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 Holiday  
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# May 2022

## Children's Activity Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <b>School Principals' Day:</b> Invite a school principal to hang out with the kids and watch <b>The Principal from the Black Lagoon</b> .	<b>2</b> <b>Children's Book Week:</b> Start this memorable week off by reading <b>How to Teach a Slug to Read</b> by Susan Pearson.	<b>3</b> <b>Teacher Appreciation Week:</b> Create a display of iconic books featuring teachers like Mr. Falker, Mr. Terupt, and Miss Brooks.	<b>4</b> <b>Star Wars Day:</b> Celebrate everyone's favorite galaxy far, far away with this <b>May the 4th Be With You Choice Board</b> by Shannon McClintock Miller.	<b>5</b> <b>Cinco de Mayo:</b> Today recognizes the Mexican army's victory in the Battle of Puebla. Celebrate this important day by reading <b>One is a Pinata</b> by Roseanne Greenfield Thong.	<b>6</b> <b>Sunday is Holocaust Remembrance Day:</b> Share <b>The Tree in the Courtyard</b> by Jeff Gottesfeld.	<b>7</b> <b>Free Comic Book Day:</b> Organize a comic book or graphic novel swap to encourage kids to explore other authors and worlds.
<b>8</b> <b>Mother's Day:</b> Ask kids to make a list of literary moms and vote on their favorite.	<b>9</b> <b>Lost Sock Memorial Day:</b> What can kids do with only one sock? Help them turn it into their favorite <b>book character puppet</b> .	<b>10</b> <b>Happy Book Birthday</b> to <b>Strong</b> by Rob Kearney and Eric Rosswood.	<b>11</b> <b>School Nurse Day:</b> Use the <b>National School Nurse Association Toolkit</b> to help kids spread their appreciation for their school nurse's hard work during the pandemic.	<b>12</b> <b>Limerick Day:</b> Encourage kids to have fun writing silly limericks with some tips and tricks from <b>KidZone Poetry</b> .	<b>13</b> Share the NEA Read Across America May pick, <b>Someone Builds the Dream</b> by Lisa Wheeler. Ask students to write a thank-you note to an American worker.	<b>14</b> <b>World Migratory Bird Day:</b> Work with kids to <b>create bird feeders</b> and record the species that visit.
<b>15</b> <b>Peace Officers Memorial Day:</b> Watch <b>Officer Buckle and Gloria</b> by Peggy Rathman to help pay tribute to law enforcement officers who have sacrificed in the line of duty.	<b>16</b> <b>Drawing Day:</b> Children's illustrators took to YouTube during the pandemic to share their drawing secrets. Ask kids to grab some paper and <b>draw along</b> .	<b>17</b> <b>Grace Lin's Birthday:</b> Celebrate this award-winning author-illustrator's birthday by <b>exploring activities and videos</b> on her website.	<b>18</b> <b>International Museum Day:</b> Take kids through a <b>virtual tour</b> of some of the world's most amazing museums. Read <b>A Funny Thing Happened at the Museum</b> by Davide Calli and Benjamin Chaud.	<b>19</b> <b>Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month:</b> <b>Find books</b> to share with kids about the contributions and influence of Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans.	<b>20</b> <b>Mary Pope Osborne's Birthday:</b> Ask students to choose a <b>Magic Tree House</b> book and give a brief presentation about what they learned.	<b>21</b> <b>Endangered Species Day:</b> Use the <b>World Wildlife Fund's list</b> to learn more about our planet's most vulnerable species.
<b>22</b> <b>Solitaire Day:</b> Teach kids how to play solitaire using a deck of cards or an <b>online platform</b> .	<b>23</b> <b>World Turtle Day:</b> Explore <b>turtle facts for kids</b> to better understand these resilient creatures and how they provide ecological balance to our planet.	<b>24</b> <b>Escargot Day:</b> Read the <i>Escargot</i> books by Dashka Slater and try this <b>Peek-A-Book Snail Craft</b> by Arty Crafty Kids.	<b>25</b> <b>Ralph Waldo Emerson's Birthday:</b> Read <b>A Home for Mr. Emerson</b> by Barbara Kerley to get to know this American icon.	<b>26</b> <b>Paper Airplane Day:</b> Turn your space into a hangar. Ask kids to follow the instructions for Engineering Emily's <b>Classic Dart Paper Airplane</b> .	<b>27</b> <b>Sunscreen Day:</b> How does sunscreen keep kids safe? Try this simple science experiment from <b>Playdough to Plato</b> to help them get ready for summer.	<b>28</b> <b>World Hunger Day:</b> Educate kids about the hunger crisis around the globe using resources from <b>KidLitTV</b> .
<b>29</b> <b>Indianapolis 500:</b> To celebrate the greatest spectacle of racing, <b>design a track</b> and host your own toy car race.	<b>30</b> <b>Memorial Day:</b> Read <i>Twenty-One Steps</i> by Jeff Gottesfeld and share the authors' <b>inspiration for the book</b> .	<b>31</b> <b>Happy Book Birthday</b> to <b>A Family Looks Like Love</b> by Kaitlyn Wells.	<p><b>"Books erase bias, they make the uncommon everyday, and the mundane exotic. A book makes all cultures universal."</b> — Grace Lin</p>			

