

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

“The moment you doubt whether you can fly, you cease forever to be able to do it.”

— *Peter Pan* by J.M. Barrie



- Holiday
- Celebration
- Birthday

<p>6</p> <p>Root Beer Float Day: Teach STEM through free, themed activities via Teachers Pay Teachers.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Lighthouse Day: After reading Sophie Blackall’s <i>Hello, Lighthouse</i>, try one of the lighthouse crafts from Artsy Craftsy Mom.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to <i>Grandmothers Galore!</i> by Judith Henderson and Ellen Yeomans, <i>Jimmy’s Shoes</i> by Patricia Tanumihardja, and <i>LEGO Amazing Earth</i> by Jennifer Swanson.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Hug Month: Read aloud <i>T.Rex and the Impossible Hug</i> by Jonathan Stutzman. Then make a handprint hug from Who Arted? to give to someone.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Snoopy’s Birthday: Host a birthday party for this iconic lovable dog, who first appeared in comics in 1950. Browse the official Peanuts Worldwide site for ideas.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>The National Book Festival is tomorrow in Washington, DC. Some programs will be livestreamed, and all talks can be viewed online after the Festival concludes.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Walter Dean Myers’ Birthday: Honor this groundbreaking author by creating a display of past winners of The Walter Awards, created by We Need Diverse Books.</p>
<p>13</p> <p>International Left Handers Day: Visit LeftHandersDay.com for decor and ideas to create a Lefty Zone, where everything must be done left-handed.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday (tomorrow) to <i>The Pie That Molly Grew</i> by Sue Heavenrich, illustrated by Chamisa Kellogg, a story about a pumpkin’s journey from seed to harvest.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>On this day in 1947, the Partition of India took effect. Read <i>The Moon from Dehradun</i> by Shirin Shamsi, illustrated by Tarun Lak.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>U.S. Back to School Month: Browse 96 Back-to-School Bulletin Board Ideas from WeAreTeachers.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Share Becky Scharnhorst’s back-to-school books to spark excitement for a new year of learning, including her newest: <i>How to Get Your Octopus to School</i>.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Get Ready For Kindergarten Month: Help parents prepare their children for this milestone with Scholastic’s 20 Skills for kindergarten success.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Crayon Collection Month: Host a crayon collection drive with school and community playbooks from The Crayon Initiative.</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Browse YouTube for school notebook cover decoration videos. Bring yours in as a model, then set up a station with DIY supplies.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Kwame Alexander’s Birthday: Display Kwame’s books and share the trailer for the movie adaptation of his book <i>The Crossover</i>.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to <i>Paisley’s Big Birthday</i> by Heather P. Stigall, illustrated by Natallia Bushuyeva, a picture book about a bunny’s birthday and the expectations of ‘the big day.’</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Mac Barnett’s Birthday: Read Barnett’s book <i>Telephone</i>, make paper cup telephones, and play <i>Whisper Down the Alley</i>.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Waffle Day: Gather to read the <i>Narwhal and Jelly</i> books by Ben Clanton as you serve up waffles and ice cream.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Kick off International Bat Nights (August 25–27) with a guest speaker, bat crafts from Kids’ Craft Room, and book displays.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Dori Hillestad Butler’s Birthday: Share some of this prolific author’s books along with activities and guides from her website.</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Just Because Day: Make a jar of “just because” ideas that visitors can draw from, including things like reading an encyclopedia, eating dessert for breakfast, or singing in the car.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Get ready for back to school with John Schu’s <i>This Is a School</i>, a story about the sense of community within a school building.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to the <i>Secret of the Dragon Gems</i> by Rajani LaRocca and Chris Baron, a story told in epistolary form with a mystery, science, and friendship focus.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Virginia Lee Burton’s Birthday: Learn more about one of children’s literature’s most beloved creators in <i>Big Machines: The Story of Virginia Lee Burton</i> by Sherri Duskey Rinker.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Zoo Awareness Day: Read <i>Leave It to Plum</i> by Matt Phelan, a story about a peafowl and his zoo antics. Pair it with a peacock craft from Artsy Craftsy Mom.</p>		



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Children’s Activity Calendar

