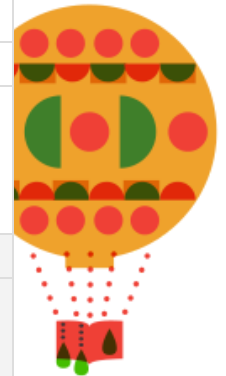
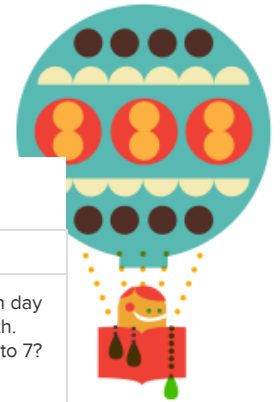


# July 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <b>Canada Day</b> Canada became self-governing on this day in 1867.	2 July is a great month to read some poetry outside.	3 Do you know your ABCs?	4 <b>Independence Day</b> Happy fourth of July! Let's celebrate America's independence.	5 It's the birthday of showman and circus founder, P. T. Barnum.	6 Today is International Kissing Day.	7 Today is the 7th day of the 7th Month. Can you count to 7?
8 Do you have any ducks that live near you?	9 Summer is the perfect season to play outside	10 Today is Pick Blueberries Day.	11 It's the birthday of children's author Patricia Polacco.	12 Today is the birthday of Roman Emperor, Julius Caesar.	13 <b>Friday The 13th</b> Look for scary monsters on this spookiest of dates.	14 <b>Bastille Day</b> Celebrate the turning point of the French Revolution with Madeline.
15 Today is Cow Appreciation Day.	16 Celebrate World Snake Day by learning about them is a book.	17 Did you know that worms make dirt great for growing plants?	18 Today is National Hot Dog Day.	19 Summer is a great time to go swimming.	20 Today is National Lollipop Day.	21 Playing outside is a great way to stay healthy.
22 Celebrate Parent's Day with a book about families.	23 There are more flies around when the weather is warm.	24 Today is Cousins Day.	25 Summer was made for reading, so have a summer book party.	26 Today is Aunt and Uncle Day.	27 Today is Take Your Houseplants for a Walk Day.	28 It's the birthday of children's author Beatrix Potter.
29 It's the birthday of children's author Kathleen Krull.	30 It's the birthday of children's author Marcus Pfister.	31 Celebrate Mutt's Day with everyone's favorite oversized dog.				



**July 1, 2018**

**Sunday**

- Canada Day

Although Canada Day is observed tomorrow, today is a great day to read a book about the country. You can read the Ebook of *Lewis The Duck Goes to Canada*, by Bill Duncan, and follow Lewis and his family on an educational trip to Canada.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/lewis-duck-goes-canada-ebook>

**July 2, 2018**

**Monday**

- You can even read a poem about the month of July in the book *Firefly July: A Year of Very Short Poems* by Paul B. Janeczko. Read the poems and find some additional activities in this helpful guide for parents and families.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/firefly-july-guide-parents-and-families>

**July 3, 2018**

**Tuesday**

- Does it make you feel happy when you can say all of your ABC's or determined when you still have some letters left to memorize? Practice your alphabet with Woodleigh Hubbard's *C is for Curious: An ABC of Feelings* and with one of several ABC memory match games.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/c-curious-abc-feelings>

**July 4, 2018**

**Wednesday**

- Independence Day

Some dogs don't appreciate the fireworks as much as we do, so maybe they would prefer you calm them by watching a read aloud video of *Go, Dog. Go!* by P.D. Eastman.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/go-dog-go-read-aloud-video>

**July 5, 2018**

**Thursday**

- Celebrate Barnum's birthday by reading Clifford's attempts at his own circus act in *Clifford at the Circus*, by Norman Bridwell. After reading, you can play a fun memory match game based on the story.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/clifford-circus-memory-match-medium>

**July 6, 2018**

**Friday**

- Do kisses help you fall asleep like the baby in the book *Counting Kisses: A Kiss and Read Book*, by Karen Katz? Read the book, practice your counting, and then play a word search to find words from the book.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/counting-kisses-kiss-and-read-book-word-search>

**July 7, 2018**

**Saturday**

- How about 10? Read the Dr. Seuss book *Ten Apples Up On Top* to see. Practice your counting while reading the book, then play a game of memory match to match up words from the book.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/ten-apples-top-memory-match-medium>

**July 8, 2018**

**Sunday**

- Help those ducks get across the road if they need it. See how to help in the book *Make Way for Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey. You can even watch a read aloud video of the book.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/make-way-ducklings-read-aloud-video>

**July 9, 2018**

**Monday**

- It's also the perfect season to read a book outside, too, so here's a suggestion: read *Are You Ready to Play Outside?*, by Mo Willems. For even more playing, you can complete a word search based on the book.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/are-you-ready-play-outside-word-search-1>

**July 10, 2018**

**Tuesday**

- Pick some blueberries if you can, or just get a blueberry snack to eat while watching a read aloud video of *Blueberries for Sal* by Emily Kohne.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/blueberries-sal-read-aloud-video>

**July 11, 2018**

**Wednesday**

- Celebrate Polacco's birthday with her book *The Keeping Quilt*. Don't worry if you don't have a copy, because you can watch a read aloud video of the book.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/keeping-quilt-read-aloud-video>

