writer Day:** Inspire stories, journal entries, and more with **300 Creative Writing Prompts for Kids** from ThinkWritten.

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**Poetry Month:** Take kids through your 811 section to explore the endless poems in a variety of styles. Shel Silverstein? Robert Frost? Marilyn Singer?

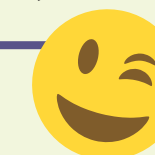
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**School Library Month:** Hold contests, build partnerships, give away books. How can you promote the great things you do in your library space? Shout out on #SchoolLibraryMonth.

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**Scrabble Day:** In 1899 Scrabble inventor Alfred Mosher Butts was born. Host a Scrabble Day in your classroom or library.

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**Moment of Laughter Day:** Tell jokes and silly short stories for a LOL day..

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**World Art Day:** Visit a virtual art museum with kids and make a display of art-themed books alongside their own art.

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**Math Education Month:** Explore the **Math Books for Kids list** by Betsy Bird from School Library Journal.

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Get ready for sunny days ahead with this **Make a Sundial STEM activity** from Science Sparks.

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**Happy Book Birthday to Finley: A Moose on The Caboose** by Candace Spizzirri, illustrated by Chantelle and Burgen Thorne.

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Read **A Song of Frutas** by Margarita Engle, illustrated by Sara Palacios. In this NEA Read Across America April book recommendation, a young Cuban girl helps her singing street vendor grandfather sell fruit.

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Need a springtime STEM idea and a humorous book? **SHHH! We Have a Plan** by Chris Haughton does just that. After reading, have kids **create their own bird** from his website.

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**Barbara Park's Birthday:** Visit **JunieBJones.com** for tons of ideas and activities to celebrate and remember the work of an author who turned many children into readers.

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**Earth Day:** Read **Here We Are: Notes for Living on Earth** by Oliver Jeffers. These **teacher resources** are filled with extension ideas to help spread the Earth Day message.

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**Autism Awareness Month:** Read **Charlie Makes a Splash** by Holly Robinson Peete, a story about embracing neurodiversity.

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**Arab American Heritage Month:** Visit **Social Justice Books** to find children's books to recommend about the Arab experience.

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**Happy Book Birthday to The Yellow Áo Dài** by Hanh Bui, illustrated by Minnie Phan. This debut picture book is about a little girl, her Vietnamese heritage, and a very special áo dài.

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**Pretzel Day:** You can "knot" resist a yummy pretzel. Watch **how to make an Auntie's Anne's Pretzel**.

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**Samuel Morse Birthday:** Help kids tap out their own code from **What Is Morse Code?** by The Touring Teacher.

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Tomorrow is **Poem in Your Pocket Day**. Instruct kids to copy a favorite poem or write their own and put it in their pocket. At random times throughout the day, tell them to pull it out and read it aloud to someone.

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**World Wish Day:** **Share a Wishing Day message from Wish Tree** author Katherine Applegate.



# April 2023

## Children's Activity Calendar

- Holiday
- Celebration
- Birthday