

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

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



<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>Happy Book Birthday</b> to <i>Divya Far from Home</i> by Sita Jit, illustrated by Abhilasha Khatri.</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>The National Book Festival in Washington D.C. takes place later this month on August 24. Check <b>Bookreporter.com</b> for local book festivals in your area.</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>Sleep Under the Stars Night</b> is on August 8. After reading a book about stars or the night sky, help kids create their own <b>glow-in-the-dark stars</b>.</p>
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<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>Sisters Day:</b> Celebrate the sisters and siblings in our lives by highlighting all the <b>books about sisters</b>.</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>Happy Early Birthday</b> (tomorrow) to children’s author Frank Asch! Visit <b>Frank’s website</b> for classroom ideas, recipes, bookmarks, and other fun activities.</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Happy Book Birthday</b> to <i>The Ofrenda That We Built</i> by Jolene and Shaian Gutiérrez, illustrated by Gabby Zapata.</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Help kids create a <b>DIY mini notebook</b> for back to school with a little help from Tonni Art &amp; Craft.</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>Happy Book Birthday</b> to <i>School of Fish</i> by Mary Boone, illustrated by Milena Godoy.</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><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!</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>World Lion Day:</b> Create a lion-themed book display and share the Smithsonian’s National Zoo’s <b>live Lion Cam</b> with kids.</p>
<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>Back to School Month:</b> Kickoff the new school year by sharing some tips from Scholastic’s <b>14 Teacher Reading Tips You Can Share with Your Students’ Parents</b>.</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><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>.</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>Get Ready for Kindergarten Month:</b> Welcome this year’s kindergarteners by hosting a kindergartener-only event featuring books and a themed snack.</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>World Calligraphy Day:</b> Bring back the appreciation for this lost writing form by learning <b>calligraphy with a video</b> from Happy Ever Crafter.</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><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?</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><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.</p>
<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>Peach Month:</b> What peach books can you share? Perhaps Gus Gordon’s <i>The Last Peach</i>? Or <i>James and the Giant Peach</i>? Then, try making a <b>10-minute Peaches and Cream soap</b> by Happiness is Homemade.</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>Happy Early Book Birthday</b> to <i>Pebble Without a Cause</i> by Stephanie Campisi, illustrated by Jiarui Jiang.</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><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.</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>Sharon M. Draper’s Birthday:</b> Celebrate the <i>Clubhouse Mysteries</i> series author by sharing one of Sharon’s recent <b>video interviews</b>.</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p></p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><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.</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><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.</p>
<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Are there any <b>Free Little Libraries</b> in your area? Use the map to find one.</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Need to create a bulletin board for back to school? Join and check out the <b>Library Bulletin Boards and Displays Facebook page</b> for inspiration.</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>Happy Book Birthday</b> to <i>One Small Spark</i> by Ruth Spiro, illustrated by Victoria Tentler-Krylov.</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>On this day in 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his famous <b>“I Have a Dream”</b> speech. To celebrate, read <i>I Have a Dream</i> by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., illustrated by Kadir Nelson.</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>Lemon Juice Day:</b> Set out supplies to make <b>lemon juice invisible ink</b> and encourage kids to write a secret message to their teacher or best friend.</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>Toasted Marshmallow Day:</b> After sharing a <b>video of JJ Landis</b> reading her book <i>Marshall Mellow</i>, create an indoor paper campfire for kids to roast marshmallows. Don’t forget the sticks!</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>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.</p>

**August 2024**  
 Children’s Activity Calendar

