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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

“Everybody uses words to express themselves. Except me. And I bet most people don’t realize the real power of words. But I do.”

– Melody Brooks from *Out of My Mind* by Sharon M. Draper



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Happy Book Birthday to *Divya Far from Home* by Sita Jit, illustrated by Abhilasha Khatri.

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The National Book Festival in Washington D.C. takes place later this month on August 24. Check [Bookreporter.com](https://bookreporter.com) for local book festivals in your area.

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Sleep Under the Stars Night is on August 8. After reading a book about stars or the night sky, help kids create their own **glow-in-the-dark stars**.

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Sisters Day: Celebrate the sisters and siblings in our lives by highlighting all the **books about sisters**.

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Happy Early Birthday (tomorrow) to children’s author Frank Asch! Visit [Frank’s website](#) for classroom ideas, recipes, bookmarks, and other fun activities.

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Happy Book Birthday to *The Ofrenda That We Built* by Jolene and Shaian Gutiérrez, illustrated by Gabby Zapata.

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Help kids create a **DIY mini notebook** for back to school with a little help from Tonni Art & Craft.

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Happy Book Birthday to *School of Fish* by Mary Boone, illustrated by Milena Godoy.

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Book Lover’s Day: Celebrate the joys of books by reading *The Library* by Sarah Stewart, illustrated by David Small. Then, provide supplies to make homemade bookmarks!

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World Lion Day: Create a lion-themed book display and share the Smithsonian’s National Zoo’s **live Lion Cam** with kids.

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Back to School Month: Kickoff the new school year by sharing some tips from Scholastic’s **14 Teacher Reading Tips You Can Share with Your Students’ Parents**.

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World Elephant Day: Celebrate the world’s largest land animal by watching author June Smalls read her book, *She Leads: The Elephant Matriarch*.

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Get Ready for Kindergarten Month: Welcome this year’s kindergarteners by hosting a kindergartener-only event featuring books and a themed snack.

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World Calligraphy Day: Bring back the appreciation for this lost writing form by learning **calligraphy with a video** from Happy Ever Crafter.

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Julia Child’s Birthday: Create a cookbook-themed book display and read *Minette’s Feast* by Susanna Reich, illustrated by Amy Bates. What simple recipe can you and your kids make today?

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Get kids back into the school mindset by reading *How I Spent My Summer Vacation* by Mark Teague. Then, encourage kids to share what they did during the summer months.

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Honeybee Day: Invite a beekeeper to your space, offer pollinator-friendly plants, serve honey snacks, and read *The Honeybee* by Kirsten Hall, illustrated by Isabelle Arsenault.



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Peach Month: What peach books can you share? Perhaps Gus Gordon’s *The Last Peach*? Or *James and the Giant Peach*? Then, try making a **10-minute Peaches and Cream soap** by Happiness is Homemade.

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Happy Early Book Birthday to *Pebble Without a Cause* by Stephanie Campisi, illustrated by Jiarui Jiang.

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Happy Book Birthday to *Almost Underwear* by Jonathan Roth. This true story tells the journey of a single piece of cloth — from Kitty Hawk to the moon and Mars.

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Sharon M. Draper’s Birthday: Celebrate the *Clubhouse Mysteries* series author by sharing one of Sharon’s recent **video interviews**.

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On this date in the year 564, the first sighting of the cryptid, that would later become known as the Loch Ness Monster, was reported.

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Mac Barnett’s Birthday: Celebrate Mac’s birthday by reading *Twenty Questions* with kids and creating your own page of the book with an absurd question.

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Pluto Demoted Day: On this day in 2006, astronomers stripped Pluto of its planet status. To mark the event, read *Pluto Gets the Call* by Adam Rex, illustrated by Laurie Keller.

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Are there any **Free Little Libraries** in your area? Use the map to find one.

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Need to create a bulletin board for back to school? Join and check out the **Library Bulletin Boards and Displays Facebook page** for inspiration.

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Happy Book Birthday to *One Small Spark* by Ruth Spiro, illustrated by Victoria Tentler-Krylov.

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On this day in 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his famous **“I Have a Dream”** speech. To celebrate, read *I Have a Dream* by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., illustrated by Kadir Nelson.

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Lemon Juice Day: Set out supplies to make **lemon juice invisible ink** and encourage kids to write a secret message to their teacher or best friend.

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Toasted Marshmallow Day: After sharing a **video of JJ Landis** reading her book *Marshall Mellow*, create an indoor paper campfire for kids to roast marshmallows. Don’t forget the sticks!

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For a quick and easy interactive idea, create a weekly or monthly literary survey just for kids! Include questions about favorite characters, book titles, or first lines.

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Children’s Activity Calendar

