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SUNDAY

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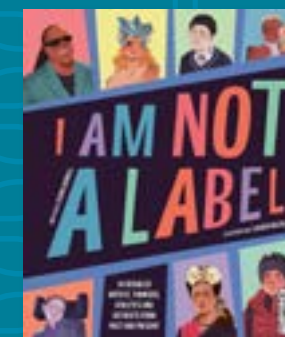
FRIDAY

SATURDAY

- Holiday
- Celebration
- Birthday

“The color of springtime is in the flowers; the color of winter is in the imagination.”

— Terri Guillemets



1 **New Year's Day:** Ask students to create “2021” acrostic poems. Use each number to state a wish for the new year, like “2 new graphic novels read” or “0 snow days.”

2 **National Science Fiction Day:** Promote books “from the farthest reaches of space,” including those by Margaret Peterson Haddix, Madeleine L'Engle, and Molly Brooks.

<p>3</p> <p>Creativity Month: Have students take selfies making a “thinking face,” then add thought bubble illustrations that express their creativity.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Trivia Day: Quiz students on facts about the school. Offer one fun prize per grade level.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to <i>Bunbun & Bonbon: Hoppy Go Lucky</i> by Jess Keating.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Cuddle Up Day: Encourage students to cuddle up with a favorite stuffed animal and read <i>Huddle Up!</i> by Bethany Hegedus; illustrated by Michael Deas.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Bobblehead Day: Show students how to make their own bobbleheads using the Bobble Head Paper Unicorn video from Paper Crafts for Kids.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Stephen Hawking's Birthday: Introduce your students to outstanding people with disabilities in <i>I Am Not a Label</i> by Carrie Burnell; illustrated by Lauren Mark Baldo.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Apricot Day: Share this simple Apricot-Coconut Balls recipe from Childhood 101.</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Houseplant Appreciation Day: Decorate thank you cards for plants, highlighting the good things they add to indoor spaces.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Brainteaser Month: These 45 Fun Brain Teasers for Kids [With Answers] are the perfect way to engage young learners in critical and creative thinking!</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to <i>Stella Díaz Dreams Big</i> by Angela Dominguez.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Make Your Dreams Come True Day: Survey students to collect their dreams for the year. See which ones you might be able to help make a reality.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Dress Up Your Pet Day: Check out 20 adorable animal costumes. Which pet from your community might win a contest for best school spirit?</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Dianne de Las Casas's Birthday: Celebrate the late founder of Picture Book Month by sharing her books with readers.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Appreciate a Dragon Day: Make a display of books featuring dragons and other reptiles, including iguanas, lizards, and komodo dragons.</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Thank You Month: Finding the right words can make gratitude extra special. Share 85 Ways to Say Thank You with your students.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: Introduce students to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial on the National Park Service website.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to <i>Together We March: 25 Protest Movements That Marched into History</i> by Leah Henderson; illustrated by Tyler Feder.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Penguin Awareness Day: Share “Is Antarctica losing its penguins?” from Science Journal for Kids and discuss ways we can help our environment.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Squirrel Appreciation Day: Check out this adorable video of a baby squirrel trying to get over a wall.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Rafe Martin's Birthday: Renowned storyteller Rafe Martin reads aloud from some of his beloved books via his YouTube channel.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Handwriting Day: Handwriting can be tricky to master. Here are 5 Ways to Improve Your Child's Handwriting from Scholastic.</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Peanut Butter Day: Learn 26 Fun Facts about Peanuts & Peanut Butter.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Mentoring Month: Pair students in upper and lower grades. Have the older students read aloud to the younger students throughout the month.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Anniversary of Michigan's Statehood: Help students find “The Mitten” on a US map, then choose a mitten-themed craft like a DIY lacing card to celebrate its statehood.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>National Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day: Use bubble wrap to make prints! Paint the textured side, then press it gently onto paper to create art.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Kazoo Day: Kazoos can be played by anyone! Check out this video of a kazoo cover of the main theme from The Avengers.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Oprah Winfrey's Birthday: Celebrate groundbreaking success with Run the Show Like CEO Oprah Winfrey by Caroline Moss; illustrated by Sinem Erkas.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Seed Swap Day: Help the joy of reading “spread” by having students research local wildflowers and share what they find.</p>
<p>31</p> <p>Soup Month: Bestselling author Mo Willems offers up a delicious recipe.</p>						



January 2021

Children's Activity Calendar

Creativity Month | Brainteaser Month | Thank You Month | Mentoring Month | Soup Month