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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

- Holiday
- Celebration
- Birthday

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Dog Month: Today is DOGust, a celebration for shelter dogs whose birthdays are unknown. Throw a howlin' good time using North Shore Animal League's **birthday pawty planning kit**.

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Christian Robinson's Birthday: Share videos from **Making Space with Christian Robinson** to encourage the creation of artistic masterpieces.

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Watermelon Day: Read *The Watermelon Seed* by Greg Pizzoli and help kids create the **cutest watermelon painted rocks** by Projects with Kids.

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International Owl Awareness Day: Read *Whooo Knew? The Truth About Owls* by Annette Whipple and encourage even more fun with some of her **curious activities**.

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Joan Procter's Birthday: Joan was the first female Curator of Reptiles at the London Zoo. Read *Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor* by Patricia Valdez and help kids create **leaping lizards** from Doodles and Jots.

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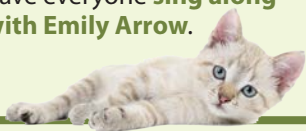
Sandcastle Day: Read *Jules vs. The Ocean* by Jessie Sima and teach children **How to Build the Ultimate Sandcastle**.

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Read A Romance Month: Create a beautiful display of age-appropriate romance titles like **XO, OX** by Adam Rex, illustrated by Scott Campbell.

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International Cat Day: Read *They All Saw A Cat* by Brendan Wenzel and have everyone **sing along with Emily Arrow**.



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Happy Book Birthday to Abuelita and I Make Flan by Adriana Hernandez Bergstrom, a story about a girl, a treasured plate, and yummy flan.

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World Lion Day: African lion populations are in decline, with only around 20,000 remaining in the wild. Read the Caldecott-winning **Lion and the Mouse** by the late Jerry Pinkney to honor this king of the jungle.

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Read *August the Tiger* by Marieke van Ditschuijzen and teach an easy **Origami Tiger Face Craft** by Red Ted Art.

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World Elephant Day: Watch June Smalls read her book **She Leads: The Elephant Matriarch**.

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Inspire kids to give an old backpack a makeover with **personalized backpack ideas** from DIY Candy.

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Read *Zuzu's Wishing Cake* by Linda Michelin, illustrated by D.B. Johnson. Establish a craft station for kids to create their own objects using paper and cardboard.

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Back To School Month: Prepare for a new school year with **bulletin board ideas** compiled by Cari White on Pinterest.

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Tell a Joke Day: Why did the vampire go to the library? Because he wanted to sink his teeth into a good book! Bring laughter all day with this joke and more from **Good Housekeeping**.

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Read *My First Day* by Phung Nguyen Quang and Huynh Kim Lien. Explore the different ways children around the globe **travel to school**.

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Bad Poetry Day: The cat sat on a mat. Yeah, it's not the best. Use this **Magnetic Poetry Kit** to help bring the poet out of every child.

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Aviation Day: Orville Wright's birthday kicks off National Aviation Week. Show **original footage** of the first flight of the Wright Military Flyer in 1909.

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Honey Bee Day: Read *Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera* by Candace Fleming and invite a local beekeeper to bring in their goods for a honey taste test.



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Crayon Collection Month: Gather your old crayons for **24 Unbelievable Things You Can Make With Broken Crayons** from We Are Teachers.

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Happy Early Book Birthday to My Pet Feet by Josh Funk. Tomorrow kids will learn what happens when the letter R goes missing, turning a pet ferret into feet!

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Happy Book Birthday to Mr. Rogers' Gift of Music by Donna Cangelosi, illustrated by Amanda Calatzis.

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Pluto Demoted Day: Astronomers stripped Pluto of its planet status in 2006. Read *Pluto Gets the Call* by Adam Rex and rap along with the **Dwarf Planet Song**.

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Ian Falconer's Birthday: Celebrate this author with coloring pages of **Olivia**, a high-energy, over-the-top pig who loves the beach and Degas paintings.

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Dog Day: Get in touch with **Therapy Dogs International** to schedule a Children Reading to Dogs event with local service animals.

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Hug Month: Read *The Hug Machine* by Scott Campbell and walk kids through some of his **engaging activities**.

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Get kids ready for a new school year by reading *Beach Toys vs. School Supplies* by Mike Ciccotello.

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Temple Grandin's Birthday: Read *The Girl Who Thought in Pictures: The Story of Dr. Temple Grandin* by Julia Finley Mosca.

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Happy Book Birthday to The Mouse Who Carried a House on His Back by Jonathan Stutzman, illustrated by Isabelle Arsenault.

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Ask kids to write notes about their favorite authors and slip them inside the pages of their books throughout the library for a fun surprise.

"You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have."
— Maya Angelou

HUG MACHINE



by Scott Campbell

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Children's Activity Calendar