

November

Day-by-Day Calendar

- 1** **National Author's Day** Have children design book jackets for their favorite books.
- 2** **Daniel Boone's Birthday** Born in 1734, he traveled and lived in many places in the United States. Have children illustrate and write about a place they would like to live.
- 3** **The first animal, a Russian dog named Laika, was sent into space on this day in 1957.** Ask each student to discuss how he would feel if his family pet were sent into space. What would he miss most about the animal? What would the animal miss most about him?
- 4** **National Children's Goal-Setting Day** Make a We're Reaching for the Stars! bulletin board with the class. On construction paper stars, have students write small goals they would like to achieve. Post the stars on the bulletin board.
- 5** **Susan B. Anthony fined for voting** Have the boys in the class vote for a free-time activity and then allow the girls to vote on another issue. Ask students how they felt when they were not allowed a vote.
- 6** **James Naismith's Birthday** The inventor of basketball was born in 1861. Let students take turns tossing a soft foam ball into a basket from several distances. Measure the distances.
- 7** **Archaeologist Howard Carter found the entrance to Pharaoh Tutankhamen's tomb on this day in 1922.** Take some time today to teach the class about this young king. Ask students to write or tell if they would want to be king at such a young age.



8 **Milton Bradley's Birthday** The game maker was born in 1836. Have students work with partners to create a game.

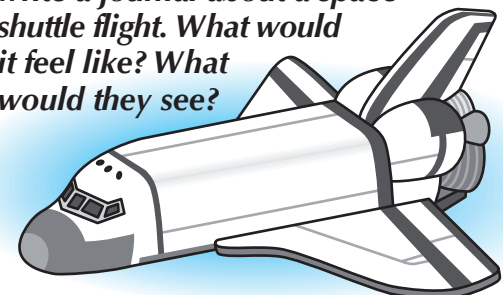


9 **Benjamin Banneker's Birthday** The African-American astronomer was born in 1731. Using black paper and chalk, have children draw constellations and name them.

10 **Sesame Street's Debut** The television show, featuring puppets, first aired in 1969. Have students bring in socks and create puppets by gluing yarn and fabric scraps to them.

11 **International Creative Child Month** Give students a free period to do something creative. At the end of the period, have them share with the class what they have done.

12 **The Space Shuttle Columbia first flew on this day in 1981.** Have students write a journal about a space shuttle flight. What would it feel like? What would they see?



13 **The World Scrabble® Championship is held on this day.** Hold a class Scrabble® Championship or use a Scrabble® dictionary to teach the class a new word.

14 **Children's Day in India is celebrated today.** Have students create and decorate banners for the occasion.



15 **American Education Week** Have students tell or write about their favorite school subjects this week.

16 **Chocolate chips went on sale for the first time on this day in 1939.** Make chocolate chip cookies with the class.



17 **Peanut Butter Lover's Month** Let students sample creamy and crunchy peanut butter. Then, have them list adjectives describing the texture and taste of each kind.

18 **Mickey Mouse's first on-screen appearance** occurred on this day in 1928. Have the children create and name a cartoon character.



19 **The Gettysburg Address was delivered on this day in 1863 by Abraham Lincoln.** A score is equal to 20 years. Have students write other numbers in this form (1 score and 2 years equals 22 years).

20 **The United Nations adopted a Declaration of the Rights of the Child today in 1959.** Have students brainstorm a list of what they think should be children's rights.

21 **National Georgia Pecan Month** Bring in pecans to share with the class.

22 **Stop the Violence Day** Brainstorm a list of conflict resolutions. Then, have the class perform short skits illustrating one of these concepts.

23 **Stamp Collecting Month** Invite students to bring in stamps, draw stamps, or give suggestions for images they think should appear on stamps. Compile the information in a class book.

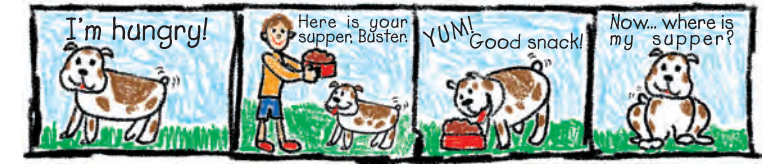


24 **"What Do You Love About America?" Day** Have students write their answers on construction paper flags. Post on a bulletin board.



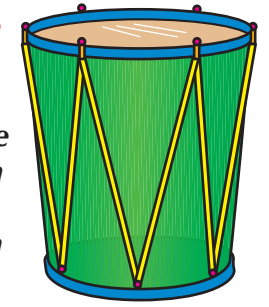
25 **Marc Brown's Birthday** The children's author and creator of the Arthur Adventure series was born in 1946. Have children illustrate book-marks on 6" x 3" strips of oaktag featuring one of his characters.

26 **Charles Shultz's Birthday** The creator of Charlie Brown and Snoopy was born in 1922. Have the children draw a comic strip featuring a dog.



27 **No TV Month** Have students brainstorm a list of alternative ways to spend their free time. Challenge them not to watch TV for one evening this month. Have them share their experiences with the class.

28 **International Drum Month** Pass out empty oatmeal containers and coffee cans. Have children use them as drums and play along with recorded music.



29 **Richard E. Byrd made the first flight over the South Pole on this day in 1929.** Teach the class some facts about the South Pole.

30 **Jonathan Swift's Birthday** Born in 1667, he wrote Gulliver's Travels. In the story, Gulliver describes a group of tiny people called Lilliputians. Let children illustrate what their rooms at home or their classroom would look like if they were only two or three inches tall.

