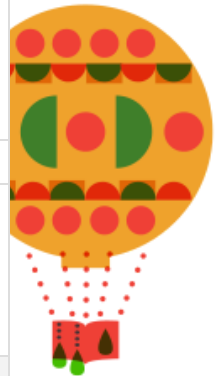
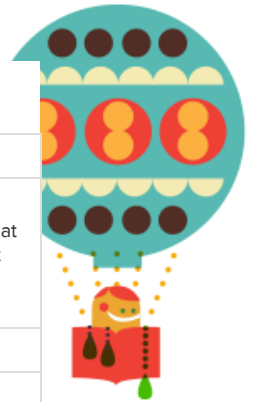


September 2018



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						It's the birthday of track and field great Carl Lewis. Go out and run.
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Summer is almost over and it's almost time for school.	Labor Day Celebrate workers' contributions to the world with Curious George.	It's the birthday of children's author Syd Hoff.	Today is the birthday of children's author Tomie dePaola.	Happy Read a Book Day! Need some ideas for how to celebrate?	Today is International Literacy Day.	It's the birthday of children's author Jon Scieszka.
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It's the ninth day of the ninth month. Can you count to nine?	Today is Teddy Bear Day.	September is Classical Music Month.	Today is National Video Games Day.	Celebrate Positive Thinking Day with the most positive little engine.	It's the birthday of psychology pioneer Ivan Pavlov.	Happy Make a Hat Day.
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
It's the birthday of magician David Copperfield.	It's the birthday of children's author H.A. Rey	Yom Kippur Celebrate this day of atonement with a book with a good lesson.	Why does it take pirates so long to learn the alphabet?	It's the birthday of famous glass artist Dale Chihuly.	It's the birthday of horror writer Stephen King.	Autumnal Equinox Today is the beginning of Fall and International Rabbit Day.
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Today is Dog in Politics Day or Checkers Day.	It's the birthday of Muppets creator Jim Henson.	Today is National Comic Book Day.	Celebrate Johnny Appleseed Day with an apple-themed book.	September is Hispanic Heritage Month.	Native American Day Celebrate the holiday with a Wasco legend about constellations.	It's the birthday of children's author Stan Berenstain.
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It's the end of another month. Say goodnight to September.						



September 1, 2018

Saturday

- Learn all about the importance of taking care of your body in the book *My Amazing Body*, by Pat Thomas, and maybe one day you will be as fit as an Olympic athlete like Carl Lewis. After reading, and exercising, of course, play this word search with words from the book.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/my-amazing-body-word-search>

September 2, 2018

Sunday

- Are you going to school for the first time this year, or just excited to be moving up a grade? Read *Amelia Bedelia's First Day of School*, by Herman Parish, and learn some lessons from Amelia, like maybe don't glue yourself to your seat. After reading, see if you can answer clues about the book in this criss cross game.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/amelia-bedelia%E2%80%99s-first-day-school-criss-cross>

September 3, 2018

Monday

- Labor Day
 Follow the job search of everyone's favorite monkey after his escape from the zoo in *Curious George Takes a Job*, by H. A. Rey. After reading the book, match up some of the vocabulary words in this memory match game.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/curious-george-takes-job-memory-match-medium>

September 4, 2018

Tuesday

- Celebrate Syd Hoff by reading his book *Happy Birthday, Danny the Dinosaur*. You can then play a word search to see if you can find words from the book.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/happy-birthday-danny-and-dinosaur-word-search-1>

September 5, 2018

Wednesday

- Celebrate Tomie dePaola's birthday by reading her book *Strega Nona*. You can follow along with the book while watching this read aloud video.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/strega-nona-read-aloud-video>

September 6, 2018

Thursday

- Read your favorite book or find a new favorite like *Memoirs of a Hamster*, by Devin Scillian. After reading, use this helpful guide for parents and families to discuss the book and plan some themed activities.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/memoirs-hamster-guide-parents-and-families>

September 7, 2018

Friday

- What better day to practice your ABCs? Read *Quentin Blake's ABC* and practice matching up letters with a fun memory match game.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/quentin-blake%E2%80%99s-abc>

September 8, 2018

Saturday

- Celebrate Jon Scieszka's birthday by reading his book *The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales*, then play this word search game with words from the book.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/stinky-cheese-man-and-other-fairly-stupid-tales-word-search>

September 9, 2018

Sunday

- Once you get to nine, see if you can count all of the butterflies in Jerry Pallotta's book *Butterfly Counting*. After reading, use this helpful guide for parents and families to discuss the book and play themed activities.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/butterfly-counting-guide-parents-and-families>

September 10, 2018

Monday

- Celebrate by reading a book with a teddy bear character like *Corduroy*, by Don Freeman. You can even play a fun game of word search with words from the book.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/corduroy-word-search>

September 11, 2018

Tuesday

- To celebrate, read a book about the teamwork that created one of the most important classical works of the last century, *The Rite of Spring*. Read *When Stravinsky Met Nijinsky*, by Lauren Stringer, and use this helpful guide for parents and families to discuss the book and plan themed activities.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/when-stravinsky-met-ninjinsky-guide-parents-and-families>

September 12, 2018

Wednesday

- Instead of playing video games, read a book about video games to celebrate. Read *Bad Kitty Does Not Like Video Games*, by Nick Bruel, and see how Bad Kitty finds outdoor activities that are just as fun as video games. Find your own activities related to the book to do using these fun ideas.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/bad-kitty-does-not-video-games-includes-stickers>

