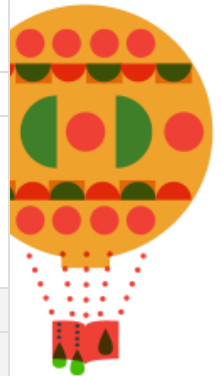
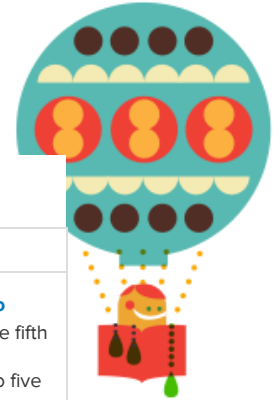


# May 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		<b>May Day</b> May Day is a traditional celebration of springtime.	Take a trip the library and grab some books to read for the month.	Take a trip to a zoo and act like a gorilla. What other animals are in the zoo?	Grab a bundle of old magazines and create a collage.	<b>Cinco De Mayo</b> To celebrate the fifth day in the fifth month, count to five in Spanish!
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Chocolate, Vanilla, and Strawberry. Which is your favorite flavor of ice cream?	Birthday Celebration Time! Design and create a birthday card for someone special who has a birthday this month.	Play catch with your dog with a Frisbee or a ball. Write a list of other ideas you have for playing with your pets.	Make a fort out of a large box from an appliance or out of sheets and blankets.	By taking a hose and spraying it on a sunny day you can see a rainbow.	Blowing bubbles can be fun. Besides bubbles and bubble gum, find other ways to blow bubbles.	Invite friends over to read your favorite books. Invite 3 or 4 friends and take turns sharing your favorite books.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>Mother's Day</b> Read <i>Mommy, Pick Me Up</i> to celebrate your mother	Roses are red, violets are blue, flowers are pretty, and so are you. Can you write a poem about flowers?	Grab some pots and pans to make music.	Happy Birthday to author Margret Ray!	After reading your favorite book, make it into a movie.	Grab a water bottle and take a hike!	Look for objects that are purple today. Count how many you and your child find.
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Learn about the letter J today by jumping, jogging, juggling, and jiggling with your child.	Help your child think of words that rhyme with "jot."	Listen to jazz music with your child. Move to the rhythm of the sounds.	Have some jelly or jam on toast today. Have your child find the letter J on the label.	Use chalk to draw large shapes outside. Have your child jump inside and outside of each shape.	Enjoy the outdoors! Time to turn off the TV and digital devices. Spend some time playing as a family.	Have your child help put silverware away by sorting the forks, spoons and butter knives.
27	28	29	30	31		
Read with your child in a quiet place for 15 minutes.	<b>Memorial Day</b> Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States.	Have your child write the numbers 0-5 with the color green.	Show your child an octagon. Count the number of sides and corners.	Learn about the letter I today by playing a game of I Spy with your child.		

<p><b>May 1, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● May Day In celebration of Spring and May Day, explore outside and take advantage of these spring-themed activities. <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/spring-ahead-reading-fun">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/spring-ahead-reading-fun</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>May 2, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Create a puzzle to complement some of the books you've borrowed. <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/puzzle-creator">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/puzzle-creator</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>May 3, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● After reading <i>Good Night, Gorilla</i>, share what other fun ideas the gorilla could do at night. <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/good-night-gorilla">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/good-night-gorilla</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>May 4, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Friday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pick a bunch of photos and pictures from magazines and put them together into a beautiful collage to create a book cover similar to <i>Radiant Child</i>. <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/radiant-child-story-young-artist-jean-michel-basquiat">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/radiant-child-story-young-artist-jean-michel-basquiat</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 Once you've mastered how to count to five in Spanish, try reading <i>La Historia de los colores</i> or <i>Story of Color</i> with translations. <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/story-color-la-historia-de-los-colores">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/story-color-la-historia-de-los-colores</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>May 6, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Sunday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Shake, shake, shake! After reading <i>Let's Find Out About Ice Cream</i>, make homemade ice cream with just a few, simple ingredients. <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/lets-find-out-about-ice-cream">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/lets-find-out-about-ice-cream</a></li> </ul>	

**May 7, 2018**

**Monday**

- After reading *Happy Birthday to You!* you may have a few more ideas to add to your celebration.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/happy-birthday-you>

**May 8, 2018**

**Tuesday**

- Follow along in *City Dog, Country Frog* as we follow the dog through the city.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/city-dog-country-frog>

**May 9, 2018**

**Wednesday**

- Grab a few books that you can read in your fort. Be sure to include more than one. Maybe *Roaming in the Rainforest* is one of them.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/were-roaming-rainforest>

**May 10, 2018**

**Thursday**

- Listen to Actor Ernest Borgnine as he reads *The Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister. Known for its bright colors and beauty, the rainbow fish stands out in the sea. But he is lonely until he learns how to share. Then he finds friendship and happiness.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/rainbow-fish-read-aloud-ernest-borgnine>

**May 11, 2018**

**Friday**

- After reading *Pop! The Invention of Bubble Gum*, use this Memory Matching puzzle to help students build familiarity with the book's vocabulary words. Find matching pairs of words to complete the game.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/pop-invention-bubble-gum-memory-match>

**May 12, 2018**

**Saturday**

- Would you bring your friends with you to visit the king and queen? In the tale, *May I Bring a Friend?*, a young boy is invited to visit the king and queen. At one visit, he politely asks if he can bring a friend, to which the king and queen happily agree. Next time, he does bring a friend – a bigger, furrer friend than the king and queen expected!  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/may-i-bring-friend>

**May 13, 2018**

**Sunday**

- Mother's Day

*Mommy, Pick Me Up* is about a little boy who calls for help from his mom whenever he needs anything—help finding his pajamas, assistance on the potty, or just a snuggle. Then he finally calls for his dad. Whatever could he want?

