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Holiday  
 Celebration  
 Birthday

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

*“A picture book is a small door to the enormous world of the visual arts, and they’re often the first art a young person sees.”*

— Tomie dePaola



# September 2022

Children's Activity Calendar

<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>Library Card Sign-Up Month:</b> Read <i>Dreamers</i> by Yuyi Morales to teach kids about the power of getting a library card.</p> 	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>Labor Day:</b> Celebrate American workers! Watch Charles R. Smith read <i>Brick by Brick</i> to teach kids more about the hard work that went into building the White House.</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Happy Book Birthday to Mendel's Hanukkah Mess Up</b> by Chana Stiefel and Larry Stiefel, illustrated by Daphna Awadish.</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Honey Month:</b> Read <i>Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera</i> by Candace Fleming and share <b>homemade honey candy recipe</b> from Traditional Cooking School.</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Read the first two chapters of <i>September Sneakers</i> by Ron Roy and create your own sneaker mystery for kids to solve.</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>Chrysanthemum Day:</b> Read <i>Chrysanthemum</i> by Kevin Henkes. Encourage kids to look up the meaning of their name on <a href="https://www.babynames.com">babynames.com</a> or talk about what their name means to them.</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>Misty Copeland's Birthday:</b> Read <i>Bunheads</i> by this inspiring African American ballerina and share her <b>Time magazine interview</b>.</p>
<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>Grandparents' Day:</b> Read <i>Draw Together</i> by Mihn Lê, illustrated by Dan Santat, and have kids draw a picture that shows them doing something special with their grandparents.</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>Piano Month:</b> Work with kids to write one new measure of an original piano song each day. At the end of the week, play the song to see how it sounds.</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>Milton Hershey's Birthday:</b> Ask kids <b>trivia about chocolate</b>. Award a Hershey bar to the kid with the most correct answers.</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15–October 15):</b> Create a display of <b>Pura Belpré Award winners</b> to recognize <b>writers</b> and <b>illustrators</b> whose work best portrays the Latino cultural experience.</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>Tomie dePaola's Birthday:</b> Create a display of Tomie's books and share his thoughts on <b>why reading is so important</b>.</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>Collect Rocks Day:</b> Lead kids through <b>25 Creative Rock Painting Ideas</b> from Color Made Happy.</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>Constitution Day:</b> Read <i>We the Kids</i> by David Catrow.</p>
<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>Classical Music Month:</b> Play the <b>10 Best Pieces of Classical Music for Kids</b>.</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>Talk Like a Pirate Day:</b> Encourage kids to shout "Ahoy Matie!" and "Aye, Aye Capt'n" all day long. Add an "Aarrgh!" and read your favorite pirate-themed book with flourish.</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>Gibberish Day:</b> Balk un i bunny say today! Say what? Read <i>Gibberish</i> by Young Vo and have kids make up their own language.</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>International Day of Peace:</b> Read <i>Peace</i> by Baptiste Paul and Miranda Paul, illustrated by Estelí Meza. Ask students what peace means to them.</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>First Day of Autumn:</b> Use acorns, fallen leaves, pumpkins, and other fall finds to make some of the <b>15 Fun Fall Acorn Crafts for Kids</b> from SoCal Field Trips.</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>Happy Book Birthday to The Coquis Still Sing</b> by Karina Nicole González, designed by Mercedes Padró, and illustrated by Krystal Quiles.</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>Punctuation Day:</b> Read a punctuation-themed book suggested on <b>Babies to Bookworms</b>. Illustrate how simple punctuation changes can alter the meaning of a sentence.</p>
<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>Rosh Hashanah Begins:</b> During the Jewish New Year, apples and honey symbolize hope for the year ahead. Read <i>Apple Days</i> by Allison Sarnoff Soffer, illustrated by Bob McMahon.</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>Rob Scotton's Birthday:</b> Read <i>Russell the Sheep</i> and show kids how to make an adorable <b>Fingerprint Sheep Craft</b> from Crafty Morning.</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>Happy Book Birthday to Super Pizza &amp; Kid Kale</b> by Phaea Crede, illustrated by Zach Smith.</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>Good Neighbor Day:</b> Encourage kids to get involved in the community with <b>20 Simple Acts of Service</b> from Coastal Bend Mom Collective.</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>World Alzheimer's Month:</b> Read <i>The Remember Balloons</i> by Jessie Oliveros. This gentle story can help children understand what's happening with their loved one's memory.</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Read <i>The Day the Crayons Quit</i> by Drew Daywalt. Ask kids to brainstorm other ways they can add color to the world.</p>	