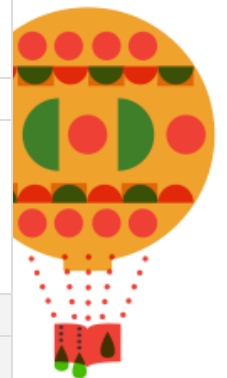
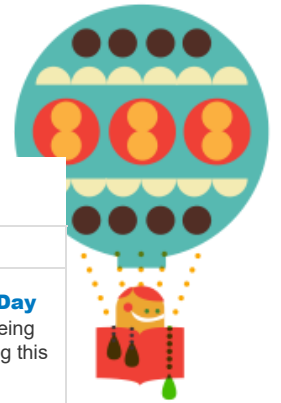


October 2018



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October 1, 2018

Monday

- National Homemade Cookie Day

Cookies are a favorite treat for kids and adults! Have you ever tried to make your favorite cookie using a recipe? Today is the perfect day to do just that! Get inspired by checking out some recipe books like this one, *Baking Class: 50 Fun Recipes Kids will Love to Bake!* by Deanna F. Cook. After you finish baking a batch, try the puzzles and games that go along with the book!

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/baking-class-50-fun-recipes-kid-will-love-bake>

October 2, 2018

Tuesday

- Can you challenge yourself to read at least 10 minutes a day? How about 10 picture books a week or 10 chapter books for the month? Set your reading goal and get started! Visit your local library to find some great new titles to help you reach your reading goal. If you need a book recommendation to get you started with and goes along with the 10 theme, try the Dr. Seuss book *Ten Apples Up On Top!*. Don't forget to try the games that go along with the book by clicking on the View Resources button below.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/ten-apples-top>

October 3, 2018

Wednesday

- Take a walk outside and look for signs of fall. Can you feel, smell, see or hear the difference from summer? The five senses help us experience our world. Visit your local library and check out the book *See, Hear, Smell, Taste, Touch* by Andrew Collins to learn more about your five senses and how they help you experience the world around you. Then try the fun games that support the book below.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/see-hear-smell-taste-and-touch-guide-educators>

October 4, 2018

Thursday

- National Golf Day

Get a hole in one today by reading books about the sport of golf! The book *Golf* by K C Kelley, discusses how this centuries old sport has improved a lot with innovation and new technology. All sports have experienced improvements thanks to innovation. Learn more about innovation that has impacted various sports by clicking on the View Books button below. Can you use innovation to create a new rule that will add a fun twist on golf or your favorite sport?

https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search/field_themes/sports-and-recreation-5853/supported_grades/8th-2130?query=Innovation%20in

October 5, 2018

Friday

- World Teachers' Day

Think of a teacher who has made a difference on your life. Write him or her a letter and let them know how much you appreciate them. Author Patricia Polacco wrote the book *Thank you, Mr. Falker*, based on a teacher who impacted her life. Click on the View Resources button below to see a video read aloud of *Thank you, Mr. Falker*, as well as some fun games and activities that support this beloved story.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/thank-you-mr-falker>

October 6, 2018

Saturday

- Mad Hatter Day

The Mad Hatter is a fictional character in Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. In the story, the Mad Hatter acts very silly. Today is the perfect day to channel your sillies and have fun! Wear a crazy outfit, come up with a silly song and create a new fun game to play. If you haven't read *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, you can read the eBook and try out some fun games and activities by clicking on the View Resources link below.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/alices-adventures-wonderland>

October 7, 2018

Sunday

- Fire Prevention Week

Check out the book *Locomotion* by Jacqueline Woodson. Sadly, the main character in this story Lonnie has lost his parents to a fire. The best way to prevent losing someone one you care about is talking about fire safety and coming up with a plan. Click on the View Resources link below to see a video about the author Jacqueline Woodson and to try out some fun games that go along with her book.

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

October 8, 2018

Monday

- Columbus Day

Each year we celebrate the famous explorer Christopher Columbus and his discovery of the New World which we know today as America. Lots of new research has shown more key players in the history of the New World and exciting stories most of us haven't heard before. Check out the book *The World Made New* by Marc Aronson. The book is filled with primary sources, maps and timelines that help us understand a more comprehensive start to the New World and how it impacted the rest of the world. Pretend you are an explorer of your neighborhood. What new place can you discover and what primary sources could you leave behind to tell your tale to future generations?

