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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

“Dream brave, dream bold, dream big.”

–Vashti Harrison



January 2025

Children's Activity Calendar

<p>5</p> <p>Start kids off this year on the “write” foot by sharing Write Here, Write Now. This new book by Rebecca Gardyn Levington is about introducing kids to all different types of writing.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Happy Early Book Birthday to Stuck! The Story of the La Brea Tar Pits by Joyce Uglow, illustrated by Valerya Milovanova. This lyrical picture book takes the readers through the journey of how the uncovered tar pits reveal an ecological and historical tale.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to Mamiachi & Me: My Mami's Mariachi Band by Jolene and Dakota Gutiérrez, illustrated by the Pura Belpre Illustrator Honor winner Mirelle Ortega.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Bubble Bath Day: Soak up some fun with a DIY bubble bath recipe for kids by Living Well Mom. Pair it with <i>The Pigeon Needs a Bath</i> by Mo Willems for a bubbly good time.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Static Electricity Day: Try some static electricity experiments from Little Bins for Little Hands.</p>	<p>10</p>  <p>Candy Month: Begin the chapter book <i>The Candymakers</i> by Wendy Mass and read it all month. Set up a few Candy Land board games as centers for the month.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Get ready for the wolf moon, the first full moon of a new year by reading <i>Full Moon Lore</i> by Ellen Wahi. Read about the name of the full moon each month and encourage kids to view it.</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Brain Teaser Month: What five-letter word becomes shorter when two letters are added to it? Find this answer and more brain teasers with Osmo.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Sticker Day: In honor of adhesive sticker and label inventor R. Stanton Avery's birthday, give kids blank sticky labels and markers to make their own stickers.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to Flick! The Truth About Lizards. Get ready for more amazing nonfiction by Annette Whipple, the next book in her Truth About series. Pair this reading with a lizard craft for kids by Krokotak.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Skating Month: Host a storytime at a local ice rink and read Little Red Gliding Hood by Tara Lazar. You might even consider hosting some local skaters to read to your kids.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Appreciate a Dragon Day: Create a display of dragon-themed books, create a slideshow of dragon statues and sculptures around the world, and read a favorite dragon book.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Kid Inventors Day: Share some of the kid inventors from Kailei Pew's book Kid-Ventors: 35 Real Kids and Their Amazing Inventions. Have kids brainstorm ideas for new inventions of their own.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Winnie the Pooh Day: Celebrate A.A. Milne's birthday by reading the Caldecott winner <i>Finding Winnie</i> by Lindsay Mattick using the Novel Effect app and this educator's guide.</p>
<p>19</p> <p>World Snow Day: Find a favorite snow day-themed book in the GetEpic Collection.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Commemorate the life of this civil rights leader by sharing Freedom's Ring, an animation of King's famous “I Have a Dream” speech.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Mariachi Day: Read Mamiachi and Me: My Mami's Mariachi Band by Jolene and Dakota Gutiérrez again and pair it with a Paper Bag Mariachi Craft by Our Kid Things.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Library Shelfie Day: Take pictures in front of your library, classroom, or home bookshelves and share them with your school community.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Get ready for the Youth Media Awards by reading the 2024 Caldecott winner <i>Big</i> by Vashti Harrison. Share the interview and use the storytime kit available on her website.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Need a quick winter-themed STEM activity? Make this melting snowman to get kids thinking about science while indoors.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Check out NEA's Read Across America January pick to share with kids.</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Prepare for Chinese New Year (January 29), the year of the snake. Learn about the zodiac animal signs by reading Ruby's Chinese New Year by Vickie Lee, illustrated by Joey Chou.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Youth Media Awards will be announced at ALA's LibLearnX Conference. Either live stream or show the recording later to share the excitement of the best in children's literature.</p>	<p>28</p>  <p>International Lego Day: Share the history of the Lego brick, then set out some Legos and let the building begin.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day: Give each child a piece of bubble wrap to pop and share how bubble wrap is made.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Crayola's Creativity Week: Share the picture book The Incredible Painting of Felix Clousseau by Jon Agee and have kids dig into their creativity by using different media to create their own duck illustrations.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Denise Fleming's Birthday: Celebrate this day by picking a variety of activities to do from Denise's website.</p>	