

READING ACTIVITY CALENDAR

JANUARY

BLAST OFF!

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

28	29	30	31	1 Kick off the New Year! Start a journal or diary and write in it every day.	2 Many countries celebrate their new year this month. Read about New Year's traditions around the world.	3 Stay warm this winter. Create a cozy reading nook to enjoy your favorite books.
4 Find three new words in the newspaper. Look them up in the dictionary.	5 Look up the meaning of the word 'January.'	6 Today is Día de los Reyes (Three Kings Day). Look up the meaning of this holiday and illustrate a picture to celebrate.	7 Visit the library and check out a book about winter.	8 Make a list of animals that hibernate during the winter. Make another list of animals that migrate.	9 Make up a menu for a restaurant. Write creative descriptions for your menu items.	10 Play a word game, such as Boggle or Scrabble, with your family.
11 Cut apart a comic strip. Challenge someone to put the pieces in the correct order.	12 Read for 20 minutes. Share your favorite part with someone.	13 Help your family make a grocery list. Organize it into categories.	14 Choose a recipe and help make it for dinner.	15 Wear a crazy hat today in honor of National Hat Day. Write a story about your hat.	16 Visit readingplanet.org and read the featured author interview.	17 Make snowballs out of old newspaper and hold an indoor snowball fight with your family.
18 The creator of the thesaurus, Peter Roget, was born today. Choose a word and list its synonyms and antonyms.	19 Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. Check out the illustrated version of the <i>I Have a Dream</i> speech and discuss the pictures.	20 Today is Penguin Awareness Day. Spend some time learning about penguins.	21 Write a poem about squirrels in honor of Squirrel Appreciation Day.	22 Create a collage to illustrate your life.	23 Participate in National Handwriting Day by writing a handwritten letter to someone you love.	24 Reading is cool! Wear sunglasses and cool attire while you read.
25 Host a scavenger hunt. Make a list of objects for friends to find.	26 The Chinese New Year begins today. Check out a book on pandas, which are native to China.	27 Celebrate Chocolate Cake Day. Find a recipe and follow the directions to bake a chocolate cake.	28 Write in your journal or diary today.	29 Read a joke book. Share your favorite joke with a friend.	30 How many books have you read this month? Recommend your favorite to a friend.	31 Celebrate Backwards Day. Try reading or writing backwards. Challenge a friend to do the same.

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JANUARY IS NATIONAL BRAILLE LITERACY MONTH. PLAY "I SPY BRAILLE" EACH TIME YOU GO OUT BY LOOKING FOR BRAILLE NEAR ELEVATORS, ATMS. AND ELSEWHERE.

