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Holiday  
Celebration  
Birthday

SUNDAY

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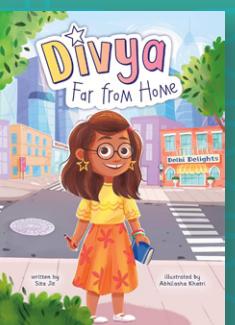
THURSDAY

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](#) 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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<b>Sisters Day:</b> Celebrate the sisters and siblings in our lives by highlighting all the <a href="#">books about sisters</a> .	<b>Happy Early Birthday</b> (tomorrow) to children's author Frank Asch! Visit <a href="#">Frank's website</a> for classroom ideas, recipes, bookmarks, and other fun activities.	<b>Happy Book Birthday</b> to <i>The Ofrenda That We Built</i> by Jolene and Shaian Gutiérrez, illustrated by Gabby Zapata.	Help kids create a <a href="#">DIY mini notebook</a> for back to school with a little help from Tonni Art & Craft.	<b>Happy Book Birthday</b> to <i>School of Fish</i> by Mary Boone, illustrated by Milena Godoy.	<b>Book Lover's Day:</b> Celebrate the joys of books by reading <i>The Library</i> by Sarah Stewart, illustrated by David Small. Then, provide supplies to make homemade bookmarks!	<b>World Lion Day:</b> Create a lion-themed book display and share the Smithsonian's <a href="#">National Zoo's live Lion Cam</a> with kids.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>Back to School Month:</b> Kickoff the new school year by sharing some tips from Scholastic's <a href="#">14 Teacher Reading Tips You Can Share with Your Students' Parents</a> .	<b>World Elephant Day:</b> Celebrate the world's largest land animal by watching author June Smalls read her book, <i>She Leads: The Elephant Matriarch</i> .	<b>Get Ready for Kindergarten Month:</b> Welcome this year's kindergarteners by hosting a kindergartener-only event featuring books and a themed snack.	<b>World Calligraphy Day:</b> Bring back the appreciation for this lost writing form by learning <a href="#">calligraphy with a video</a> from Happy Ever Crafter.	<b>Julia Child's Birthday:</b> Create a cookbook-themed book display and read <i>Minette's Feast</i> by Susanna Reich, illustrated by Amy Bates. What simple recipe can you and your kids make today?	Get kids back into the school mindset by reading <i>How I Spent My Summer Vacation</i> by Mark Teague. Then, encourage kids to share what they did during the summer months.	<b>Honeybee Day:</b> Invite a beekeeper to your space, offer pollinator-friendly plants, serve honey snacks, and read <i>The Honeybee</i> by Kirsten Hall, illustrated by Isabelle Arsenault.
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<b>Peach Month:</b> What peach books can you share? Perhaps Gus Gordon's <i>The Last Peach</i> ? Or James and the Giant Peach? Then, try making a <a href="#">10-minute Peaches and Cream soap</a> by Happiness is Homemade.	<b>Happy Early Book Birthday</b> to <i>Pebble Without a Cause</i> by Stephanie Campisi, illustrated by Jiarui Jiang.	<b>Happy Book Birthday</b> to <i>Almost Underwear</i> by Jonathan Roth. This true story tells the journey of a single piece of cloth — from Kitty Hawk to the moon and Mars.	<b>Sharon M. Draper's Birthday:</b> Celebrate the <i>Clubhouse Mysteries</i> series author by sharing one of Sharon's recent <a href="#">video interviews</a> .	 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.	<b>Mac Barnett's Birthday:</b> Celebrate Mac's birthday by reading <i>Twenty Questions</i> with kids and creating your own page of the book with an absurd question.	<b>Pluto Demoted Day:</b> On this day in 2006, astronomers stripped Pluto of its planet status. To mark the event, read <i>Pluto Gets the Call</i> by Adam Rex, illustrated by Laurie Keller.
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Are there any <a href="#">Free Little Libraries</a> in your area? Use the map to find one.	Need to create a bulletin board for back to school? Join and check out the <a href="#">Library Bulletin Boards and Displays Facebook page</a> for inspiration.	<b>Happy Book Birthday</b> to <i>One Small Spark</i> by Ruth Spiro, illustrated by Victoria Tentler-Krylov.	On this day in 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his famous <a href="#">“I Have a Dream”</a> speech. To celebrate, read <i>I Have a Dream</i> by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., illustrated by Kadir Nelson.	<b>Lemon Juice Day:</b> Set out supplies to make <a href="#">lemon juice invisible ink</a> and encourage kids to write a secret message to their teacher or best friend.	<b>Toasted Marshmallow Day:</b> After sharing a <a href="#">video of JJ Landis</a> reading her book <i>Marshall Mellow</i> , create an indoor paper campfire for kids to roast marshmallows. Don't forget the sticks!	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

