

April 2018

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1 April Fool's Day Tell a friend your best joke today.	2 It's National Poetry Writing Month.	3 Grab a blanket and head outside to read under a tree or on the porch. Read for 20 minutes.	4 Maya Angelou was a beautiful poet. In honor of her birthday, write your own piece of poetry.	5 April's birthstone is the diamond. What do you know about diamonds? Find out where the name comes from.	6 Learn 5 new words today. Write the words and their definitions in your journal.	7 What is a "diamante" poem? Look it up and then see if you can write your own.
8 Take a trip to library to pick out books to read this month.	9 Look up the word "canopy." Can you make one out of a large sheet? What a great place to read today!	10 Sibling Day Write about what makes your sibling special? Only child? What would your ideal sibling be like?	11 Happy Birthday April Pully Sayre! Read Raindrops Roll. Make a rain gauge to measure the next rainfall.	12 Choose a Beverly Cleary classic like <i>Henry and Beezus</i> in honor of her birthday. How old would she be today?	13 Create a story with a friend. One of you begins and then the other adds to it until you've told the whole story.	14 What is your favorite spring sport? Write a letter to your favorite athlete telling why you like the sport.
15 Spring is a great time to plant seeds. Find out what type of plants grow best in your area.	16 Time Out! Take some time away from TV and video games to read or play a board game with friends or family.	17 Help your parent write a grocery list for this week. Add some of your favorite fruits and vegetables to the list.	18 What do you think life will be like in 100 years? Write about it in your journal and include a drawing.	19 Write the names of five different plants and flowers in your journal. Draw a picture of each.	20 Read for 20 minutes today. Encourage another family member to do the same.	21 Ask your librarian to recommend a mystery book for your reading pleasure.
22 Earth Day Celebrate Earth Day by reading <i>Ready Freddy Save the Earth</i> by Abby Klein. What can you do to	23 Mix things ups with a magazine article. Choose an article to read. What genre does it fit in?	24 Write an acrostic poem using the letters in your name. How does the poem describe you?	25 It is George Ella Lyon's birthday. Read <i>Boal's Float</i> . What other objects can you find that float?	26 National Pretzel Day What type of pretzel is your favorite? Stick, twist, rod, bite size? Grab a few to	27 If the weather is nice, go outside and read today for 27 minutes.	28 Organize your books by subject. Create a pile of books you no longer need and donate them.
29 April showers bring May flowers. Look up how many days it rained this month. What was the total accumulation?	30 In your journal, write as many words as you can that rhyme with "shower."					

April 1, 2018	Sunday
<p>April Fool's Day Check out <i>Clifford's Riddles</i> book. Hear about the riddles and puns made about dogs. https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/cliffords-riddles</p>	
April 2, 2018	Monday
<p><i>A Full Moon is Rising</i> is a collection of poems about the moon as it's seen around the world—and even from outer space! https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/full-moon-rising</p>	
April 3, 2018	Tuesday
<p>After your reading, create a puzzle with the puzzle generator with vocabulary from your book. https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/puzzle-creator</p>	
April 4, 2018	Wednesday
<p>Celebrate National Poetry Month in April (or any time of the year) with this downloadable activity kit from HarperCollins Children's Publishing about <i>Where the Sidewalk Ends</i>. https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/where-sidewalk-ends-poetry-month-activity-kit</p>	
April 5, 2018	Thursday
<p><i>Scholastic Discover More: Rocks and Minerals</i> is a fun, informative book with colorful pictures and interesting facts about rocks and minerals. Readers will discover how rocks and minerals can provide valuable information about the earth and its history. https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/scholastic-discover-more-rocks-and-minerals</p>	
April 6, 2018	Friday
<p>Download this PDF for tips to use journals, artwork, and other writing materials to encourage children's writing. https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/tips-encourage-childrens-writing</p>	

<p>April 7, 2018</p>	<p>Saturday</p>
<p>Read other kid's diamante poems here, and email yours with your parents. http://www.writeawriting.com/poetry/diamante-poem-definition-examples-format/</p>	
<p>April 8, 2018</p>	<p>Sunday</p>
<p>View a list of all of the books that RIF offers book resources for including puzzles, word searches, and games. https://www.rif.org/book-resources</p>	
<p>April 9, 2018</p>	<p>Monday</p>
<p>See how others use a quilt <i>The Keeping Quilt</i> to create a wedding canopy. The quilt symbolizes the family connections that endure through the generations. https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/keeping-quilt</p>	
<p>April 10, 2018</p>	<p>Tuesday</p>
<p>Sibling Day Watch the Read along video of <i>Ish</i>, a book about Ramon who loves to draw until his brother criticizes his work. With the help of his younger sister, Marisol, he learns to see things in a different way. https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/ish-read-aloud-video</p>	
<p>April 11, 2018</p>	<p>Wednesday</p>
<p><i>Raindrops Roll</i> printable think tac toe for educators provides STEAM themed activities which allow students to work independently or in cooperative groups. Students are able to choose one or more activities based on interest levels and learning styles. https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/raindrops-roll-think-tac-toe-extension-activities</p>	

