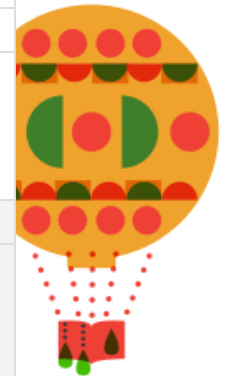
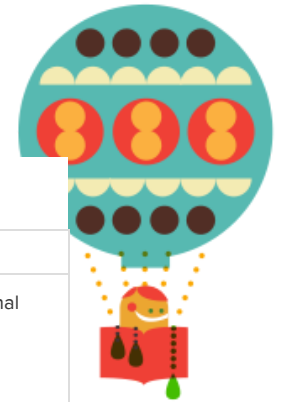


# August 2018



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			Celebrate the first day of August with a bike ride.	Embrace the dog days of summer with a dog-themed book.	How many seeds can you count on National Watermelon Day?	Today is National Clown Day.
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Celebrate Friendship Day by reading with a friend.	Today is Wiggle your Toes Day. Let's celebrate with a song!	Celebrate National Lighthouse Day with a book on the beach.	It's the 8th day of the 8th month. Can you count to eight?	Today is Book Lover's Day. What better day to read a book?	Is it too hot today? Cool off with a book about a colder season.	Celebrate Son and Daughter Day by reading with family.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Have you gone swimming lately?	It's the birthday of former Cuban President, Fidel Castro.	Ever wonder how all that water gets in the pool?	It's the birthday of Julia Child, chef and cookbook author.	Go find a cool stream to explore on this hot summer day.	It's the birthday of frontiersman Davy Crockett.	Today is National Honey Bee Awareness Day.
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Celebrate National Potato Day with a book about potatoes.	It's the birthday of science fiction writer, H. P. Lovecraft.	Celebrate Senior Citizen's Day by reading with the elderly.	Today is National Tooth Fairy Day.	Late summer is a great time to watch storms safely inside.	Take advantage of nice summer weather by playing outside.	It's the birthday of children's author Arthur Yorinks.
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Celebrate National Dog Day with <i>The Poky Little Puppy</i> .	Hot summer days can spark wildfires. Learn about fire safety.	It's the birthday of children's author Allen Say.	Today is the birthday of jazz saxophone great, Charlie Parker.	It's the birthday of children's author Virginia Lee Burton.	The summer is almost over. Go out and do something new.	



**August 1, 2018**

**Wednesday**

- The Tour de France may have been last month, but it is still a great time to get out and push those pedals. If the pros didn't inspire you, maybe everyone's favorite monkey will. Read *Curious George Rides a Bike*, by H. A. Rey, go for a ride, then play a fun memory match game based on the book.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/curious-george-rides-bike-memory-match-medium>

**August 2, 2018**

**Thursday**

- If you could be any animal, what would you be? *If You Were a Dog*, by Jamie A. Swenson, will help you decide. Read the book and play a word search to see if you can find words from the book.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/if-you-were-dog-word-search-medium>

**August 3, 2018**

**Friday**

- See how many seeds you can find, or spit out if you are outside. Then, read a book that asks the same question about a similarly sized vegetable, *How Many Seeds in a Pumpkin?* by Margaret McNamara. You can also watch a read aloud video of the book here.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/how-many-seeds-pumpkin-read-aloud-video>

**August 4, 2018**

**Saturday**

- *Pierrot's ABC Garden*, by Anita Lobel, features the classic clown giving his friend alphabetical gifts. Read the book and practice your ABCs with this fun memory match game.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/pierrot%E2%80%99s-abc-garden>

**August 5, 2018**

**Sunday**

- Even if your friend is a robot like in John Schu's *Boy + Bot*, reading together is a great way to bond. You can also watch a read along video of the book here.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/boy-bot-read-aloud-video>

**August 6, 2018**

**Monday**

- Read *Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes*, by Annie Kubler, sing along to this sing-along video of the classic song, and don't forget to get those toes wiggling, of course.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/head-shoulders-knees-and-toes-sing-long-video>

**August 7, 2018**

**Tuesday**

- Read *Out of the Blue*, by Alison Jay, and use this helpful guide for parents and families to do some beach-themed activities. Don't forget to see if there are any lighthouses near to you.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/out-blue-guide-parents-and-families>

**August 8, 2018**

**Wednesday**

- See if reading *Ten, Nine, Eight*, by Molly Bang, can help you count back down from eight as well. Once you read the book, play a word search to see if you can find words from the book.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/ten-nine-eight-word-search>

**August 9, 2018**

**Thursday**

- Here is a book suggestion: *The Boy Who Loved Words*, by Roni Schotter, is about a boy who collects all the words he loves and makes poems with them. Read the book, then see if you can find the words in this word search.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/boy-who-loved-words-word-search>

**August 10, 2018**

**Friday**

- *The Snowy Day*, by Ezra Jack Keats, will transport you to the colder days of winter and may remind you that hot weather isn't so bad. You can also find some fun activities in this activity kit from the book's author.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/ezra-jack-keats-activity-kit>

