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- Holiday
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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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

— Maya Angelou, *Letter to My Daughter*



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.	6 Jump Over Things Day: Be nimble. Be quick. And totally confuse every one of your students by observing this unusual celebration.	7 School Library Month: To celebrate, ask students to write down their favorite books, and then create a display of the different titles.	8 Buddha’s Birthday: Share A Handful of Quiet: Happiness in Four Pebbles by Thich Nhat Hanh, and introduce students to the practice of pebble meditation.	9 First Day of Passover: Share A Sweet Passover , written by Lesléa Newman and illustrated by David Slonim, using this helpful book guide from PJ Library.	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.	11 National Pet Day: Create pet rock necklaces with your students using a few simple items and these directions from KinderArt.
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 Here Comes the Easter Cat .	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.	14 Happy Book Birthday to BOX: Henry Brown Mails Himself to Freedom by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Michele Wood	15 Tax Day: Read aloud The President of the Jungle 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.	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.	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 .	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.
19 National Library Week: This year the ALA has selected the theme “Find Your Place at the Library.” Resources are available here .	20 National Humor Month: Looking for ways to make students laugh? Try one of these 8 Activities to Celebrate National Humor Month .	21 Yom HaShoah: Also known as Holocaust Remembrance Day, the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage offers these 5 Ways to Observe Yom HaShoah .	22 Arab American Heritage Month: Check out 8 fun ideas to celebrate Arab American heritage.	23 Ramadan Begins: Share Under the Ramadan Moon by Sylvia Whitman, illustrated by Sue Williams.	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.	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.
26 Marilyn Nelson’s Birthday: Nelson shares how she discovered poetry in this beautiful piece on her website.	27 Keep America Beautiful Month: Get acquainted with our national parks system through You Are Home: An Ode to the National Parks , a beautiful picture book by Evan Turk.	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?”	29 Amy Krouse Rosenthal’s Birthday: The late Amy Krouse Rosenthal shares her 7 Notes on Life in a memorable TEDx Talk.	30 Mathematics and Statistics Awareness Month: Check out this helpful article from the American Statistical Association for helpful links and resources.		

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Children’s Activity Calendar

