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Holiday
Celebration
Birthday

"All children have gifts. Some open them at different times."
— Patricia Polacco

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 **Happy Book Birthday** to ***Tell Someone*** by Debra Kempf Shumaker, illustrated by Tristan Yuvienco.	**2** **Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday**: Read ***Grandfather Gandhi*** by Arun Gandhi and Bethany Hegedus, illustrated by Evan Turk.
3 **Marilyn Singer's Birthday**: Use **this guide** by Singer to write reverso poetry similar to *Mirror Mirror*, *Follow Follow*, and more of her 100+ books.	**4** **Fire Prevention Week** (Oct. 3–9): **Sparky School House** offers free printables, music, videos, games, and more to help teach fire safety to kids Pre-K to grade 5.	**5** **Happy Book Birthday** to ***Who Is a Scientist?*** by Laura Gehl, which shows that not all scientists wear lab coats and goggles.	**6** **Walk to School Day**: The UNC Highway Safety Center offers **ideas for events** that challenge kids to step up for safe streets.	**7** **Andrea Beaty's Birthday**: Find **Activities for Your Questioneers**, plus read-alouds, a puppet show, and more on the author's website.	**8** **R.L. Stine's Birthday**: Give kids goosebumps with a **slime-themed book display** like the one from Librarian on Display.	**9** **International Astronomy Day**: Invite kids to create **Awesome Galaxy Chalk Pastel Art Projects** from Projects with Kids.
10 **Dental Hygiene Month**: Help children of all ages learn the importance of healthy habits with **coloring and activity sheets** from Mouth Healthy.	**11** **Indigenous People's Day**: Support Indigenous storytellers and creators through the American Indian Library Association's first annual **Read Native event**.	**12** **Farmer's Day**: Arrange a field trip to a local farm or take kids on a live **Virtual Farm Trip** to learn about farms around the country.	**13** On this day in 1983, the first US mobile phone service for public use arrived in Chicago. Find the oldest mobile phone you can and ask kids to compare it to today's.	**14** **Bullying Prevention Month**: Share *One* by Kathryn Otoshi and help kids practice empathy through **related activities** from WITS.	**15** **Today in 1860**, 11-year-old Grace Bedell wrote to Abraham Lincoln to suggest he grow a beard. He later thanked her in person! Invite kids to write letters to historic figures today.	**16** **Peter McCarty's Birthday**: Read ***Chloe***, a story about a young rabbit with a big family that keeps growing!
17 **Global Diversity Month**: Host an event with music and games from around the world or share **At-Home Multicultural Activities** from Petit.	**18** **Cookie Month**: Host a cookie decorating contest in person or over social media. Read-aloud ***The Cookie Fiasco*** by Dan Santat.	**19** **Happy Book Birthday** to ***One Sheep, Two Sheep*** by Tammi Sauer, illustrated by Troy Cummings.	**20** **National Day on Writing™**: **Learn about this day** and share ***Mightier Than the Sword*** by Rochelle Melander, stories of people who changed the world through writing.	**21** **Reptile Awareness Day**: Share ***I Wanna Iguana*** by Karen Kaufman Orloff. Ask students with reptile pets to share photos — or even bring them for show and tell!	**22** **Pizza Month**: Pizza Hut delivered the first pizza to outer space in 2001! Watch **ISS for Kids! "Space Food"** to learn about how astronauts eat in space.	**23** **Red Ribbon Week** (Oct. 23–31): Inspire kids to stay drug-free with **resources and activities** from the Red Ribbon.
24 Read ***Queen of the Falls*** by Chris Van Allsburg to share this day's adventure.	**25** **World Pasta Day**: Try **21 Simple Macaroni Crafts for Kids** from Scattered Thoughts of a Crafty Mom. Read-aloud *Strega Nona* by Tomie dePaola as kids work.	**26** **Happy Book Birthday** to ***Penguin Journey*** by Angela Burke Kunkel, illustrated by Catherine Odell.	**27** **Bat Appreciation Month**: Get batty with **Bat Week**, created to honor the important role these winged mammals play in our world. Share **bat picture books** by Brian Lies.	**28** On this day in 1886, the Statue of Liberty was dedicated. Read ***Let Liberty Rise! How America's Schoolchildren Helped Save the Statue of Liberty*** by Chana Steifel.	**29** **Cat Day**: Have kids find as many books as they can that feature cats. Vote on which cat would be the best pet, which would win a race, and more.	**30** **Candy Corn Day**: Love it or hate it, this candy is an October classic! Try **Candy Corn Crafts for Kids to Make** from Crafty Morning.
31 **Halloween**: Read ***The Hallo-wiener*** by Dav Pilkey.						

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