

READING ACTIVITY CALENDAR

AUGUST

BLAST OFF!

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

27	28	29	30	31	1 Read the words to "The Star-Spangled Banner" in honor of Francis Scott Key's birthday.	2 Check out <i>The Kids' Invention Book</i> by Arlene Erlbach in honor of National Inventors Month.
3 Hold a seed-spitting contest to celebrate National Watermelon Day.	4 Write an essay about what your friends mean to you.	5 Organize a neighborhood read-in! Make flyers and invite neighbors to participate.	6 Read <i>America's Champion Swimmer: Gertrude Ederle</i> in honor of the first woman to swim the English channel.	7 If you have an invention, you need to patent it. Look up what a patent is and how it works.	8 Is there a box of junk lying around the house? "Invent" something with its contents.	9 Today is National Underwear Day. Read a <i>Captain Underpants</i> book to celebrate.
10 Today is S'Mores Day. Make s'mores and share stories around a campfire.	11 Kool-Aid was invented in Hastings, Neb. Have a cool glass while enjoying a story.	12 Read <i>Harlem Summer</i> by Walter Dean Myers in honor of his birthday today.	13 International Left-Handers Day is today. Practice writing with your opposite hand.	14 Create a family birthday calendar. Don't forget to include grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.	15 Invent a tool to help you do chores more easily. Draw a picture of it or make it from old junk.	16 Summer days are the longest of the year. Make a list of the longest words you know.
17 Make a new kid feel welcome. Draw them a neighborhood map.	18 School begins again soon. Make a list of supplies you will need.	19 The "black cow" is another name for the root beer float. Look up who created this classic treat.	20 Hide a plate of cookies and write clues to the "prize" for a fun scavenger hunt.	21 Write a letter of appreciation to a favorite author or illustrator. Mail it to them.	22 List a famous person for every letter of the alphabet. Use first or last names.	23 Make a list of ways that you can make a difference. Choose one to work on.
24 Read the names of some of the cars in the newspaper classifieds. Invent a new car and name it.	25 Which constellations can you see on a clear summer night? Use a star guide to identify the constellations.	26 It is National Dog Day today. Write a short story with a dog as the main character.	27 Draw a postcard of an imaginary place. On the back, write a message. Mail it to a friend or relative.	28 Read a book that Brian Pinkney has illustrated in honor of his birthday today.	29 Whitcomb Judson patented the zipper in 1893. Look up his other inventions.	30 Make a list of your 10 favorite things that you did this summer.
31 Today is National Trail Mix Day. Read the ingredients in trail mix. Make your own.	1	2	3	<p>AUGUST IS NATIONAL INVENTORS MONTH. WRITE A PARAGRAPH ABOUT AN INVENTION YOU WOULD LIKE TO CREATE. GIVE YOUR INVENTION A NAME AND ILLUSTRATE A PICTURE OF IT.</p> 		