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/world-made-new>

October 9, 2018

Tuesday

- Happy Birthday Cynthia! Celebrate her birthday by reading a book she wrote like *Jingle Dancer*. Her children stories tell the tales of the modern day American Indians. Don't forget to check out all the resources for this book including: guides, games and extension activities!
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/jingle-dancer>

October 10, 2018

Wednesday

- Cool School brings the old classics back to life in a fun and creative mix of live action and animation. Check out some of the Cool School videos by clicking on the View Resources button below. How are these tales similar to other video versions you may have seen? How are they different?
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/collections/cool-school-collection>

October 11, 2018

Thursday

- National Bullying Prevention Month
The entire month of October is National Bullying Prevention Month. Unfortunately we hear more and more cases of bullying. Let's try and change this! Bullying is not okay. If you see someone who is dealing with a bully, be a friend to them. It's also important to find a grownup who can help. Click on the button below to visit the StopBullying.gov website for help in identifying bullying and stopping it safely.
<https://www.stopbullying.gov/>

October 12, 2018

Friday

- National Farmer's Day
Farmers have a tough job. They grow food to feed us. Their hours are long and their work is hard. Check out this book *Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table* by Jacqueline Briggs Martin. The story is about Will Allen who was a former basketball star. He had a vision to feed millions of people by starting farms in urban communities. Celebrate Farmer Will and other farmers by trying your own hand at farming. Click on the View Resources button below and try some games and extension activities. You can get your hands dirty by building a worm farm or trying a math and science experiment with fresh produce. Don't forget to thank a farmer the next time you meet one!
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/farmer-will-allen-and-growing-table>

October 13, 2018

Saturday

- Computer Learning Month

Jump in and learn how to code on computers! Visit your local library to check out the book *Coding, Bugs, and Fixes: Kids Get Coding* by Heather Lyons and Elizabeth Tweedale. Learn the basics of coding: how to create codes, how to change code, and how to fix it when things go wrong. Also, click below to check out the resources for this book including a TedTalk by a young boy who learned how to code.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/coding-bugs-and-fixes-kids-get-coding>

October 14, 2018

Sunday

- National Dessert Day

Desserts do not have to be cake or ice cream. Try finding a dessert that will keep you healthy and satisfy your sweet tooth. Check out a recipe book like, *National Geographic Kids Cookbook* by Barton Seaver. The author prides himself on keeping cooking fun all year long. You'll be surprised by how many recipes you can cook that will taste sweet and delicious while keeping your body fueled with the right nutrients. Click on the View Resources button to try games and access lesson plans that support this book.

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

October 15, 2018

Monday

- National Pizza Month

October is National Pizza Month! Celebrate by eating a slice of pizza and reading a story about it. If you need some pizza book suggestions, click on the View Books link below!

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

October 16, 2018

Tuesday

- Celebrate Joseph Bruchac's birthday by reading one of his books. Joseph is known for writing popular stories about the Native Americans lives and folklore.

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

October 17, 2018

Wednesday

- **Black Poetry Day**

Black poets have made huge contributions to literacy while preserving their heritage. Watch the video about the book *Dave the Potter* by Laban Carrick Hill. The story is about a potter named Dave who is also a gifted poet whose words made an impact. Then check out and try some of the extension activities found in the resource guides to help you engage in Dave's story even more.

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

October 18, 2018

Thursday

- Sports are a great way to improve your health, working with others as a team and learning good sportsmanship. Fall is the starting season of a lot of sports. Which is your favorite? Reading about your favorite sport can get you hooked on a book or maybe teach you a new method to improve your performance. Find a book on your favorite sport and give your brain a workout too by reading it! If you haven't found your favorite sport yet, click on the View Resources tab to browse through a bunch of fiction and nonfiction sports books.

