

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p>April Fools' Day: Plant "doughnut seeds" (Cheerios) with kids and have some fun with other April Fools' Day activities and pranks from Emile Education.</p>	<p>Happy Book Birthday to <i>Sing It Like Celia</i> by Mónica Mancillas, a story about a girl who finds her voice — and herself — with the help of Celia Cruz.</p>	<p>School Library Month: Create a library highlight video to share with the local school community and show off all the amazing things the library offers.</p>	<p>School Librarian Day: Read <i>Penelope Popper, Book Doctor</i> by Toni Buzzeo, illustrated by Jana Christy. Afterwards, sing "We Take Care of Our Books" with kids and explore ideas for activities.</p>	<p>Spring weather is here! Share the Heather Whirl, Weather Girl book series by Linda Oatman High, illustrated by Kris Aro McLeod, and pair the books with STEM weather activities from The Homeschool Scientist.</p>	<p>Look for April book festivals near you and create a shared calendar of book festivals.</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Library Week (Apr. 7–13): Celebrate the library by encouraging kids to help create a book display featuring their favorite books.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Happy Early Book Birthday to <i>Mango Memories</i> by Sita Singh, illustrated by Nabi H. Ali. The picture book tells the story of a girl determined to create her own mango harvesting memories while honoring generational traditions.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Eid al-Fitr begins at sunset: Share the newly released picture book <i>Noura's Crescent Moon</i> by Zainab Khan, illustrated by Nabila Adani.</p>	<p>10 1+5=6</p> <p>Math Education Month: April showers bring May flowers. Have kids chart rainfall this month, plant some flower seeds, and track their growth.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Submarine Day: The first successful submarine was built in 1620. Help kids craft their own submarines using craft ideas from Artsy Craftsy Mom.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>D.E.A.R. Day: Celebrate the joy of independent reading and take part in Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.).</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Poetry Month: Give magnetic poetry a try with kids and encourage them to create their own magnetic poems.</p>
<p>14</p> <p>On this day in 1912, the Titanic hit an iceberg in the North Atlantic Ocean and sank several hours later. Check out Pinterest for some bulletin board ideas to mark the anniversary.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Introduce kids to Tracey West's <i>Dragon Masters</i> book series this month with printables, craft ideas, and more.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to <i>Look</i> by Gabi Snyder, illustrated by Samantha Cotterill. The lyrical picture book proves that if you really look, you never know what the world might give you to see.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Bat Appreciation Day: Celebrate the crucial role of bats by creating a mini display with bat books and interesting facts from Bat Conservation International.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>High Five Day: How many people can kids high five today? Read High Five by Adam Rubin, illustrated by Daniel Salmieri, and host a high five contest!</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Jon Agee's Birthday: Watch the well-known author read and retell his book, <i>Life on Mars</i>. Help kids create their own retelling using different materials.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Autism Awareness Month: Share <i>A Boy Called Bat</i> by Elana Arnold, illustrated by Charles Santoso. This widely acclaimed book series is about a boy on the autism spectrum.</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Humor Month: Celebrate knee-slapping and laugh-out-loud jokes by creating a display in your library with funny book recommendations.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Earth Day: Read <i>Can You Hear the Plants Speak?</i> by Nicholas Hummingbird and Julia Wasson, illustrated by Madelyn Goodnight. Hummingbird shares his own great-grandparents' legacy of protecting Earth's natural resources.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>William Shakespeare's Birthday: Looking to introduce the works of Shakespeare to a younger audience? Explore Mary Hannah Wilson's book suggestions.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>April is the perfect month to feature math and humor in the library with Kimberly Wilson's money-themed books like <i>A Penny's Worth</i> and <i>A Dollar's Grand Dream</i>, both illustrated by Mark Hoffmann.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>DNA Day: Celebrate the discovery of the DNA double helix structure with Hooray for DNA! How a Bear and a Bug Are a Lot Like Us by Pauline Thompson, illustrated by Greg Pizzoli.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Encourage kids to check out NEA's Read Across America April picture book choice, <i>How To Write a Poem</i> by Kwame Alexander and Deanna Nikaido.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Morse Code Day: On this day in 1791, Samuel Morse was born. Help kids make their own morse code machines with tips from <i>Surviving a Teacher's Salary</i>.</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Superhero Day: Look, in the sky! It's a bird, it's a plane, it's...book characters? Encourage kids to brainstorm and share what their favorite book characters would be like as superheroes.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Poem in Your Pocket Day: Ask kids to write down their favorite poems on sheets of paper, put them in their pockets, and read them throughout the day.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to <i>Seashell Key</i> by Lourdes Heuer, illustrated by Lynnor Bontigao. This book series features a diverse group of kids that take readers on adventures in their seaside town.</p>	<p>"Every child in America should have access to a well-stocked school library."</p> <p>— Laura Bush</p>			

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Children's Activity Calendar



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