

**SATURDAY** 

**WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY** 

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**National Audiobook** Month: Encourage students to become better listeners and readers by sharing **Notable Children's Recordings.** 

**Happy Early Book Birthday** (tomorrow) to **Un-Wanted** by Kashelle Gourley, illustrated by Skylar Hogan. Bumble the dog has to decide whether life with his new cat sibling will be as fine as a ball of yarn.

Happy Book Birthday to Where the Deer Slip Through by the late Katey Howes and illustrated by Caldecott Medalist Beth Krommes. This lyrical picture book follows animals on a summer day as they slip through a hedge to bring a farm to life.

**Pet Appreciation Week:** Create a blank space for kids to post pictures of their pets. Read **Strictly No Elephants** by Lisa Mantchev about a pet who doesn't feel appreciated.

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Summer is the perfect time to play in the mud. Use Tanya Konerman's newest release, Mud to the Rescue: How Animals Use Mud to Thrive and Survive. Visit her website to explore the role mud plays in animals' lives.

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Get ready for summer beach trips with Just One Wave by Travis Yonker, a picture book about a boy waiting for a fun wave to come along. Pair it with A Girl and a Glue Gun's DIY Wave in a Bottle.

**Best Friends Day** (tomorrow): Read **Even Better Than** Sprinkles: A Story About Best Friends by Linda Skeers, illustrated by Heather Fox. Then make a card with glitter and decorate a cupcake with sprinkles like the characters in the book.

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World Oceans Day: Read Great Carrier Reef by Jessica Stremer or A is for Australian Reef by Frané Lessac. Pair it with a **light up coral** reef craft from Macquarie Regional Library.

Share **Unicycle Dad** by Sarah Hovorka to lift up relationships between single fathers and their children.

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**Ball Point Pen Day: Let's** call it a 'frindle' instead. Read aloud an excerpt from the novel Frindle by Andrew Clements. Put together a pen decorating station with stationary for letter writing.

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Full Moon: Read Full Moon Pups by Liz Garton Scanlon, illustrated by Chuck Groenink, followed by this aluminum foil moon craft from Palatine Library. Use glow-in-the-dark paint to add a special touch.

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Superman Day: After sharing a Supermanthemed book, try one of these Science Buddies **Aerodynamic Science Projects** from Science Buddies to explain just how Superman flies.

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On this date in 1932, the longest recorded attack of hiccups begins: Charlie Osborne gets the hiccups for 68 years. Break out the Guinness Book of World Records and find other unusual records or read aloud The Hiccupotamus by Aaron Zenz.

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Flag Day: This day commemorates the adoption of the American flag by the Second Continental Congress in 1777. Read America's Flag **Story** by Karen S. Robbins.

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Father's Day:

Share **Miso Magic** by Moni Ritchie Hadley. Invite dads and dad figures with their kids to make something yummy together.

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Candy Month: Host a movie night by showing Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and invite a local candy maker to join in.

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Kick off a month of outdoor ideas by reading *Finding* **Wild** by Megan Wagner Lloyd. Then take a walk and have kids list all the 'wilds' they see.

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**Great Outdoors Month:** Picnic Day: Share Pignic by Matt Phelan and plan a picnic of your own.

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Juneteenth: Help kids learn about and appreciate the significance of Juneteenth with titles from this Read Across America booklist.

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**Summer Solstice:** Nothing says summer like

a swimming pool. Read **Bubbles...UP!** by Jacqueline Davies, illustrated by Sonia Sánchez. Provide inner tubes as seats. Invite kids to wear swimsuits and floaties.

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Make Music Day: Share Jyoti Gopal's One Sweet Song, a picture book about the beauty of music and community, inspired by the real-life balcony singing of Italian people during the pandemic. Watch one of many videos recorded of this coming-together.

World Rainforest Day: Use Zonia's Rain Forest by Juana Martinez-Neal to bring awareness to the plight of our planet's rain forests. Use the teachers' guide to help kids create a list of Zonia's challenges and what can be done.

Insect Week (June 23-29): Flying, crawling, or slithering, insects are a key part of our world. Check out these resources from Insect Week by the Royal **Entomological Society and** share with library visitors.

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**Upcycle Day**: How can you reuse a cereal box, milk carton, or other items just laying around? Try Big Hearted Fams' Kids Can **Upcycle Ideas** on Pinterest. 25

Eric Carle's Birthday:

After watching his collage **technique**, have children use tissue paper and paint to make their own art in Eric' style.

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Use Book Reporter to check out **book festivals** coming up in your area this month.

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**Bingo Day**: Books and Bingo go naturally together. Play the classic game or create a book cover bingo card for a scavenger hunt.

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Summer outdoor reading is calling. Take to a nearby park garden or courtyard to read **Butterfly Park** by Elly MacKay. Pair it with a real butterfly release so readers feel the story connection.

**International Mud Day:** Playing with mud can be therapeutic and creative,

so get sculpting with mud ideas from Artful Kids. Have a hose handy for extra fun and easy clean up. Read Mud! A Picture Book by Annie Bailey.

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**Immigrant Heritage** 

**Month**: Display books that highlight the immigrant experience, including titles from ¡Colorin Colorado!



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