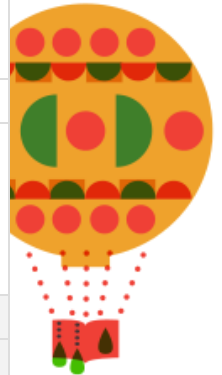
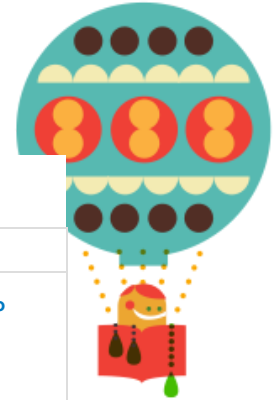


# May 2018



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		Celebrate Spring by going outside to watch the birds.	Today is National Brothers and Sisters Day.	Basant may have been in February, but May has better kite-flying weather for many of us.	It's author Don Wood's birthday.	<b>Cinco De Mayo</b> Celebrate the anniversary of Mexico's 1862 victory over the French Empire.
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
It's National Nurses Day! Celebrate by reading <i>Curious George Goes to the Hospital</i> .	May is a great time to plant a garden like Lola from <i>Lola Plants a Garden</i> .	It's National Teacher's Day. Celebrate teachers by reading <i>Biscuit Goes to School</i> .	Smell the May flowers like Ferdinand, a bull who would rather smell the flowers than fight.	Today is National Clean Your Room Day, so get some cleaning tips from the Cat in the Hat.	Do you love flowers as much as bees do?	Now that it is getting warmer, it might be a good day to give a dog a bath.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>Mother's Day</b> Celebrate mothers and motherhood with <i>Love You Forever</i> .	What kind of plants can you find around you?	Do you know your alphabet? Find a flower that starts with your favorite letter.	Do you get allergies in the spring? You are in good company with <i>Robert the Rose Horse!</i>	It's not too late to start a garden.	On this day in 1910, the Earth passed through the tail of Halley's Comet.	It's National Endangered Species Day. Celebrate by learning about animals, including endangered ones.
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Cuba gained independence from the United States on this day in 1902.	It's author Jeremy Tankard's birthday.	The Wright brothers patented their aircraft on this day in 1908.	It's author Margaret Wise Brown's birthday.	On this day in 1883, the Brooklyn Bridge was opened to traffic.	Babe Ruth hit his 714th home on this day in 1935, but can Amelia Bedelia catch up to that record?	It's the birthday of the brilliant jazz trumpet player Miles Davis.
27	28	29	30	31		
It's the birthday of railroad tycoon Cornelius Vanderbilt. Celebrate by reading <i>The Little Engine That Could</i> .	<b>Memorial Day</b> Today we honor those in the armed forces who fought for our freedom.	On this day in 1937, San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge officially opened.	Spring is halfway over!	Have you seen a Sunflower? Read <i>Sunflower House</i> to see how they grow.		

<p><b>May 1, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Read <i>Birds</i> by Kevin Henkes and complete a word search.  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/birds-word-search">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/birds-word-search</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>May 2, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Call a truce with your siblings and listen to the read aloud video of <i>My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother</i> by Patricia Polacco together.  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/my-rotten-redheaded-older-brother-read-aloud-video">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/my-rotten-redheaded-older-brother-read-aloud-video</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>May 3, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● It's never too late to celebrate this kite festival of the Punjab region. Read <i>King for a Day</i> by Rukhsana Khan, learn about Basant festivals, and make your own kite with this guide for parents and families.  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/king-day-guide-parents-and-families">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/king-day-guide-parents-and-families</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>May 4, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Friday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Celebrate by listening to a read aloud video of Don Wood's book <i>The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear</i>.  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/little-mouse-red-ripe-strawberryand-big-hungry-bear-read-aloud-video">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/little-mouse-red-ripe-strawberryand-big-hungry-bear-read-aloud-video</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>May 5, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Cinco De Mayo            Read the eBook of <i>Lewis the Duck Goes to Mexico</i> by Bill Duncan. After reading, you can also find puzzles, activities, and other support materials.  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/lewis-duck-goes-mexico-ebook">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/lewis-duck-goes-mexico-ebook</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>May 6, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Sunday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Read how nurses help keep Curious George healthy, then play a fun memory match game based on the book  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/curious-george-goes-hospital-memory-match-medium">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/curious-george-goes-hospital-memory-match-medium</a></li> </ul>	

<p><b>May 7, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Monday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Read the book by Anna McQuinn, then use the guide for parents and families to talk about the book and do some related activities.  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/lola-plants-garden-guide-parents-and-families">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/lola-plants-garden-guide-parents-and-families</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>May 8, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Read about Biscuit's adventures going to school and play a fun word search game about the book  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/biscuit-goes-school-word-search-1">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/biscuit-goes-school-word-search-1</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>May 9, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Watch the read aloud video of <i>The Story of Ferdinand</i> by Munro Leaf. Then go outside and smell flowers for yourself!  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/story-ferdinand-read-aloud-video">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/story-ferdinand-read-aloud-video</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>May 10, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Read the Dr. Seuss classic <i>The Cat in the Hat</i>, then do some coloring to make the story come alive.  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/cat-hat-cats-coloring-page">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/cat-hat-cats-coloring-page</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>May 11, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Friday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Read <i>Flowers</i> by Vijaya Khisty Bodach, then practice reading about flowers' favorite visitors, bees, using leveled reading passages.  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/leveled-reading-passage-bob-bee-medium">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/leveled-reading-passage-bob-bee-medium</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>May 12, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Read <i>Bathtime for Biscuit</i> by Alyssa Satin Capucilli and play a fun memory match game about the book.  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/bathtime-biscuit-memory-match-medium">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/bathtime-biscuit-memory-match-medium</a></li> </ul>	

