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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

“There will be times when you walk into a room and no one there is quite like you ... until the day you begin to share your stories.”

— Jacqueline Woodson, *The Day You Begin*

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Children's Activity Calendar

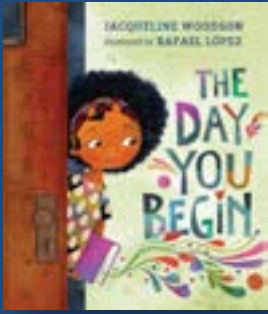
<p>2</p> <p>Be Kind to Animals Week: Focus on nonfiction with the Scientists in the Field book series. Each book highlights one scientist's exciting work.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Children's Book Week: Visit the Every Child a Reader website for ideas on how to promote CBW in your library.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to When My Cousins Come to Town by Angela Shanté, illustrated by Keisha Morris.</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Mother's Day: Help kids make something special for moms and caregivers with the ideas on FamilyFun's Mother's Day Pinterest Board.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Christopher Paul Curtis's Birthday: Access teacher resources and videos to support Curtis' award-winning books on his website.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to Peace Train by Cat Stevens, illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds.</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Get Caught Reading Month: Have students take selfies in their favorite reading spots and post them on a bulletin board or share on your library's website.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>National Physical Fitness and Sports Month: Physical activity can boost your mood, reduce stress, and improve sleep. Try 16 Mind-Blowing Exercise Games from Flintobox.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>International Museum Day: Explore The Best Free Virtual Tours of Museums in the World, and then invite students to create and share a display of their own.</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Margaret Wise Brown's Birthday: Read one of her over 100 beloved books.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>National Photography Month: See differently with 23 Ideas from RedTedArt.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to What Are Your Words? A Book About Pronouns by Katherine Locke, illustrated by Anne Passchier.</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Frances O'Roark Dowell's Birthday: Browse her blog for creative writing tips!</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Memorial Day: Talk about The Wall by Eve Bunting, illustrated by Ronald Himler.</p>	

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



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May Day: Go on a nature walk and look for signs of spring. Collect flowers, play in puddles, or go on a scavenger hunt along the way.

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Cinco de Mayo: Celebrate this important day in Mexican history by reading *The Piñata That the Farm Maiden Hung* by Samantha R. Vamos, illustrated by Sebastià Serra, a beautiful bilingual picture book.

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Teacher Appreciation Week: These ideas for [How to Celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week Virtually](#) from Brightly can be used by students anywhere.

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National Salad Month: Show kids that eating healthy food can be fun and delicious with [5 Kid-Approved Salad Recipes](#) from Kid Activities.

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Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom Hashoah): Share *I Will Come Back for You: A Family in Hiding During World War II* by Marisabina Russo, an age-appropriate tale of love and resilience.

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National Nurses Week: Host a nurse-themed read-aloud while students personalize these [Printable Nurse Crafts](#) from LearnCreateLove.

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National Apple Pie Day: Visit Sugar, Spice & Glitter for their foolproof [kid-made mini apple pie recipe](#), or bake a favorite from your personal recipe collection.

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Start of Lewis and Clark's Expedition: On this day in 1804, the famous team embarked on their westward adventure. Booktalk several books about their journey.

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National Chocolate Chip Day: Have students write their own recipes for making chocolate chip cookies, and make a class book to share with parents.



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National Foster Care Month: Share *Finding the Right Spot: When Kids Can't Live With Their Parents* by Janice Levy, illustrated by Whitney Martin.

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Mary Pope Osborne's Birthday: Send kids back to real-life history or to legendary locations like Camelot with Osborne's expansive *Magic Tree House* series.

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16th Annual Endangered Species Day: Download the toolkit from the [Endangered Species Coalition](#) to get celebration ideas and sample lesson plans.

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Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month: Visit the [U.S. Department of Education](#) to get cross-curricular activity ideas.

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National Paper Airplane Day: Have kids [experiment with making paper airplanes](#) and see whose can fly the farthest. Have them measure and record their flights.



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Older Americans Month: Check out [Project Giving Kids](#) to find opportunities for intergenerational connections. Filter by "Aid the Elderly."

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National Sunscreen Day: Connections Academy's [Science of Sunscreen experiment](#) shows kids how applying sunscreen makes a difference.

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Learn About Composting Day: Make a [Worms in Dirt recipe](#) and snack on it while talking about composting: what is it, how is it done, and how does it help the planet?