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- Holiday
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## SUNDAY

## MONDAY

## TUESDAY

*“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*

# May 2021

## Children's Activity Calendar

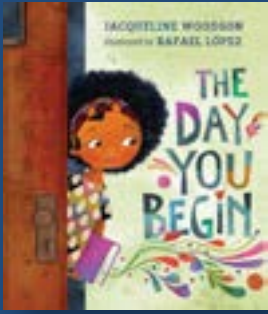
<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>Be Kind to Animals Week:</b> Focus on nonfiction with the <a href="#">Scientists in the Field book series</a>. Each book highlights one scientist's exciting work.</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>Children's Book Week:</b> Visit the <a href="#">Every Child a Reader website</a> for ideas on how to promote CBW in your library.</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><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>9</b></p> <p><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></p> <p><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></p> <p><b>Happy Book Birthday</b> to <a href="#">Peace Train</a> by Cat Stevens, illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds.</p>
<p><b>16</b></p> <p><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></p> <p><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></p> <p><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>23</b></p> <p><b>Margaret Wise Brown's Birthday:</b> Read one of her <a href="#">over 100 beloved books</a>.</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>National Photography Month:</b> See differently with <a href="#">23 Ideas</a> from RedTedArt.</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><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>30</b></p> <p><b>Frances O'Roark Dowell's Birthday:</b> Browse <a href="#">her blog</a> for creative writing tips!</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p><b>Memorial Day:</b> Talk about <a href="#">The Wall</a> by Eve Bunting, illustrated by Ronald Himler.</p>	

## WEDNESDAY

## THURSDAY

## FRIDAY

## SATURDAY



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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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**Cinco de Mayo:** Celebrate this important day in Mexican history by reading *The Piñata That the Farm Maiden Hung* by Samantha R. Vamos, illustrated by Sebastià Serra, a beautiful bilingual picture book.

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**Teacher Appreciation Week:** These ideas for [How to Celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week Virtually](#) from Brightly can be used by students anywhere.

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**National Salad Month:** Show kids that eating healthy food can be fun and delicious with [5 Kid-Approved Salad Recipes](#) from Kid Activities.

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**Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom Hashoah):** Share *I Will Come Back for You: A Family in Hiding During World War II* by Marisabina Russo, an age-appropriate tale of love and resilience.

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**National Nurses Week:** Host a nurse-themed read-aloud while students personalize these [Printable Nurse Crafts](#) from LearnCreateLove.

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**National Apple Pie Day:** Visit Sugar, Spice & Glitter for their foolproof [kid-made mini apple pie recipe](#), or bake a favorite from your personal recipe collection.

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**Start of Lewis and Clark's Expedition:** On this day in 1804, the famous team embarked on their westward adventure. Booktalk several books about their journey.

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**National Chocolate Chip Day:** Have students write their own recipes for making chocolate chip cookies, and make a class book to share with parents.



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**National Foster Care Month:** Share *Finding the Right Spot: When Kids Can't Live With Their Parents* by Janice Levy, illustrated by Whitney Martin.

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**Mary Pope Osborne's Birthday:** Send kids back to real-life history or to legendary locations like Camelot with Osborne's expansive *Magic Tree House* series.

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**16th Annual Endangered Species Day:** Download the toolkit from the [Endangered Species Coalition](#) to get celebration ideas and sample lesson plans.

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**Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month:** Visit the [U.S. Department of Education](#) to get cross-curricular activity ideas.

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**National Paper Airplane Day:** Have kids [experiment with making paper airplanes](#) and see whose can fly the farthest. Have them measure and record their flights.



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**Older Americans Month:** Check out [Project Giving Kids](#) to find opportunities for intergenerational connections. Filter by "Aid the Elderly."

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**National Sunscreen Day:** Connections Academy's [Science of Sunscreen experiment](#) shows kids how applying sunscreen makes a difference.

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**Learn About Composting Day:** Make a [Worms in Dirt recipe](#) and snack on it while talking about composting: what is it, how is it done, and how does it help the planet?