April 12, 2018

Thursday

In this video from Reading Rockets, author Beverly Cleary answers questions from readers about her much-loved books and her life as a writer. Listen in as Mrs. Cleary talks about her favorite teddy bear, where the character Ralph came from, the pleasures of reading and writing, and much more.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/ask-beverly-cleary>

April 13, 2018

Friday

After reading *Black and White*, a collection of four seemingly separate stories, all told simultaneously, will keep the reader on their toes and leave them wondering if they are in fact simply four distinctive stories, or if they are all in some way connected, complete the word search with different words from the stories.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/black-and-white-word-search>

April 14, 2018

Saturday

Pelé goes from playing soccer for fun with his father and friends to being the King of Soccer. He brings glory to his homeland, Brazil, by helping the national team win multiple World Cup titles. A bilingual book about one of soccer's most beloved players. View the resources including word searches, vocabulary words, and others from *Pele King of Soccer*.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/pele-king-soccer-el-rey-del-futbol>

April 15, 2018

Sunday

Spring into reading fun with these spring-themed activity ideas.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/spring-ahead-reading-fun>

April 16, 2018

Monday

When Judy and Peter Shepherd bring home a game called Jumanji from the park they find out it's a game like no other. As they roll the dice, the animals they land on come alive. They also experience a stampede and a monsoon, but when Judy rolls a volcano she figures out how to stop the game. View resources for *Jumanji*.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/jumanji>

April 17, 2018

Tuesday

In *Sunday Shopping*, Evie and her grandmother have a special tradition on Sunday evenings. Look for vocabulary words from Sunday Shopping. Circle or click on words across, down, or diagonally. You can print the puzzle or use the interactive version on your tablet, phone, or computer.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/sunday-shopping-word-search>

April 18, 2018

Wednesday

Need inspiration? Use these animal coloring pages and enhance them to include what you think life will be like in 100 years.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/animal-coloring-pages>

April 19, 2018

Thursday

Below are resources that go along with the title *Sunflower House*. Sunflowers are many of your teachers favorite flowers.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/sunflower-house>

April 20, 2018

Friday

Check out the Reading Machine App, which is a Reading Tool for New Readers. This App allows new readers to hone their reading skills by helping to decode and sound out words. The Reading Machine supports over 100 children's books, which are included in this collection. With each book, you will find a word list, several puzzle games, and easily searchable terms using the App.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/collections/reading-machine-app>

April 21, 2018

Saturday

Medical Mysteries gives readers the inside story of the medical profession's weirdest mysteries, and provides the scientific opinions of the experts. The narrative examines cases that have baffled the scientific community. These mysteries will satisfy every kid's natural delight in all things gross and grizzly; the vividly descriptive text, cool photographs, and descriptive diagrams will capture the attention of every reader. *Medical Mysteries* is a fascinating combination of clinical facts and investigative research.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/medical-mysteries>

<p>April 22, 2018</p>	<p>Sunday</p>
<p>Earth Day Discover ways to engage readers and extend student learning after reading <i>Rivers of Sunlight: How the Sun Moves Water Around the Earth</i> by Molly Bang and Penny Chisholm. Find resources and links to explore ways to celebrate Earth Day. https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/rivers-sunlight-activity-guide</p>	
<p>April 23, 2018</p>	<p>Monday</p>
<p>A popular kid's magazine, National Geographic, also publishes <i>National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book of Animals</i>. This book is an informational text with colorful pictures and fun facts about a variety of animals. It can be used to study animals and their habitats. https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/national-geographic-little-kids-first-big-book-animals</p>	
<p>April 24, 2018</p>	<p>Tuesday</p>
<p>In <i>A, B, See</i>, it contains a collection of photograms of objects which begin with a particular letter of the alphabet. What are the photograms that contain the letters of your game? https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/b-see</p>	
<p>April 25, 2018</p>	<p>Wednesday</p>
<p>Also in <i>Scuffy the Tugboat</i>, the tugboat floats. Watch this animated read aloud video to follow along with the publication. https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/scuffy-tugboat-animated-read-aloud-video</p>	
<p>April 26, 2018</p>	<p>Thursday</p>
<p>National Pretzel Day Eat pretzels while reading <i>What in the Wild?</i>, a mystery animal lurks behind each page. Readers will use the accompanying riddles to gather clues about what each animal might be. Can you guess who made the pile of twigs or left the frothy spittle? https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/what-wild</p>	

April 27, 2018	Friday
<p>Got a minute? <i>T is for Time</i> introduces an alphabet of scientific history related to telling time. Read on to find out different ways people have measured time, from ancient methods to modern inventions. https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/t-time</p>	
April 28, 2018	Saturday
<p>Review all the books and resources that have been filtered out by "animal." https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search?f%5B0%5D=field_themes%3A178</p>	
April 29, 2018	Sunday
<p>After reading <i>First Rain</i> by Charlotte Herman, use this printable and interactive Word Search puzzle. Find and circle words across and down. https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/first-rain-word-search</p>	
April 30, 2018	Monday
<p>In <i>Green Eggs and Ham</i>, Sam-I-am is as persistent as a telemarketer, changing as many variables as possible in the hopes of convincing the nameless skeptic that green eggs and ham are a delicacy to be savored. Read aloud video of <i>Green Eggs and Ham</i> from Reading Pioneers. https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/green-eggs-and-ham-read-aloud-reading-pioneers</p>	