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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

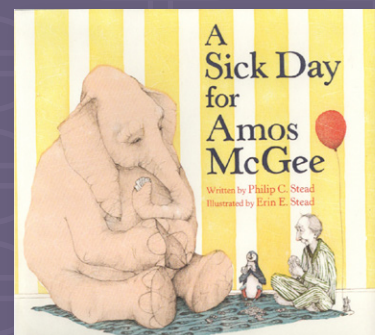
THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

“The penguin sat quietly, keeping Amos’ feet warm.”

— *A Sick Day for Amos McGee* by Phillip and Erin Stead



1
Antarctica Day: Today in 1959, the Antarctic Treaty was signed. Read *Except Antarctica* by Tom Sturgell and learn more using [the resources on his website](#).

2
Search Pinterest for holiday craft ideas that use book pages. Set up a craft station with the required supplies and instructions.

- Holiday
- Celebration
- Birthday

December 2023

Children's Activity Calendar

<p>3</p> <p>Read <i>The Hat</i> by Jan Brett. Use the reader's theater script to act out the story.</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>Cookie Day: Host a cookie swap for your community. Get in the mood by reading <i>The Duckling Gets a Cookie!?</i> by Mo Willems.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Walt Disney's Birthday: Read <i>When Walt Disney Rode a Pig</i> by Mark Weakland and design your own Disney World ride with STEM materials.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Computer Science Education Week (Dec. 6–12): Introduce kids to computational thinking without using computers using the free activities from Classic CS Unplugged.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Hanukkah begins at sunset: Read <i>Latkes and Applesauce: A Hanukkah Story</i> by Fran Manushkin, illustrated by Robin Spowart.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Ludwig Van Beethoven's Birthday: Beethoven remains one of the most admired composers in the history of Western music. Use Chrome Music Lab's Song Maker to recreate his famous Symphony #5.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Llama Day: Llamas hum as a way to communicate. Hum along with Jonathan Stutzman's silly llama books and activities, illustrated by his wife Heather Fox.</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Dewey Decimal System Day: Melville Dewey was born on this day in 1851. Read <i>Lost in the Library</i> by Josh Funk, a story about the two lion statues that guard the New York Public Library.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Read <i>The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street</i> by Karina Yan Glaser. With just a week before Christmas, the Vanderbeeker kids are on a mission to change their landlord's mind about not renewing their lease.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Gingerbread Decorating Day: Read <i>The Gingerbread Pirates</i> by Kristin Kladstrup, illustrated by Matt Tavares. Instruct kids on how to make gingerbread dough to bake at home.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Get festive and historical with Nancy Churnin's picture book biography <i>The Queen and the First Christmas Tree</i>. Find activities like a DIY yule brand on the author's website.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Read <i>Bird Count</i> by Susan Edwards Richmond, illustrated by Stephanie Fizer Colema.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Listen to <i>How Santa Got His Job</i> by Stephen Krensky, illustrated by S.D. Schindler. Ask kids to write interview questions for Santa to see how qualified he is to deliver gifts all over the world.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Las Posadas begins (Dec.16–24): Read Tomie dePaola's <i>The Night of Las Posadas</i> and share the beauty of this nine-day Mexican holiday with activities and music from Mommy Maestra.</p>
<p>17</p> <p>A giraffe in a Christmas play? Share Lynne Marie's <i>The Star in the Christmas Play</i> and pair it with an adorable giraffe craft.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Get cozy with Dan Bar-el's <i>The Very, Very, Far North</i>, illustrated by Kelly Pousette. Introduce the book with a look into animals of the arctic region.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Eve Bunting's Birthday: Create edible outdoor tree ornaments for wildlife just like the family did in <i>Night Tree</i>.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>As this year comes to a close, encourage kids to create a personal timeline of their year using a digital timeline tool from ReadWriteThink.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Winter Solstice: Read <i>Winter: A Solstice Story</i> by Kelsey E. Gross, illustrated by Renata Liwska. Learn about how a group of forest animals celebrate the magic of winter.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Read a New Book Month: Write book titles on slips of paper or on a virtual spinner, then give kids a chance to choose a new book at random. Invite them to share their review after the fact.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Madam C.J. Walker's Birthday: Share the biography of this remarkable woman, the first freeborn sibling in her family and one of the first female self-made millionaires in the US.</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Christmas Eve: Read Victoria Kann's book, <i>Pinkalicious: Merry Pinkmas</i>.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Christmas Day: Use the Novel Effect app to read <i>Snowmen at Christmas</i>, written by Caralyn Buehner and illustrated by Mark Buehner.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Kwanzaa begins (Dec. 26–Jan. 1): Teach kids about the seven values and symbols that this seven-day holiday celebrates with Kwanzaa Holiday Activities by Evan-Moor.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Erin Stead's Birthday: Celebrate the works of this Caldecott-winning illustrator by reading and engaging with her books using the Macmillan Teacher's Guide.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>On this day in 1973, the Endangered Species Act was signed into law. Teach kids how the law works using the American Museum of Natural History's printable Endangered! board game.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Tick Tock Day: The year is almost over, but every day counts! Prompt kids to write down simple, silly things they can still do at home before the end of the year.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Create New Year's kits for families to check out, including themed books like <i>The New Year's Eve Sleepover from the Black Lagoon</i> by Mike Thaler.</p>
<p>31</p> <p>New Year's Eve: Share a DIY Balloon Drop on your social media channels.</p>						

