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March 2020

Children's Activity Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Women's History Month: Sharing the lives and accomplishments of the women included in these 17 Children's Books To Read To Your Kids In Honor Of Women's History Month can extend all year long!	2 Dr. Seuss' Birthday Read Across America Day: Read Across America extends all year long, but today is the official day for connecting with other classes school-, state-, or nation-wide for reading and sharing a love of books!	3 Youth Art Month: Encourage students to let their artistic sides shine this month. Display artwork throughout the library for others to enjoy.	4 Dav Pilkey's Birthday: Watch a video for the latest book from the best-selling author of the Dog Man series and Captain Underpants series.	5 National Potty Dance Day: Teachers and librarians of young children are no strangers to the potty dance. Celebrate the day with a potty dance-off to see who can dance legs-crossed the longest without falling over!	6 National Dentist's Day: Here are 20 Activities for a Dental Health Theme that can help promote good tooth care.	7 National Cereal Day: What if your favorite book was adapted into a cereal for children? Have students design cereal box covers for their favorite books.
8 International Women's Day: This year's theme is #EachforEqual, emphasizing that "collectively, each one of us can help create a gender-equal world." Access shareable videos from this and past campaigns .	9 Holi: The Hindu holiday of Holi honors the winter crop harvest and advent of spring. Share Festival of Colors by Surishtha Sehgal and Kabir Sehgal, illustrated by Vashti Harrison.	10 Happy Book Birthday to Woke: A Young Poet's Call to Justice by Mahogany L. Browne with Elizabeth Acevedo and Olivia Gatwood, illustrated by Theodore Taylor III.	11 National Craft Month: Here are 15 Amazing Projects Kids Will Love to Make from the 5-Minute Crafts PLAY channel on YouTube.	12 Virginia Hamilton's Birthday: Celebrate the life of the late Virginia Hamilton , whose legacy is wide-reaching and deeply influential in children's literature as we know it today.	13 National Earmuff Day: Discover the history behind the ubiquitous ear warmers in Earmuffs for Everyone! How Chester Greenwood Became Known as the Inventor of Earmuffs by Meghan McCarthy.	14 National Potato Chip Day: Maybe potato chips are already perfect in your mind. Or maybe one of The Most Unusual Potato Chip Flavors From Around the World will surprise and delight.
15 Everything You Think Is Wrong Day: Today is the day to give yourself a break—decisions can wait until tomorrow. Ask students, "What do you do when you have a big decision to make?"	16 Everything You Do Is Right Day: Today is the day to trust your instincts. Challenge students to choose a new book to read — they're sure to love it, because everything they do today is right!	17 St. Patrick's Day: Celebrate this popular Irish holiday with one of these Easy St. Patrick's Day Crafts for Kids from Crafty Morning.	18 Happy (belated) Book Birthday to We Are Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom, illustrated by Michaela Goade (released on March 17)	19 Swallows Return Day: This day celebrates the return of the cliff swallows to Mission San Juan Capistrano. Explore birds local to your area, then watch outside your classroom windows to see if any migrating birds have returned yet.	20 Fred Rogers' Birthday: Share 75 of Mister Rogers' songs in this beautiful collection of poetry, A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood: The Poetry of Mister Rogers by Fred Rogers, illustrated by Luke Flowers.	21 World Poetry Day: Share selections from Thanku: Poems of Gratitude edited by Miranda Paul, illustrated by Marlena Myles. Have your students explore the various poetic forms described in the book's back matter.
22 United Nations World Water Day: Access to clean water is limited in many places around the world. Learn how you and your school can help improve access globally to a resource many of us take for granted.	23 Music in Our Schools Month: The National Education Association (NEA) shares that "now ... is a critical time to support music in our schools." Find more resources for supporting the arts through NEA's website .	24 Happy Book Birthday to The Bear's Garden by Marcie Colleen, illustrated by Alison Oliver	25 Linda Sue Park's Birthday: Listen to Linda Sue Park's TEDx talk entitled "Can a Children's Book Change the World?"	26 Make Up Your Own Holiday Day: There are so many things worth celebrating, from silliness to remembering special times. Have your students propose different holidays they would like to see recognized.	27 National Spanish Paella Day: Paella is one of the best known dishes in the Spanish cuisine. Here's a recipe for traditional Spanish paella you can share with your colleagues.	28 National Black Forest Cake Day: Many of the 200 fairy tales created by the Brothers Grimm take place in the Black Forest, which shares its name with the classic cake. What a perfect pairing: a sweet dessert and a cautionary tale!
29 Play the Recorder Month: The recorder is an inexpensive and accessible instrument that many students play in general music classes as their first instrument. Check out the Recorder Karate Dojo for more information.	30 National Pencil Day: Encourage students to be creative today using nothing but pencil and paper.	31 Happy Book Birthday to You Be Mommy by Karla Clark, illustrated by Zoe Persico	<p><i>"It's not so much what we have in this life that matters. It's what we do with what we have."</i></p> <p>— Fred Rogers</p>			