<p><b>May 13, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Sunday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mother's Day Watch the read along video of <i>Love you Forever</i> by Robert Munsch, a story about the unconditional love between a mother and child. <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/love-you-forever-read-aloud-video">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/love-you-forever-read-aloud-video</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>May 14, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Monday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Read <i>Plant Secrets</i> to see how seeds become plants, and then test your skills by finding words from <i>Plant Secrets</i> in this word search. <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/plant-secrets-word-search">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/plant-secrets-word-search</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>May 15, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Use this memory match game to match up letters of the alphabet. Bonus points if you can name a flower that starts with each letter! <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/lower-case-letters-memory-game-level-2">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/lower-case-letters-memory-game-level-2</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>May 16, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Read <i>Robert the Rose Horse</i> by Joan Heilbroner and talk about how sometimes things that seem bad at first can have a silver lining. Then, play this word search based on words from the book! <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/robert-rose-horse-word-search-1">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/robert-rose-horse-word-search-1</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>May 17, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Read about the joy of gardening in Lois Ehler's <i>Growing Vegetable Soup</i>, then play a related criss cross game. <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/growing-vegetable-soup-criss-cross">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/growing-vegetable-soup-criss-cross</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>May 18, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Friday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To commemorate that event, read <i>Interstellar Cinderella</i> by Deborah Underwood, a fairy tale set in space. Use the guide for parents and families to ask questions and play activities related to the book. <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/interstellar-cinderella-guide-parents-and-families">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/interstellar-cinderella-guide-parents-and-families</a></li> </ul>	

<p><b>May 19, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Read the <i>National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book of Animals</i> and do some of the activities in the guide for parents and families.  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/national-geographic-big-book-animals-guide-parents-and-families">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/national-geographic-big-book-animals-guide-parents-and-families</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>May 20, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Sunday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Learn more about Cuba and experience the sights and sounds of Cuba by reading <i>All the Way to Havana</i> by Margarita Engle. Then, play a word search based on vocabulary words from the book.  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/all-way-havana-word-search">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/all-way-havana-word-search</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>May 21, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Monday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Read <i>Grumpy Bird</i> by Jeremy Tankard and play a fun word search game related to the book.  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/grumpy-bird-word-search">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/grumpy-bird-word-search</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>May 22, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Celebrate by reading a book about a pair of animals who play with their toy airplane: <i>My Friend Rabbit</i> by Eric Rohmann. Then, play a word search based on the book's vocabulary words.  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/my-friend-rabbit-word-search">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/my-friend-rabbit-word-search</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>May 23, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Read <i>Goodnight Moon</i> by Margaret Wise Brown and practice your counting with a fun activity.  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/goodnight-moon-counting-activity">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/goodnight-moon-counting-activity</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>May 24, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What better day is there to read a book about a man who keeps bees on the roof of his home in Brooklyn, New York! Read the <i>Honeybee Man</i> by Lela Nargi and Kyrsten Brooker and play a memory match game based on vocabulary words from the book.  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/honeybee-man-memory-match">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/honeybee-man-memory-match</a></li> </ul>	

<p><b>May 25, 2018</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Friday</b></span></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Read <i>Play Ball, Amelia Bedelia</i> by Peggy Parish. Then, play a fun memory match game relating to Amelia Bedelia's adventures filling in for a sick baseball player.  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/play-ball-amelia-bedelia-memory-match-medium">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/play-ball-amelia-bedelia-memory-match-medium</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>May 26, 2018</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Saturday</b></span></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Watch the read along video of <i>Ben's Trumpet</i> by Rachel Isadora. Just like Miles, Ben is inspired by another great, Louis Armstrong.  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/ben%E2%80%99s-trumpet-read-aloud-video">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/ben%E2%80%99s-trumpet-read-aloud-video</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>May 27, 2018</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Sunday</b></span></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Watch the read aloud video of <i>The Little Engine That Could</i> by Watty Piper.  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/little-engine-could-read-aloud-hanalanidigitalstory">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/little-engine-could-read-aloud-hanalanidigitalstory</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>May 28, 2018</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Monday</b></span></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Memorial Day  Honor our veterans by reading Carole Boston Weatherford's <i>Freedom on the Menu</i>. This story is about the importance of freedom and the various sacrifices people make to fight for it. Practice reading with a leveled reading passage.  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/leveled-reading-passage-soul-food-menu-medium">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/leveled-reading-passage-soul-food-menu-medium</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>May 29, 2018</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Tuesday</b></span></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Read a book today that is also set in San Francisco: <i>Tea With Milk</i> by Allen Say. This book is a story about a girl named May who moves from San Francisco to Japan. Practice reading passages about Japan.  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/leveled-reading-passage-only-japan-medium">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/leveled-reading-passage-only-japan-medium</a></li> </ul>

**May 30, 2018**

**Wednesday**

- Learn about all four seasons in *Frog and Toad All Year* by Arnold Lobel. Play a memory matching game to learn some of the vocabulary words from the book.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/frog-and-toad-all-year-memory-match-medium>

**May 31, 2018**

**Thursday**

- After you read *Sunflower House* by Eve Bunting, practice reading with some garden related reading passages.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/leveled-reading-passage-garden-full-peas-medium>