**July 12, 2018**

**Thursday**

- Read about another Emperor: the main character's father in *The Emperor and the Kite* by Jane Yolen. You can even play a word search based on the story.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/emperor-and-kite-word-search-hard>

**July 13, 2018**

**Friday**

- Friday the 13th  
 But don't worry, these monsters aren't too scary, so try to find them all in *I Spy a Scary Monster* by Jean Marzollo. Find the monsters, then find all the words in this word search based on the book.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/i-spy-scary-monster-word-search-2>

**July 14, 2018**

**Saturday**

- Bastille Day  
 Read *Madeline's Rescue* by Ludwig Bemelmans, a story where Madeline needs rescuing after falling into the river Seine in Paris. Then play a fun memory match game based on the book.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/madelines-rescue-memory-matching-medium>

**July 15, 2018**

**Sunday**

- Be nice to cows today and read a book featuring a cow. Do you know what noise a cow makes? You can get a hint by watching a read aloud video of the book *Moo, Baa, La La La* by Sandra Boynton.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/moo-baa-la-la-la-read-aloud-video>

**July 16, 2018**

**Monday**

- Read *Snakes Slither and Hiss* by DK Publishing to learn all about these fascinating creatures. After reading, you can play a memory match game based on the book.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/snakes-slither-and-hiss-memory-match-medium>

**July 17, 2018**

**Tuesday**

- See how worms dig tunnels to help take care of the earth and everything else they do throughout their days in *Diary of a Worm* by Doreen Cronin. You can even watch a read aloud video of the book.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/diary-worm-read-aloud-video-ms-becky>

**July 18, 2018**

**Wednesday**

- What better day to read *The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog* by Mo Willems? After reading, see if you can find words from the story in this word search.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/pigeon-finds-hot-dog-word-search-1>

**July 19, 2018**

**Thursday**

- See if you can find any fish while you swim. If there aren't any, you can always read the Dr. Seuss classic, *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish*. Once you read the book, you can play a memory match game with words from the book.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/one-fish-two-fish-red-fish-blue-fish-memory-match-medium>

**July 20, 2018**

**Friday**

- Celebrate by reading the book *Big Red Lollipop* by Rukhsana Khan. You can even watch a read aloud video of the book.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/big-red-lollipop-read-aloud-video>

**July 21, 2018**

**Saturday**

- Go play outside today and learn about all the other ways you can help take care of your body by reading *My Amazing Body: A First Look at Health and Fitness* by Pat Thomas. Then, see if your eyes can find words from the book in a fun word search.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/my-amazing-body-word-search>

**July 22, 2018**

**Sunday**

- *All Families are Special*, by Norma Simon, is a book about how everyone's family is different and special in their own way. Spend time with your own wonderfully special family by reading together and playing a word search to see if you can find all of the words from the book.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/all-families-are-special-word-search>

**July 23, 2018**

**Monday**

- Hopefully the flies you may see today are as friendly as the one Buzz meets in *Hi! Fly Guy*, by Tedd Arnold. Read this book with your best fly friend - or human friend or family member, if you prefer. You can even watch a read along video of the book inside if the flies are a bit too friendly.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/hi-fly-guy-read-aloud-video>

**July 24, 2018**

**Tuesday**

- Do you know all of your cousins? Read the book *Me and My Family Tree*, by Joan Sweeney, to get inspired to draw your own family tree. You can even play a game of word search based on the book.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/me-and-my-family-tree-word-search>

**July 25, 2018**

**Wednesday**

- People all over the world love reading, and you can read about them in *Book Fiesta!*, by Pat Mora. After you finish the book, you can find fun activities and book discussion topic in this helpful guide for parents and families.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/book-fiesta-guide-parents-and-families>

**July 26, 2018**

**Thursday**

- Did you make a family tree on Cousins Day a couple days ago? Do you have any Uncles named Peter? If not, you can read a book about one in *Uncle Peter's Amazing Chinese Wedding* by Lenore Look. If you have an Aunt or Uncle nearby, call them over to celebrate the holiday and play a memory match game together.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/uncle-peters-amazing-chinese-wedding-memory-match>

**July 27, 2018**

**Friday**

- Whether you have a houseplant or not, the main idea of this holiday is to get outside and moving, so grab your favorite succulent or just your favorite walking buddy and get started. When you get back, why not read a plant-themed book like *A Tree is a Plant*, by Clyde Robert Bulla and play a word search based on the book?  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/tree-plant-word-search-1>

**July 28, 2018**

**Saturday**

- Celebrate Potter's birthday by reading her classic book *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*. You can even watch a read aloud video of the book.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/tale-peter-rabbit-read-aloud-video>

**July 29, 2018**

**Sunday**

- Celebrate Krull's birthday by reading her book *Harvesting Hope*. Learn all about the story of Cesar Chavez and play a word search based on the book.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/harvesting-hope-story-cesar-chavez-word-search>

**July 30, 2018**

**Monday**

- Celebrate Pfister's birthday with a reading of his book *The Rainbow Fish*. Or you could have Ernest Borgnine read it in this read aloud video.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/rainbow-fish-read-aloud-ernest-borgnine>

**July 31, 2018**

**Tuesday**

- Clifford is certainly a proud ambassador of mutts everywhere, and you can read Norman Bridwell's classic book, *Clifford the Big Red Dog*, to learn all about him and his adventures. After reading, you can play a fun memory match game based on the book.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/clifford-big-red-dog-memory-match-medium>