September 13, 2018

Thursday

- Watty Piper's classic book, *The Little Engine That Could*, is a perfect story to show the power of positive thinking. After reading, see if you can find all of the words from the book in this word search — we think you can, we think you can!
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/little-engine-could-word-search>

September 14, 2018

Friday

- Pavlov's famous experiment showed that you can teach dogs to expect an edible reward after ringing a bell if you condition them. Celebrate this contribution to psychology by reading the story of a very well-trained dog. *Buddy: The First Seeing Eye Dog*, by Eva Moore, is the perfect book, and this criss cross game is the perfect way to test your understanding of the book.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/buddy-first-seeing-eye-dog-criss-cross>

September 15, 2018

Saturday

- Celebrate by making a new hat, or just decorate an old one to make it new. Get some ideas by reading *Old Hat New Hat*, by Stan and Jan Berenstain. Don't forget to play a memory match game after reading.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/old-hat-new-hat-memory-match-medium>

September 16, 2018

Sunday

- Read a magical book today. *Once a Mouse*, by Marcia Brown, is a story about a magical man who turns a mouse into larger animals to keep him safe. Could the man be today's birthday boy? You'll have to read the book to see, then you can play a word search to find words from the book.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/once-mouse-word-search>

September 17, 2018

Monday

- Celebrate H. A. Rey's birthday with his perfectly timed book, *Curious George and the Birthday Surprise*. After reading, see if you can match up words from the book in this fun memory match game.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/curious-george-and-birthday-surprise-memory-match-medium>

September 18, 2018

Tuesday

- Yom Kippur
It Could Always be Worse: A Yiddish Folktale, by Margot Zemach, is a book that humorously reminds us to be thankful for what we have. Read the book and remember that, even if you are fasting on this holiest of Jewish holidays, it could be worse. After all, you have a fun word search to play after reading!
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/it-could-always-be-worse-yiddish-folktale-word-search>

September 19, 2018

Wednesday

- Because they can spend years at CI! Celebrate International Talk Like a Pirate Day by telling jokes in pirate voices and reading pirate-themed books like *The Pirate of Kindergarten*, by George Ella Lyon. You can also plan additional activities based on the book with this helpful guide for parents and families.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/pirate-kindergarten-guide-parents-and-families>

September 20, 2018

Thursday

- Celebrate Chihuly and his magnificent blown-glass sculptures by reading a story about a similarly creative girl in Ashley Spires's book *The Most Magnificent Thing*. After reading, see if you can match up words from the book in this memory match game.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/most-magnificent-thing-memory-match>

September 21, 2018

Friday

- You might not be quite ready to read Stephen King's books yet, but there are some fun and scary books that you will love. *The Fun Book of Scary Stuff*, by Emily Jenkins, is a perfect book to learn that scary stuff can be much less scary once you turn on the light. After reading, see if you can find words from the book in this word search.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/fun-book-scary-stuff-word-search-medium>

September 22, 2018

Saturday

- Autumnal Equinox
 Celebrate by reading the story of everyone's favorite mischievous rabbit in *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, by Beatrix Potter. Follow along in the book while watching this read aloud video.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/tale-peter-rabbit-read-aloud-rose-byrne>

September 23, 2018

Sunday

- While you are likely not old enough to remember the famous speech made in 1952 by Richard Nixon that this day commemorates, we hope you are like us and will take any excuse to read a book about dogs. Celebrate Checkers, the presidential pup, while reading *A Ball for Daisy*, by Chris Raschka. After reading, see if you can find words from the book in this fun word search.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/ball-daisy-word-search>

September 24, 2018

Monday

- Celebrate the famous puppeteer by reading a book about another style of puppet show, the Macy's Parade, in the book *Balloons over Broadway*, by Melissa Sweet. You can even read along with the read aloud video.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/balloons-over-broadway-read-aloud-video>

September 25, 2018

Tuesday

- Celebrate comic books by reading *Buzz Boy and Fly Guy*, by Tedd Arnold. See if you can match up the words from the book in this memory match game.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/buzz-boy-and-fly-guy-memory-match-medium>

September 26, 2018

Wednesday

- Dr. Seuss's *Ten Apples Up on Top* will help you celebrate and help you practice your counting all at the same time. After reading, you can play this fun word search based on the book.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/ten-apples-top-word-search-1>

September 27, 2018

Thursday

- Celebrate your own Hispanic heritage or that of your friends and neighbors around the world by reading *I Love Saturdays y domingos*, by Alma Flor Ada. After reading, use this helpful guide for parents and families to discuss the book and plan themed activities.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/i-love-saturdays-y-domingos-guide-parents-and-families>

September 28, 2018

Friday

- Native American Day
 Read *Coyote Places the Stars*, by Harriet Peck Taylor, and go out tonight to see if you can see the groups of stars described in the book. You can also watch a shadow puppet telling of the story in this read aloud video.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/coyote-places-stars-shadow-puppet-read-aloud>

September 29, 2018

Saturday

- Practice your counting and celebrate the author's birthday at the same time by reading *Bears on Wheels*, by Stan and Jan Berenstain. After reading, see if you can find the words from the book in this word search.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/bears-wheels-word-search-1>

September 30, 2018

Sunday

- Read Margaret Wise Brown's classic book *Goodnight Moon* and add a line to say goodnight to the month of September. You can even follow along in the book with this read aloud video.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/goodnight-moon-animated-story-time>