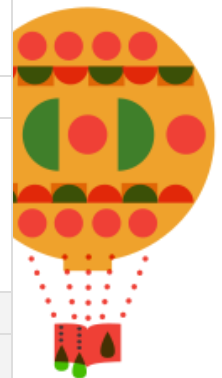
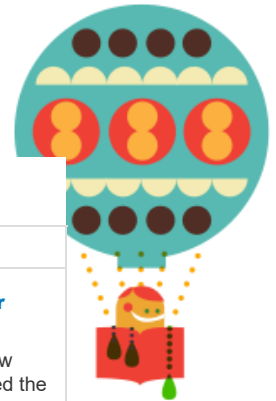


December 2019



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1 Happy Birthday to Author Jan Brett!	2 Hanukkah Begins Learn about the Jewish holiday by reading a book!	3 Read A New Book Month Give yourself the gift of reading by reading new books!	4 Set a reading goal for December! Think 12!	5 International Volunteer Day Get involved by helping others.	6 Mitten Tree Day Collect mittens from family and friends to donate!	7 Pearl Harbor Day Read about how this event forced the U.S. into war.
8 National Brownie Day Brownies from a box or scratch, what's your favorite?	9 Create a family traditions book!	10 Human Rights Day What are Human Rights and do you have them?	11 Is it cold outside? Warm up with a "hot" book!	12 National Gingerbread House Day Make a Gingerbread house you would love to	13 Cocoa Day Sip on a warm cup of cocoa and read about Snow Monsters!	14 International Monkey Day Swing into some famous Monkey books!
15 Bill Of Rights Day What rights are you most thankful for?	16 Los Posadas Read and learn about this 9 day Mexican celebration!	17 Wright Brothers Day Design, build and fly a new kind of paper airplane.	18 Learn about Arctic animals at the North and South poles.	19 Happy Birthday to Author Eve Bunting!	20 Happy Birthday to Author Lulu Delacre!	21 Winter Solstice It's the first day of Winter, can you spot the signs?
22 Sit back and watch your favorite stories be read aloud to you!	23 Give the gift of time to your family and friends.	24 Take a train ride on the Polar Express!	25 Christmas Day Read about the first Christmas celebration.	26 Kwanzaa Begins Grab a drum and celebrate the beginning of Kwanzaa!	27 Make cut out snowflakes!	28 Card Playing Day Stay warm indoors and have fun playing a card game!
29 Happy Birthday to Author Phil Bildner!	30 Bacon Day What's your favorite way to eat bacon?	31 New Year's Eve Celebrate a year of reading! How many books did you read?				

December 1, 2019**Sunday**

- Celebrate Jan Brett's birthday by reading some of the books she wrote and illustrated! Jan's books are known for her detailed and colorful illustrations. She writes about animals and children from different cultures. Check out some of her books by clicking on the link below.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search?query=brett>

December 2, 2019**Monday**

- Hanukkah begins
Learn about how Hanukkah is celebrated by reading the book *Hanukkah in Alaska* by Barbara Brown. Click on the link below to find a video read aloud of the book and activities that go along with the book.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/hanukkah-alaska>

December 3, 2019**Tuesday**

- Read a New Book Month
Celebrate Read a New Book Month by visiting your local library and checking out books you've never read! Try learning something new! Maybe you could read about different holiday celebrations that take place this month with your family. If you need some suggestions, click on the link below to see some Multicultural Holiday books. You will learn about how different cultures celebrate during this special time of the year.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/collections/head-start-december-collection>

December 4, 2019**Wednesday**

- This is the last reading goal you will set for 2018! Since December is the 12th month, make your goal using the number 12. Can you read 12 books a week, or read 12 pages from a chapter book each night? You could also try reading for 12 minutes each morning and night for the entire month. Finish this year strong with a challenging reading goal. You can do it! Click on the link below for some fun reading activities that you can do with your family to help you to reach your reading goal.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/collections/reading-activities-parents-and-caregivers>

December 5, 2019

Thursday

- International Volunteer Day

Volunteering can look like many different things. It could be reading to a younger child, cleaning up an outside area that has litter, or helping serve food to the homeless at a local shelter. Create a list with a friend of all the different ways you could help others. Once you have created a list get started! If you need more ideas read *10 Things I can Do to Help My World* by Melanie Walsh. Click on the link below to access games, a video sing along and lots of activities that support this book.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/10-things-i-can-do-help-my-world>

December 6, 2019

Friday

- Mitten Tree Day

Celebrate Mitten Tree Day by reading *The Mitten* by Jan Brett. Then get involved and start a mitten tree in your neighborhood or classroom. Ask friends, neighbors and classmates to donate mittens so those who don't have any can keep their hands warm when it is cold outside. Click on the link below to see a video read aloud of the book. You will also find games and activities that support this delightful story.

