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SUNDAY

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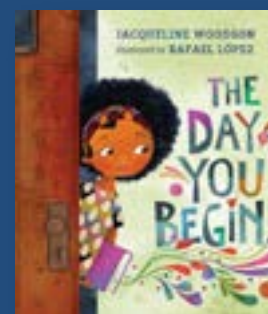
THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

*“There will be times when you walk into a room and no one there is quite like you ... until the day you begin to share your stories.”*

— Jacqueline Woodson , *The Day You Begin*



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**May Day:** Go on a nature walk and look for signs of spring. Collect flowers, play in puddles, or go on a scavenger hunt along the way.

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| <p><b>2</b><br/><b>Be Kind to Animals Week:</b> Focus on nonfiction with the <a href="#">Scientists in the Field book series</a>. Each book highlights one scientist's exciting work.</p> | <p><b>3</b><br/><b>Children's Book Week:</b> Visit the <a href="#">Every Child a Reader website</a> for ideas on how to promote CBW in your library.</p>  | <p><b>4</b><br/><b>Happy Book Birthday</b> to <a href="#">When My Cousins Come to Town</a> by Angela Shanté, illustrated by Keisha Morris.</p>  | <p><b>5</b><br/><b>Cinco de Mayo:</b> Celebrate this important day in Mexican history by reading <a href="#">The Piñata That the Farm Maiden Hung</a> by Samantha R. Vamos, illustrated by Sebastià Serra, a beautiful bilingual picture book.</p> | <p><b>6</b><br/><b>Teacher Appreciation Week:</b> These ideas for <a href="#">How to Celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week Virtually</a> from Brightly can be used by students anywhere.</p>                        | <p><b>7</b><br/><b>National Salad Month:</b> Show kids that eating healthy food can be fun and delicious with <a href="#">5 Kid-Approved Salad Recipes</a> from Kid Activities.</p>          | <p><b>8</b><br/><b>Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom Hashoah):</b> Share <a href="#">I Will Come Back for You: A Family in Hiding During World War II</a> by Marisabina Russo, an age-appropriate tale of love and resilience.</p> |
| <p><b>9</b><br/><b>Mother's Day:</b> Help kids make something special for moms and caregivers with the ideas on <a href="#">FamilyFun's Mother's Day Pinterest Board</a>.</p>             | <p><b>10</b><br/><b>Christopher Paul Curtis's Birthday:</b> Access teacher resources and videos to support Curtis' award-winning books on <a href="#">his website</a>.</p>  | <p><b>11</b><br/><b>Happy Book Birthday</b> to <a href="#">Peace Train</a> by Cat Stevens, illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds.</p>  | <p><b>12</b><br/><b>National Nurses Week:</b> Host a nurse-themed read-aloud while students personalize these <a href="#">Printable Nurse Crafts</a> from LearnCreateLove.</p>   | <p><b>13</b><br/><b>National Apple Pie Day:</b> Visit Sugar, Spice &amp; Glitter for their foolproof <a href="#">kid-made mini apple pie recipe</a>, or bake a favorite from your personal recipe collection.</p> | <p><b>14</b><br/><b>Start of Lewis and Clark's Expedition:</b> On this day in 1804, the famous team embarked on their westward adventure. Booktalk several books about their journey.</p>    | <p><b>15</b><br/><b>National Chocolate Chip Day:</b> Have students write their own recipes for making chocolate chip cookies, and make a class book to share with parents.</p>  |
| <p><b>16</b><br/><b>Get Caught Reading Month:</b> Have students take selfies in their favorite reading spots and post them on a bulletin board or share on your library's website.</p>    | <p><b>17</b><br/><b>National Physical Fitness and Sports Month:</b> Physical activity can boost your mood, reduce stress, and improve sleep. Try <a href="#">16 Mind-Blowing Exercise Games</a> from Flintobox.</p> | <p><b>18</b><br/><b>International Museum Day:</b> Explore <a href="#">The Best Free Virtual Tours of Museums in the World</a>, and then invite students to create and share a display of their own.</p> | <p><b>19</b><br/><b>National Foster Care Month:</b> Share <a href="#">Finding the Right Spot: When Kids Can't Live With Their Parents</a> by Janice Levy, illustrated by Whitney Martin.</p>   | <p><b>20</b><br/><b>Mary Pope Osborne's Birthday:</b> Send kids back to real-life history or to legendary locations like Camelot with Osborne's expansive <a href="#">Magic Tree House series</a>.</p>            | <p><b>21</b><br/><b>16th Annual Endangered Species Day:</b> Download the toolkit from the <a href="#">Endangered Species Coalition</a> to get celebration ideas and sample lesson plans.</p> | <p><b>22</b><br/><b>Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month:</b> Visit the <a href="#">U.S. Department of Education</a> to get cross-curricular activity ideas.</p>  |
| <p><b>23</b><br/><b>Margaret Wise Brown's Birthday:</b> Read one of her <a href="#">over 100 beloved books</a>.</p>   | <p><b>24</b><br/><b>National Photography Month:</b> See differently with <a href="#">23 Ideas</a> from RedTedArt.</p>   | <p><b>25</b><br/><b>Happy Book Birthday</b> to <a href="#">What Are Your Words? A Book About Pronouns</a> by Katherine Locke, illustrated by Anne Passchier.</p>  | <p><b>26</b><br/><b>National Paper Airplane Day:</b> Have kids <a href="#">experiment with making paper airplanes</a> and see whose can fly the farthest. Have them measure and record their flights.</p>  | <p><b>27</b><br/><b>Older Americans Month:</b> Check out <a href="#">Project Giving Kids</a> to find opportunities for intergenerational connections. Filter by "Aid the Elderly."</p>                            | <p><b>28</b><br/><b>National Sunscreen Day:</b> Connections Academy's <a href="#">Science of Sunscreen experiment</a> shows kids how applying sunscreen makes a difference.</p>              | <p><b>29</b><br/><b>Learn About Composting Day:</b> Make a <a href="#">Worms in Dirt recipe</a> and snack on it while talking about composting: what is it, how is it done, and how does it help the planet?</p>                |
| <p><b>30</b><br/><b>Frances O'Roark Dowell's Birthday:</b> Browse <a href="#">her blog</a> for creative writing tips!</p>   | <p><b>31</b><br/><b>Memorial Day:</b> Talk about <a href="#">The Wall</a> by Eve Bunting, illustrated by Ronald Himler.</p>   |   |  |   |  |   |

# May 2021

Children's Activity Calendar