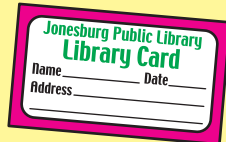


September

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Library Card Sign Up Plan a class field trip to the public library. Before the trip, request library card applications for the children to fill out.



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Birthday of the U.S. Treasury Provide students with circles or rectangular paper to design an original bill or coin of their choice.



3

Aliki's Birthday This children's author and illustrator was born in 1920. Read a book written by Aliki. Have students draw a picture to illustrate something that happened in the story.

4

National Ethnic Foods Month Have your class pick a country. Then, celebrate that country by having a party and enjoying its native foods.

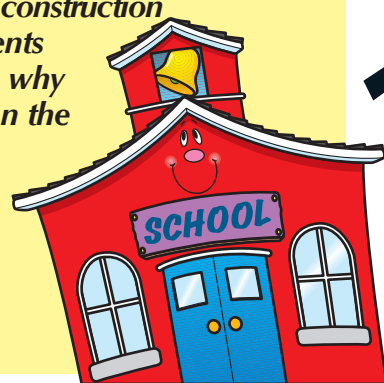
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Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week is September 5-11. Have the class make cards for substitute teachers. When the class has a substitute teacher for a day, send one to the substitute.



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National School Success Month Make a "School's Cool" bulletin board. Cut apple shapes from construction paper. Have students write two reasons why they like school on the apples. Post on a bulletin board.



Day-by-Day Calendar

7

Anna Mary "Grandma" Moses' Birthday This American primitive painter was born in 1860. Find pictures of her paintings and share them with the children.

8

Do It! Day (Fight Procrastination Day) Have the class participate in a "spring" cleaning or any other job that has been put off for too long.

9



National Literacy Month Brainstorm a list of favorite books with students. Put some of the books in a learning center. Allow students to read these books during free time, or read one to the class as a reward for good behavior.

10

Save the Tiger Month Have students "save" any tigers they find in magazines, newspapers, ads, storybooks, etc. Ask students to bring them in to post on a bulletin board.

11

Public Lands Day Plan to pick up trash at a local park with the class.



12

National 5-A-Day Week is September 12-18. It is set aside to encourage people to eat five or more servings of fruits and vegetables each day. Have students bring in different fruits and vegetables to sample.

13

Roald Dahl's Birthday The author of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* was born in 1916. Watch *Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* to celebrate.

14

International Cross-Cultural Day Study a different country with the class today. Learn how to say a few words in the country's native language.

15

Tomie DePaola's Birthday This children's author, born in 1934, wrote and illustrated *Strega Nona*, *Pancakes for Breakfast*, and other books. Read one of his books to the class.

16



The Mayflower left England for the New World today in 1620.

Have students make their own Mayflowers out of milk cartons. Cut the tops off milk cartons and staple straws to the sides. Decorate the boats and make sails to attach to the straws.

17

National Piano Month Bring in some music featuring this instrument to share with the class.

18

National Student Day Put each student's name in a hat. Have each student choose a name (if they pick their own, have them draw again). Then, ask each student to write something good about the student they chose to share with the class.

19



Deaf Awareness Week is the last week of September. Teach students short phrases or the alphabet in sign language.

International "I Love You" sign

20

National Kids' Day Allow students to share with the class something they love doing (singing, reading, writing, playing sports, etc.). If possible, have them perform for the class.

21

National Chicken Month Have students bring in chicken recipes from home. Make a copy of each recipe for each child in the class. Then, have students make "Kickin' Chicken" Recipe Books to share with their families.



22

Italo Marchiony invented the first ice-cream cone today in 1903. Have students draw a picture of their favorite flavors and toppings.

23



First Day of Autumn Have students do crayon rubbings of leaves. Compare and contrast the shapes, vein patterns, etc.

24

Native American Day is the fourth Friday in September. Some Native Americans used totem poles to record superstition, life, and legends. Have students create totem poles using long cardboard tubes.



25

The first newspaper in America was published in 1690. Have students create a class newspaper.

26

Good Neighbor Day A neighbor isn't just someone who lives next door. Brainstorm definitions of neighbors. Then, have a class discussion on ways to be a good neighbor.

27

World Gratitude Day, Inc. was established in 1965. Have students make a list of all the things for which they are grateful. Then, have them illustrate one.



28

Confucius' Birthday He was born in 551 B.C. Have students write advice on paper strips and glue them to brown triangle "fortune cookies," then display on a bulletin board.

29

The first telephone answering machine was introduced today in 1950. Bring in a tape recorder or answering machine and have students write and record creative messages.

30

National Honey Month Sample different kinds of honey (clover, orange blossom, and sage).