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

December 7, 2019

Saturday

- Pearl Harbor Day

In remembrance of Pearl Harbor Day, find a book or an article to read about the event. If you need a book suggestion, try *I Survived: I Survived the Bombing of Pearl Harbor, 1941* by Lauren Tarshis. This historical fiction book shares the experience a kid would have had living through this terrifying day and how they survived. Click on the link below to see the book.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/i-survived-i-survived-bombing-pearl-harbor-1941>

December 8, 2019

Sunday

- National Brownie Day

Today celebrate the delicious chocolate dessert , the brownie! You can make them using a box mix or by following a recipe where you will have to measure all of the ingredients yourself. If you want to try something new, click on the link below to learn new ways to upgrade the traditional brownie treat! Don't forget to share your yummy creation with your family and friends.

https://www.hersheys.com/kitchens/en_us/blogs/4-easy-ways-to-upgrade-everyday-brownies-recipes.html?gclid=EAlaIqObChMlvrax38bM3gIVQUSGCh3YhwFSEAMYASAAEgL3X_D_BwE&gclid=aw.ds

December 9, 2019

Monday

- Create a book with your family members that shares your special holiday traditions. If you have family members who live far away, try calling them to see if they come up with any you may have forgotten. Then share the book with your family. You may be able to create a video of you sharing the book so all of your family has a copy they can see year after year. Check out some books that share family traditions by clicking on the link below. Make sure you try some of the fun games and activities that go along with the books.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search?query=traditions>

December 10, 2019

Tuesday

- Human Rights Day
 All Humans should have rights and freedoms like: freedom of speech, freedom to practice any religion, freedom from slavery, right to an education and a right to a fair trial. These are just a few and unfortunately many humans do not have these rights or freedoms. Discuss with your family the importance of these rights and read the book *Her Right Foot* by Dave Eggers to learn about how the Statue of Liberty is not just a symbol of our country and the freedoms we have but how this great statue is a reminder to never stop fighting for those who don't have the freedoms and rights we do. Click on the link below to see the a read aloud of the book as well as games and activities that support this story.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/her-right-foot>

December 11, 2019

Wednesday

- Find a warm place to read for at least 20 minutes today. Click on the link below to remind yourself about the warmth of the summer sun in the *Soar to Summer* book collections.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search/type/collections?query=summer>

December 12, 2019

Thursday

- National Gingerbread House Day
 Today is a day to create! If you don't have the tools and supplies to make a real Gingerbread house, then try drawing one or making a 3D one with a shoe box and construction paper. Gingerbread houses are known for their candy covered walls, windows, doors and rooftops. The creations you can make are endless! Visit your local library and check out the book *Can You See What I See? Christmas* by Walter Wick for some great examples of how to decorate your gingerbread houses and people. How many Gingerbread men and women can you find on the pages?
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/scholastic-reader-level-1-can-you-see-what-i-see-christmas>

December 13, 2019

Friday

- Cocoa Day

Did you know that cocoa which is used to make chocolate comes from a cacao bean that grows from trees close to the equator? Celebrate Cocoa Day by drinking a warm cup of Hot Chocolate or indulge in a yummy chocolate bar and reading a book about it! Visit your local library to check out the book *The Bailey School Kids Jr. Chapter Book: Snow Monsters Do Drink Hot Chocolate* by Debbie Dadey. Click on the link below to see the book.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/bailey-school-kids-jr-chapter-book-snow-monsters-do-drink-hot-chocolate>

December 14, 2019

Saturday

- International Monkey Day

Monkeys are cute and fun! Click on the link below to check out lots of books all about monkeys! If you can, visit a playground to monkey around! Try out the monkey bars and show off your monkey moves.

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

December 15, 2019

Sunday

- Bill of Rights Day

The Bill of Rights are amendments to the constitution to ensure all people have certain freedoms and rights. The Bill of Rights document was made of up 10 amendments, later other amendments were added which included things like voting rights for women and people of color. Read *Susan B. Anthony: Fighter for Freedom and Equality* by Suzanne Slade, to learn more about how Susan stood up for equality and her commitment as well as others led to more amendments being added to the Bill of Rights. Click on the link below to find leveled reading passages and games that support this book. What rights are you most thankful for? Draw a picture and see if your family can guess which amendment you are most happy for.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/susan-b-anthony-fighter-freedom-and-equality>

December 16, 2019

Monday

- Los Posadas

Today is the start of Los Posadas! Read *Nine Days to Christmas* by Marie Hall Ets and Aurora Labastida, and follow Ceci as she awaits her Mexican town's posada Christmas party. Click on the link below to view the book and try a word search based on the book.

