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# June 2020

## Children's Activity Calendar

### SUNDAY

### MONDAY

### TUESDAY

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**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](#).

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**Happy Book Birthday** to [The Unicorn Came to Dinner](#) by Lauren DeStefano, illustrated by Gaia Cornwall

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**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.

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**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.

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**Happy Book Birthday** to [Sunrise Summer](#) by Matthew Swanson, illustrated by Robbi Behr

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**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.

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**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 Suárez](#)!

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**Happy Book Birthday** to [Already a Butterfly: A Meditation Story](#) by Julia Alvarez, illustrated by Raúl Colón

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**Father's Day:** Share [Side by Side: A Celebration of Dads](#) by Chris Raschka, and ask readers about the special people in their lives.

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**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.

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**Happy Book Birthday** to [I See a Shadow](#) by Laura Breen

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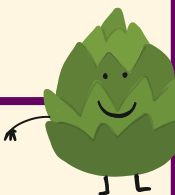
**National Candy Month:** Take a trip around the globe through this visually enticing article from the *New York Times* featuring [33 Unique Treats from Around the World](#).

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**National Camera Day:** Purchase a handful of disposable cameras for your students to use to photodocument a day in the life of a kid at your school!

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**Happy Book Birthday** to [Saving Lady Liberty: Joseph Pulitzer's Fight for the Statue of Liberty](#) by Claudia Friddell, illustrated by Stacy Innerst



## WEDNESDAY

## THURSDAY

## FRIDAY

## SATURDAY

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

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



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**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!

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**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.

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



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

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

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**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.



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**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.

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**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!

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

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**New Identity Day:** "Is there something different about our teacher today?" Fool your students by declaring you've decided to change one thing about your identity. I wonder what you'll choose!

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

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**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.

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**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.

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**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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— Maud Hart Lovelace, *Betsy-Tacy and Tib*