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/mommy-pick-me>

**May 14, 2018**

**Monday**

- In *Oh Say Can you Seed?* the Cat in the Hat examines the various parts of plants, seeds, and flowers.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/oh-say-can-you-seed-all-about-flowering-plants>

**May 15, 2018**

**Tuesday**

- In the story *To Be A Drum*, the pulse of the drum symbolizes the rhythm of the earth. This rhythm has moved through African culture, over time and place.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/be-drum>

**May 16, 2018**

**Wednesday**

- Read your favorite *Curious George* book and see what the monkey is up to.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search?query=curious+george>

**May 17, 2018**

**Thursday**

- The popular book, *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, was made into a movie recently. The book explores the price of adventure as Peter learns what happens when he disobeys his mother and goes to Mr. McGregor's garden. Through his wit and speed—and with a little luck—he escapes, but discovers that breaking the rules isn't always fun.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/tale-peter-rabbit-peter-rabbit-vignette>

**May 18, 2018**

**Friday**

- Find a trail that is close to your house and get outside.  
<https://www.alltrails.com/>

**May 19, 2018**

**Saturday**

- In *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*, Lily loves school and her teacher, Mr. Singer. But when she brings her favorite possession to school, her purple purse with all her treasures inside it, Mr. Singer takes it away. Lily learns some hard lessons about revenge and remorse.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/lilly%E2%80%99s-purple-plastic-purse>

**May 20, 2018**

**Sunday**

- Based on a Native American legend, *The Story of Jumping Mouse* is about a mouse who goes on a long, dangerous journey to the far-off land of Legend. A magic frog tells him to keep hope alive and he tries to do that as he faces many challenges. In the end, he is awarded for his courage and compassion. Use this printable and interactive Word Search puzzle to find vocabulary words related to the story. Find and circle words across and down.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/story-jumping-mouse-word-search>

**May 21, 2018**

**Monday**

- In addition to "shot," what other words did you come up with? In Chris Paul's *Long Shot*, everybody told Chris that he was too small to play basketball. But he ignored them all, because he had big dreams. Watch an interview with NBA star Chris Paul, where he discusses being the smallest player on the court, but always having the most heart.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/interview-author-chris-paul>

**May 22, 2018**

**Tuesday**

- In *Rent Party Jazz*, Sonny and his mother are barely getting by, and then his mother loses her job. Sonny meets a jazz musician named Smilin' Jack, who offers to have a house concert to raise money for their rent. A fun-filled event shows Sonny the power of community, and is read aloud by Viola Davis.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/rent-party-jazz-read-aloud-viola-davis>

**May 23, 2018**

**Wednesday**

- In "The Letter J Song," different words that start with the letter J are explored.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DrYSjJf0ksc>

**May 24, 2018**

**Thursday**

- Explore book titles that share the theme of "shapes."  
[https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search?query=shape&f%5B0%5D=field\\_themes%3A1447](https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search?query=shape&f%5B0%5D=field_themes%3A1447)

**May 25, 2018**

**Friday**

- *National Geographic Kids Get Outside* inspires kids to get out of the house and explore the great outdoors, where they can discover the wonder and amazement of the world around them, whether in their backyard, across the country, or around the world. Full of fun activities, kids will learn how to make backyard bird baths, explore their local state parks, participate in an outdoor community event, and much more. Activities for every season, spring, summer, winter, and fall will be included to keep kids engaged throughout the year.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/nat-geo-kids-get-outside>

**May 26, 2018**

**Saturday**

- What other ways can you sort things? Maybe by shape, color, and texture. In *Oscar And The Snail: A Book About Things We Use*, Oscar finds a nest of sticks and leaves and wonders about the reasons certain tools and materials exist.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/oscar-and-snail-book-about-things-we-use>

**May 27, 2018**

**Sunday**

- Is your child currently reading a book? Browse our support materials and find creative ideas for parents and educators to do with children after a short reading session.  
[https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search?f%5B0%5D=type%3Asupport\\_material](https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search?f%5B0%5D=type%3Asupport_material)

**May 28, 2018**

**Monday**

- Memorial Day

Also known as the unofficial start to the summer, Memorial Day is a day to honor our armed forces. What are ways you celebrate Memorial Day? *Days to Celebrate* provides a guide to special days of the year. Discover poems recognizing holidays and seasons throughout the year.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/days-celebrate>

**May 29, 2018**

**Tuesday**

- In *Where Is the Green Sheep? Sing Along Video*, sheep of all colors are engaged in different tasks and are everywhere! There are red sheep, blue sheep, scared sheep, and brave sheep. There are even sun sheep and rain sheep. But the green sheep is nowhere to be found. Sing along to the video.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/where-green-sheep-sing-along-video>

**May 30, 2018**

**Wednesday**

- A stop sign is an octagon. *I Read Signs* highlights 30 familiar signs.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/i-read-signs>

**May 31, 2018**

**Thursday**

- While reading through the I Spy books, see how fast you can find all of the items on the page.

[https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search?query=%22i%20spy%22&f%5B0%5D=type%3Abook\\_resource](https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search?query=%22i%20spy%22&f%5B0%5D=type%3Abook_resource)