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Grades 3 - 8



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SUNDAY

MONDAY

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WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

“A friend may be waiting behind a stranger’s face.”

— Maya Angelou, *Letter to My Daughter*



<p>5 National Autism Awareness Month: The “Making Neurodiversity Visible” episode of the Kidlit These Days podcast includes a recommended reading list of titles centering around neurodiverse children.</p>	<p>6 Jump Over Things Day: Be nimble. Be quick. And totally confuse every one of your students by observing this unusual celebration.</p>	<p>7 School Library Month: To celebrate, ask students to write down their favorite books, and then create a display of the different titles.</p>	<p>8 Buddha’s Birthday: Share <i>A Handful of Quiet: Happiness in Four Pebbles</i> by Thich Nhat Hanh, and introduce students to the practice of pebble meditation.</p>	<p>9 First Day of Passover: Share <i>A Sweet Passover</i>, written by Lesléa Newman and illustrated by David Slonim, using this helpful book guide from PJ Library.</p>	<p>10 Martin Waddell’s Birthday: Author of the beloved Little Bear series Martin Waddell shares <i>Farmer Duck</i> and discusses how the book came to be in this video from the publisher.</p>	<p>11 National Pet Day: Create pet rock necklaces with your students using a few simple items and these directions from KinderArt.</p>
<p>12 Easter Sunday: Have your readers discovered Deborah Underwood’s Here Comes Cat series, illustrated by Claudia Rueda? These hilarious books are sure to entertain, including <i>Here Comes the Easter Cat</i>.</p>	<p>13 National Poetry Month: There are endless poems to discover and enjoy in the library. Introduce students to the 811 section and spend the month reading aloud favorite poems from diverse voices.</p>	<p>14 Happy Book Birthday to BOX: <i>Henry Brown Mails Himself to Freedom</i> by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Michele Wood</p>	<p>15 Tax Day: Read aloud <i>The President of the Jungle</i> by André Rodrigues, Larissa Ribeiro, Paula Desgualdo, and Pedro Markun, in which the king of the jungle is overthrown in order to form a democratic union.</p>	<p>16 National Wear Your Pajamas to Work Day: This is always a favorite any-day celebration for students, but today is your opportunity to get in on the fun.</p>	<p>17 Jillian Tamaki’s Birthday: Cartoonist Jillian Tamaki discusses creating the art for <i>This One Summer</i>, a Caldecott honor book, with author Mariko Tamaki in this video.</p>	<p>18 Record Store Day: Check out Mo Willems’ <i>Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed: The Rock Experience</i> two-sided vinyl for a really fun book tie-in.</p>
<p>19 National Library Week: This year the ALA has selected the theme “Find Your Place at the Library.” Resources are available here.</p>	<p>20 National Humor Month: Looking for ways to make students laugh? Try one of these 8 Activities to Celebrate National Humor Month.</p>	<p>21 Yom HaShoah: Also known as Holocaust Remembrance Day, the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage offers these 5 Ways to Observe Yom HaShoah.</p>	<p>22 Arab American Heritage Month: Check out 8 fun ideas to celebrate Arab American heritage.</p>	<p>23 Ramadan Begins: Share <i>Under the Ramadan Moon</i> by Sylvia Whitman, illustrated by Sue Williams.</p>	<p>24 National Arbor Day: Can your students identify all of the trees around your school or neighborhood? Leaf-ID is an excellent resource for identifying trees by their leaves.</p>	<p>25 World Penguin Day: Explore.org has links to lots of animal webcams, including the Magellanic penguin exhibit at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach, California.</p>
<p>26 Marilyn Nelson’s Birthday: Nelson shares how she discovered poetry in this beautiful piece on her website.</p>	<p>27 Keep America Beautiful Month: Get acquainted with our national parks system through <i>You Are Home: An Ode to the National Parks</i>, a beautiful picture book by Evan Turk.</p>	<p>28 National Superhero Day: Ask students who their favorite superheroes are, real or imaginary. Then ask, “If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?”</p>	<p>29 Amy Krouse Rosenthal’s Birthday: The late Amy Krouse Rosenthal shares her 7 Notes on Life in a memorable TEDx Talk.</p>	<p>30 Mathematics and Statistics Awareness Month: Check out this helpful article from the American Statistical Association for helpful links and resources.</p>		

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Children’s Activity Calendar



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