<p><b>August 11, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What better book to read together than the classic rhymes in <i>Sylvia Long's Mother Goose</i>? After reading together, play a fun word search based on the book together.  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/sylvia-long%E2%80%99s-mother-geese-word-search">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/sylvia-long%E2%80%99s-mother-geese-word-search</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>August 12, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Sunday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The title character from Leo Lionni's <i>Swimmy</i>, like most fish, goes swimming everyday. Read about Swimmy's adventures and follow along with the book while watching this read aloud video.  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/swimmy-animated-read-aloud-video">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/swimmy-animated-read-aloud-video</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>August 13, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Monday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Learn about the sights and sounds of Cuba's capital city, Havana, in Margarita Engle's book <i>All the Way to Havana</i>. After reading, use this helpful guide to talk about the book.  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/all-way-havana-activity-guide">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/all-way-havana-activity-guide</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>August 14, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Follow along with the magic school bus to find out. Read <i>The Magic School Bus at the Waterworks</i>, by Joanna Cole, to learn about the water cycle and how towns purify water for their citizens. After reading, see if you can find words from the book in this word search.  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/magic-school-bus-waterworks-word-search">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/magic-school-bus-waterworks-word-search</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>August 15, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Julia Child was such a great chef, not even D.W. would question her food. Read <i>D.W. the Picky Eater</i>, by Marc Brown, and test your memory with this fun memory match game that uses words from the book.  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/dw-picky-eater-memory-matching">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/dw-picky-eater-memory-matching</a></li> </ul>	

<p><b>August 16, 2018</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Thursday</b></span></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You can learn all about streams in the book <i>Life in a Stream</i>, by Carol Lindeen. See if you can find fish, animals, and plants from the book in a real stream, then find those and other words from the book in this word search.  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/life-stream-word-search">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/life-stream-word-search</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>August 17, 2018</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Friday</b></span></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read the story of Davy Crockett's extraordinary, fictitious wife in Steven Kellogg's book <i>Sally Ann Thunder Ann Whirlwind Crockett</i>. Then, play a word search based on the book.  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/sally-ann-thunder-ann-whirlwind-crockett-word-search">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/sally-ann-thunder-ann-whirlwind-crockett-word-search</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>August 18, 2018</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Saturday</b></span></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Celebrate honeybees by reading a bee-themed book like <i>The Honeybee Man</i>, by Lela Nargi. Talk about the book and plan some themed activities using this helpful guide for parents and families.  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/honeybee-man-guide-parents-and-families">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/honeybee-man-guide-parents-and-families</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>August 19, 2018</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Sunday</b></span></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The Potato Man</i>, by Megan McDonald, tells a story about life a couple generations ago that includes a particularly memorable Potato Man. After reading, see if you can find words from the book in this fun word search.  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/potato-man-word-search">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/potato-man-word-search</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>August 20, 2018</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Monday</b></span></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Celebrate all things Sci-fi with a space book. Read <i>Interstellar Cinderella</i>, by Deborah Underwood, and play a fun memory match game based on the book.  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/interstellar-cinderella-memory-match">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/interstellar-cinderella-memory-match</a></li> </ul>

<p><b>August 21, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pick a book today that celebrates those from older generations such as Allen Say's book, <i>Grandfather's Journey</i>. You can even read along with this read aloud video.  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/grandfather%E2%80%99s-journey-read-aloud-video">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/grandfather%E2%80%99s-journey-read-aloud-video</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>August 22, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hopefully Arthur can get the Tooth Fairy to visit him once his tooth finally falls out in <i>Arthur's Tooth</i>, by Marc Brown. After reading, search for words from the book in this word search.  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/arthurs-tooth-word-search">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/arthurs-tooth-word-search</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>August 23, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Can you find lightning outside your windows or in Jean Marzollo's book <i>I Spy Lightning in the Sky?</i> Can you match up all the words from the book in this memory match game?  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/i-spy-lightning-sky-memory-match-medium">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/i-spy-lightning-sky-memory-match-medium</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>August 24, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Friday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Read <i>Exercise</i>, by Sharon Gordon, to get some ideas of ways to exercise and why it is so important to keep physically fit. Then exercise your brain with this criss cross game with words and clues based on the book.  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/exercise-criss-cross">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/exercise-criss-cross</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>August 25, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Celebrate Yorinks's birthday by reading his book <i>Hey, Al!</i>. You can then try to find words from the book in this word search game.  <a href="https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/hey-al-word-search">https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/hey-al-word-search</a></li> </ul>	

**August 26, 2018**

**Sunday**

- Read Janette Sebring Lowrey's classic book *The Poky Little Puppy*, and take your favorite four-legged friend for a walk. You can even watch a read aloud video of the book.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/poky-little-puppy-read-aloud-video>

**August 27, 2018**

**Monday**

- Read a book about how firefighters bravely come to help put out fires. *Firebears the Rescue Team*, by Rhonda Gowler Green, follows the fearless rescue crew as they put out huge blazes. After reading, find the words from the book in this fun word search.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/firebears-rescue-team-word-search-medium>

**August 28, 2018**

**Tuesday**

- Celebrate Say's birthday by reading his book, *The Favorite Daughter*. Then, use this guide for parents and families to discuss the book and plan related activities.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/favorite-daughter-guide-parents-and-families>

**August 29, 2018**

**Wednesday**

- Charlie Parker, also known as "Bird," was a key figure in bebop music, so put on some jazz and read a bird-themed book like *The Best Nest*, by P. D. Eastman. Then, test your memory with this matching game based on the book.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/best-nest-memory-match-medium>

**August 30, 2018**

**Thursday**

- Celebrate Burton's birthday by reading her book, *The Little House*. You can even follow along with this read aloud video.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/little-house-read-aloud-video>

**August 31, 2018**

**Friday**

- Just like different experiences, different people are interesting and important to learn from. Read *Whoever You Are*, by Mem Fox, to celebrate children all over the world and how they are all different, but inside, they are just like you. Use this helpful guide for parents and families to talk about differences and plan themed activities.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/whoever-you-are-guide-parents-and-families>