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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

“It does not do to dwell on dreams and forget to live.”

— J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone*

July 2020

Children’s Activity Calendar

<p>5</p> <p>National Anti-Boredom Month: Boredom is linked with increased creativity. Today’s your change to let yourself be bored and see what creative ideas come to you! Screens off. Brains on!</p>	<p>6</p> <p>His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama’s Birthday: Introduce your students to His Holiness, the exiled head of Tibet and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, through photos and videos on his website.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to <i>Danbi Leads the School Parade</i> by Anna Kim</p>
<p>12</p> <p>National Ice Cream Month: Can you and your students craft flavors like the pros? Ben & Jerry’s is open to submissions. While you must be 18 to enter, your students can help get the wheels of delicious creativity turning!</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Ashley Bryan’s Birthday: Share <i>Infinite Hope</i>, poet Ashley Bryan’s deeply moving memoir.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Susana Martinez’s Birthday: Martinez made history as the first Latina governor in the United States and first woman to be elected governor of New Mexico.</p>
<p>19</p> <p>National Ice Cream Day: No better Sunday to enjoy a sundae!</p>	<p>20</p> <p>National Picnic Month: Make a display of essential items for a picnic, including a blanket, plates, food, and beverages. Then invite students to help build a stack of books they’d take picnicking with them.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to <i>Vs for Voting</i> by Kate Farrell, illustrated by Caitlin Kuhwald.</p>
<p>26</p> <p>On this day in 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act was signed into law, prohibiting discrimination based on disabilities. Evaluate whether your classroom or library is fully accessible to all students.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>National Park and Recreation Month: Take students on virtual tours of some of the country’s most beautiful national parks.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>National Hamburger Day: Read <i>The Perfect Hamburger</i> by Alexander McCall Smith, and take a survey of students’ favorite burger toppings!</p>

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1
Second Half of the Year Day: You did it! You made it halfway through the year! Celebrate by taking things in halves today: sandwiches, books, drinks, you name it!

2
World UFO Day: Are there any UFO believers in your classroom or library? Have students draw pictures of what they think an alien might look like.

3
Stay Out of the Sun Day: You might be tempted to use today as an excuse to stay indoors, but what if instead you used it for the most epic round of walk-on-the-shadows? See who can make it the farthest without stepping on the sun!

4
Independence Day: Remind students of our right and responsibility as citizens of the United States to use our voices for change. Share *Vote for Our Future!* by Margaret McNamara, illustrated by Micah Player.

8
Video Games Day: Invite your students to talk to you about their favorite video games and why they love them so much. I recommend *Untitled Goose Game*.

9
National Sugar Cookie Day: Dress up your book drop as *Cookie Monster* and invite your students to feed him their favorite reads.



10
National Don't Step on a Bee Day: Summer fun and shoeless play go hand-in-hand, but watch out for any apiary friends that might be busy at work underfoot.

11
Patricia Polacco's Birthday: Watch Patricia talk about the many ways her family history inspires her stories and illustrations.

15
National Gummi Worm Day: Check out these creative activities you can try with these wiggly, squiggly treats!



16
Guinea Pig Appreciation Day: How do you talk to guinea pigs to let them know they are appreciated? Here's a video from the Guinea Pig Whisperer with tips.

17
World Emoji Day: Challenge students to design their own series of emojis!

18
Nelson Mandela's Birthday: Celebrate the birthday of the first black president of South Africa by reading *Grandad Mandela* by Ambassador Zindzi Mandela with Zazi and Ziwelene Mandela, illustrated by Sean Qualls.

22
National Penuche Day: What exactly is penuche? Martha Stewart's recipe video will whet your appetite.

23
National Mosquito Day: Celebrate everyone's least favorite insect by reading *Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot vs. the Mutant Mosquitoes from Mercury* by Dav Pilkey, illustrated by Dan Santat.

24
National Drive-Thru Day: In recent months, we have all discovered the importance of drive-thrus. We have drive-thru banks, restaurants, and even mechanics. What other drive-thrus can students think of?

25
Thread the Needle Day: Will you use the day to sew? Or to find the path forward between two opposing thoughts? Either way, here's hoping it's a peaceful and restful day.

29
National Hot Dog Month: It's the perfect time to read *The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog* by Mo Willems and challenge students to invent their own hot dog recipes.

30
National Cheesecake Day: Delight your students with a no-bake rainbow cheesecake dessert fit for a unicorn (or a rainy day) from the folks at Tastemade!

31
J.K. Rowling's Birthday: Don your best dress robes and share the new *Harry Potter at Home* website to celebrate the creator of everyone's favorite wizard today.