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

December 17, 2019

Tuesday

- **Wright Brothers Day**

The Wright Brothers were smart, innovative, adventurous, ambitious and determined. Some even say they were a little bit crazy. All of those characteristics helped them become the first to fly an airplane! They successfully designed, built and flew the first airplane. Read about them and their amazing story by clicking on the link below. Then honor the brothers by tackling some aviation and engineering of your own. Try upgrading the paper airplane and see if you can make the traditional model better.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search?query=%22wright+brothers%22>

December 18, 2019

Wednesday

- **Read a nonfiction book about Arctic animals. Then create a Venn Diagram about the animals and arctic habitat for the North and South poles. Which pole would you most like to live if you were an arctic animal? Click on the link below to view books about the North and South poles.**

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

December 19, 2019

Thursday

- **Celebrate Eve Bunting's birthday by reading one of her books! Eve has written over 250 books! She writes both fiction and nonfiction. Click on the link below to see some of her books and make sure you try out the activities, games and resources that go along with her stories.**

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

December 20, 2019

Friday

- **Celebrate Lulu Delacre's birthday by reading one of her books! Lulu has written many award winning books that celebrate her Latino heritage and promote diversity. Click on the link below to see some of her books. Don't forget to try some of the activities, games and resources that go along with her books.**

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

December 21, 2019

Saturday

- Winter Solstice

Take a walk outside and look for signs of winter. Then read some winter books to see if you found some of the same signs of winter. Click on the link below to view some books that take place during the winter season.

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

December 22, 2019

Sunday

- Check out this awesome collection of videos of your favorite books by famous actors. Click on the link below to view the books as well as the fun activities and resources that support each story. Which book was your favorite read aloud and why?

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/collections/storyline-online>

December 23, 2019

Monday

- It's the season of giving! For the rest of the month focus on giving time to your friends and family. Unplug from electronics and spend time with those you love. Try playing games and reading books together. You could also help them with chores they normally do by themselves. In giving of your time, you will find that you have also received a gift by spending time with your family! Click on the link below for some great Winter books that you can read with your loved ones.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/collections/winter-days-collection>

December 24, 2019

Tuesday

- 'Twas the night before Christmas and the Polar Express is ready to take you on a journey! Click on the link below to watch a video read aloud of *The Polar Express*. You will also find games and activities that go along with this magical story.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/polar-express>

December 25, 2019

Wednesday

- Christmas Day

Christmas is a celebration that honors the day Christ was born. Many different religions and cultures all around the world celebrate this day as the day the world received the gift of Jesus. Read the book *This First Christmas Night* by Laura Godwin to learn more about this celebration and why giving gifts has become such an important part of our culture today.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/first-christmas-night>

December 26, 2019

Thursday

- Kwanzaa Begins

Today is the first day of Kwanzaa. Learn about this African holiday by reading the book *Wood-Hoopoe Willie* by Virginia Kroll. In the story, Willie learns how to play the drums and about his African heritage through his grandfather. Willie then gets to perform in the Kwanzaa community celebration! Click on the link below to find a video song of the book and activities that support this story and the Kwanzaa celebration.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/wood-hoopoe-willie>

December 27, 2019

Friday

- Did you know that every snowflake is special and unique? Read about snowflakes and spend some time creating your own unique snowflakes today.

Click on the link below for snowflake books and a cut out activity.

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

December 28, 2019

Saturday

- Card Playing Day

Grab your family, friends and a deck of cards. Play a game you know or try something new. Playing card games is a great way to activate your brain and use the skills of strategy. It's also a great time to practice good sportsmanship. Click on the link below to find the directions and rules to for a bunch of different card games and start playing!

<https://www.familyeducation.com/entertainment-activities/card-games>

December 29, 2019**Sunday**

- Celebrate Phil Bildner's birthday today by reading one of his books! Phil loves writing sport themed books. Click on the link below to view some of the books he wrote.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search?query=bildner>

December 30, 2019**Monday**

- Bacon Day
Bacon has become a favorite addition to many meals. It can be munched by itself on or mixed into a yummy meal and sometimes even a dessert! Check out the book *Everyone Loves Bacon* by DiPucchio Kelly. This fun story will remind you about what is important in life and to stay humble. Click on the link below to play games that go with the book.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/everyone-loves-bacon>

December 31, 2019**Tuesday**

- New Year's Eve
The 2018 year is ending. How many books did you read? Try setting a higher goal for 2019? You can finish out the year with a New Year's Eve themed book like *Calendar Club Mysteries: The Case of the New Year's Eve Nightmare* by Nancy Star.
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/calendar-club-mysteries-case-new-years-eve-nightmare>