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

October 19, 2018

Friday

- Read a nonfiction book today. I bet you will "fall" in love with the new information you'll learn! Share a few facts from your book with family and friends. If you need a recommendation, check out the ebook *Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin*. You'll be amazed by the life and inventions of one of our founding fathers.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/ebooks/autobiography-benjamin-franklin>

October 20, 2018

Saturday

- Read a book by Nikki Grimes to celebrate her birthday! Many of her books include poetry. Visit your library and check out her books! If you need a suggestion, try *Meet Danitra Brown*. Then try the resources that support this book including a story sampler and word search.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/meet-danitra-brown>

October 21, 2018

Sunday

- Map Reading Week

Imagine if you were lost and only had access to a map. Would you be able to find your way home? Reading maps is an important skill. Learn the basics of how to read and make maps in the book *Mapping My Day* by Julie Dillemoth. You will be introduced to spatial relationships and how maps can convey information. Click on the View Resources button below to play games and find a map drawing activity that goes along with the book.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/mapping-my-day>

October 22, 2018

Monday

- National Nut Day

Nuts can be the perfect snack (as long as you aren't allergic to them). In the book *Let's Go Nuts: Seeds we Eat*, you will learn about the important role nuts play in your diet. Did you know nuts are seeds? What other cool facts will you learn?

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/lets-go-nuts-seeds-we-eat>

October 23, 2018

Tuesday

- Pretend to interview a character or two from your favorite book. Ask them questions you would ask a friend. How do you think the characters would answer. Share your questions and answers with your librarian and see if they agree with your responses. Click on the link below to check out some author interviews and get some inspiration for the questions you would like to ask your favorite book characters.

https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search/field_support_type/video-935?query=interview

October 24, 2018

Wednesday

- What are some of the myths you've heard about a full moon? If you know any, do you believe them? Read *A Full Moon Is Rising* by Marilyn Singer, to learn about how people from all around the world see the moon. The book is written in poetry format. Try writing your own poem about how you see the moon. Don't forget to check out the resources, guides and activities that go along with the book!

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/full-moon-rising>

October 25, 2018**Thursday**

- International Artists Day

Art has no boundaries or limits. Artists from all over the world are celebrated today. Anyone can be an artist. Read about some famous international artists and try their unique styles out in your own artwork. If you need a suggestion, click on the link below.

https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search/field_themes/biography-272?query=artist

October 26, 2018**Friday**

- Pumpkin Day

Pumpkins and pumpkin flavored foods and drinks are everywhere! This is also the perfect time of year for carving pumpkins. Ask an adult to help you carve out a funny face or creepy creature. Then grab a book and read by it's glowing candlelight. Click on the view resources link below to see some pumpkin themed book suggestions. Try some of the fun games and activities that go along with the books too!

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

October 27, 2018**Saturday**

- National Make a Difference Day

Kindness is something that doesn't cost you anything to give but can be the most valuable present someone receives from you. Today go out of your way to be kind to celebrate Make a Difference Day! Don't let your efforts to be kind last just this day, carry on kindness all year. You could create a kindness club like the book series *The Kindness Club* by Courtney Sheinmel. Check out a book from this series and try some of their ideas of spreading kindness in your own school.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/kindness-club-chloe-bright-side>

October 28, 2018

Sunday

- Animation Day

To make a flip book you'll need a few items: a small, thick stack of paper (a pad of post it notes works great too), a stapler or paper binder clip to hold the pages together and a pencil. Start drawing your image on the last sheet of paper on the bottom of the stack and work backwards through the stack. Each page should be like the last page you drew but with a slight variation. Your last drawing will be on the top of your stack. Bind the stack together with a stapler or clip and then use your thumb to flip through the images fast. You just made an animation! Enjoy watching your drawing move. Check out how technology has made animation easier. Visit your library and borrow the book *Animation* by Trudi Strain Trueit. You might already have a program on your school or home computer that will help you create a digital animation!

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

October 29, 2018

Monday

- Cat Day

Today is Cat Day. If you don't own a cat, ask a family member or friend if you could cuddle up and read their cat a book. Click on the View Resources link below for some "purrfect" book suggestions!

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

October 30, 2018

Tuesday

- National Candy Corn Day

Grab a friend and a bag of candy corn! Pick out a book to read with your friend. Each of you should pick out a word. It must be at least 5 letters long and it can't be a character's name or a word in the title of the book. Then take turns reading the pages out loud. Every time you read or hear the word you picked in the story, you get a piece of candy corn! How many pieces did you get? Click on the View Resources button below for some pumpkin themed book suggestions that will go well with your candy corn treat. Then try out the fun games and activities that go along with the books.

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

October 31, 2018

Wednesday

- Happy Halloween

Dress up like your favorite book character. The best costumes are the ones that you can create yourself! Can you create your own costume using the items you have at home? Ask a parent if you can use the items before you start creating your costume. Then click on the View Resources button below to explore our Halloween collection of activities, puzzles, videos, lesson plans, and leveled reading passages.

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