

READING ACTIVITY CALENDAR

MAY

BLAST OFF!

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

27	28	29	30	1 Today is Lei Day in Hawaii. Find directions on how to make a lei.	2 Read <i>The Rainbow People</i> by Laurence Yep in honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.	3 It is Constitution Day in Japan. Look up facts about Japan and then illustrate a Japanese flag.
4 National Postcard Week begins today. Send a postcard to a faraway family member or friend.	5 Celebrate the Japanese holiday of Children's Day by learning to make a Japanese carp kite.	6 Write about what subject you would like to teach in honor of National Teacher Day.	7 Help your family at mealtime. Read the recipe and measure the ingredients.	8 It is Teacher Appreciation Week. Create a homemade card for your teacher.	9 Read <i>Chin Yu Min and the Ginger Cat</i> in honor of author Jennifer Armstrong's birthday today.	10 Create a reading corner. Use pillows and blankets to make a comfy place to read.
11 Write a poem or letter to your mom or grandmother in honor of Mother's Day.	12 Celebrate RIF Week. Visit RIF.org for fun activities.	13 Using each letter in your name, write a word describing yourself.	14 Make up a new animal. Describe what it looks like, what it eats, and where it lives.	15 Celebrate International Day of Families by writing a short story about your family.	16 Look up extraordinary Asian-Pacific Americans and their accomplishments.	17 Follow a recipe to make an Asian meal with your family. Eat it with chopsticks.
18 Visit the library and check out a book on how to make and fly Chinese kites.	19 Create a new game to be played outside in honor of National Backyard Games Week.	20 Origami is the Japanese art of paper folding. Find a book to teach you this art form.	21 Cut out words from magazines, newspapers, and catalogs. Create a word collage about a favorite book.	22 <i>Maneki Neko</i> is a Japanese welcoming cat. Draw your own <i>Maneki Neko</i> . Hang it on your bedroom door.	23 Today is National Taffy Day. Look up the history of this delicious treat.	24 The first Morse code message was sent today in 1844. Write your name in Morse code.
25 Go to the library and sign up for the summer reading club.	26 Today is Memorial Day. Write a letter to a war veteran.	27 Read an Asian folktale. Act it out with friends or classmates.	28 The largest flower in the world is found in Indonesia. Look up more information about this rare flower.	29 <i>Create a reading log.</i> Track the books you read this summer.	30 Brush calligraphy is a respected Chinese art. Practice writing your name using this writing style.	31 Kristi Yamaguchi is a great Asian American figure skater. Look up her accomplishments.

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MAY IS ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH. FIND A RECIPE AND MAKE HOMEMADE FORTUNE COOKIES WITH AN ADULT.

