SUNDAY

1. National Safety Month is all about teaching children, as well as adults, how to be safe. Access helpful resources and activities your school can use throughout the year from Teacher Planet.

2. Happy Book Birthday to The Unicorn Came to Dinner by Lauren DeStefano, illustrated by Gaia Cornwall

3. LGBT Pride Month: Check out Today’s list of 16 picture books that celebrate pride, and create a fun, inclusive book display.

4. Hug Your Cat Day: Or, better yet, let the cat sleep in your lap while you read!

5. Rick Riordan’s Birthday: Have you and your readers discovered the amazing stories penned by diverse authors in the Rick Riordan Presents imprint? So many to read and love!

6. National Eyewear Day: Invite kids to pick from special eyewear and give their favorite books “a new look.” You’ll also be the coolest teacher in the school today if you switch your eyewear every hour on the hour.

7. Great Outdoors Month: These 31 Fun Outdoor Activity Ideas from Messy Little Monster provide lots of choices for having fun in the great outdoors all month long.

8. World Oceans Day: Share The Mess That We Made by Michelle Lord, illustrated by Julia Blattman, for a reminder of our impact on the world’s oceans and our responsibility toward caring for all of the ocean’s inhabitants.

9. Happy Book Birthday to Sunrise Summer by Matthew Swanson, illustrated by Robbi Behr

10. National Ballpoint Pen Day: Invite students to write stories or complete classwork using a variety of ballpoint pens in various colors.

11. Stuart Gibbs’ Birthday: Enjoy a Spy School adventure from this bestselling middle grade author to toast his birthday!

12. Magic Day: Surprise your students with these 5 Magic Tricks Kids Can Do, guaranteed to surprise and delight.

13. National Weed Your Garden Day: Do you have a classroom or school garden? Invite students to help you weed the plot, and send them home with some treats grown from the garden.

14. Puerto Rican Day Parade: Held in New York City, this festive celebration honors the 3.2 million inhabitants of Puerto Rico, and all people of Puerto Rican birth or heritage residing on the U.S. mainland.

15. National Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Month: Invite students to create masterpieces incorporating real or artificial fruit, and display them around your library to promote healthy food choices. Be inspired by artist Sandra Suarez!

16. Happy Book Birthday to Already a Butterfly: A Meditation Story by Julia Alvarez, illustrated by Raul Colon

17. National Eat Your Vegetables Day: Invite your veggie-chomping students to join you in crunching along to the lyrics of “Vegetables” by the Beach Boys, promoting healthy eating and playing with your food.

18. Chris Van Allsburg’s Birthday: Play a round of Jumanji to celebrate the birth of this celebrated picture book maker. Watch out for wild animals and tropical storms!

19. Juneteenth marks the freeing of slaves in Texas and is celebrated nationwide. Share Floyd Cooper’s Juneteenth for Mazie with your readers.

20. New Identity Day: “Is there something different about our teacher today?” Feed your students by declaring you’ve decided to change one thing about your identity. I wonder what you’ll choose!


22. Zoo and Aquarium Month: Many zoos and aquariums have education programs that teachers and students can participate in throughout the summer. Help connect your students and staff with opportunities in your area.

23. Happy Book Birthday to I See a Shadow by Laura Breen

24. National Dairy Month: Celebrate cows by sharing Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type by Doreen Cronin, illustrated by Betsy Lewin.

25. Sonia Sotomayor’s Birthday: Share Turning Pages: My Life Story by Sonia Sotomayor, illustrated by Lulu Delacre, the picture book autobiography of our nation’s first Supreme Court justice of Hispanic descent.

26. National Food Truck Day: Work with your administration to coordinate a school visit by some local food trucks for a fun community meet-up with staff, students, and families.

27. Helen Keller’s Birthday: Honor the life of Helen Keller, advocate for the blind and deaf, by sharing this brief video biography.

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