



Day-by-Day Calendar

1 **National Craft Month** To celebrate, make small crafts, such as button picture frames, with the class. Put the crafts on display for the entire month.

2 **Read Across America Day** Have students read short books and give book reports.

3 **Alexander Graham Bell's Birthday** He was born on this day in 1847. Have students list five reasons they might use the telephone.

4 **National Write a Letter of Appreciation Week** is March 1-7. Brainstorm a list of school employees who deserve an appreciation letter. Let students pick one and write to that person.

5 **International Day of the Seal** Celebrate by teaching seal facts: their closest relatives are land mammals like dogs and cats, seals spend most of their lives in water, etc.

6 **Michelangelo's Birthday** The famous painter and sculptor was born today in 1475. Give students clay and have them mold a sculpture of their own.

7 **Autograph Collecting Week** is March 7-13. Make autograph books with the class. Then, have a signing party.

8 **International Working Women's Day** This holiday was designed to honor working women. Have each student select a woman he knows and write about her job or career.

9 **Artificial teeth** were patented on this day in 1822. Discuss dental health with students and have them write why it is important to take care of their teeth.

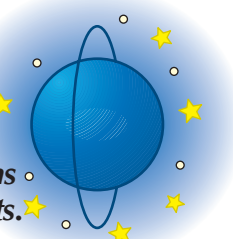
10 **Paper money** was first issued in the U.S. on this date in 1862. Have students make paper money. Use the money as manipulatives in math activities.



11 **Ezra Jack Keats' Birthday** Make some of his books, such as *A Letter to Amy*; *Hi, Cat!*; and *Dreams*, available to students in a reading center.

12 **Optimism Month** Make a We're Positive bulletin board. Give students construction paper stars with the phrase *I'm positive that...* Ask each student to fill in the blank with a positive statement or short-term goal.

13 The planet **Uranus** was discovered on this day in 1781 by astronomer William Herschel. Have students research the origins of the names of the planets.



14 **Albert Einstein's Birthday** The scientist was born today in 1879. Have students think about careers in science. Generate a class list and have each student suggest what area of science he likes and why.

15 **National Umbrella Month** Have students draw humorous pictures of umbrella substitutes that people might use if the umbrella had never been invented.



16 **Red Cross Month** Have students research the Red Cross. Then, have them create a banner honoring this organization. Donate the banner to a local Red Cross office.

17 **Rubber bands** were invented today in 1845. Brainstorm a class list of as many uses for the rubber band as possible.

18 **Absolutely Incredible Kid Day** Put each student's name in a hat. Have each child draw a name and write or tell three good things about that student.

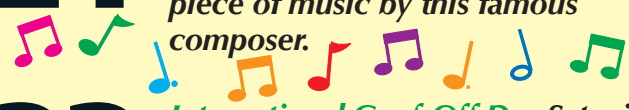


19 **Swallows Day** Thousands of swallows make their annual return to the Mission at San Juan Capistrano. Look up migration in the dictionary and read the definition aloud. Brainstorm a list of other migrating animals.

20 **Smile Rejuvenation Day** Have students write shape smile poems telling what makes them smile.



21 **Johann Sebastian Bach's Birthday** He was born today in 1685. Listen to a piece of music by this famous composer.



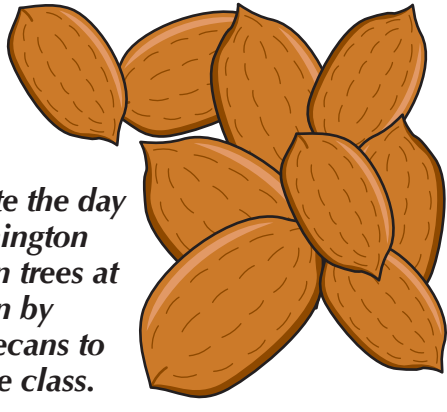
22 **International Goof-Off Day** Set aside some time today for the class to just "goof off."

23 **Roger Bannister's Birthday** The first runner to run a mile in less than four minutes was born on this day in 1929. Challenge students to run in place for four minutes.



24 **Harry Houdini's Birthday** The magician was born today in 1874. Teach the class a simple magic trick, such as "Pick a Card," in his honor.

25 **Pecan Day** Commemorate the day George Washington planted pecan trees at Mount Vernon by bringing in pecans to enjoy with the class.



26 **Robert Frost's Birthday** The poet was born in 1874. Share the picture book *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening*. Then, have students write poems about spring.

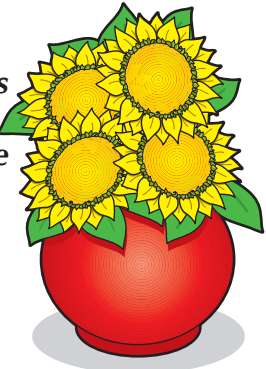
27 **Youth Art Month** Show students several art books. Have students draw pictures emulating their favorite art style.



28 **Byrd Baylor's Birthday** The children's author was born today in 1924. Read her book *Everybody Needs a Rock*. Take students outside to look for rocks. Let students paint the rocks to create "pet rocks."

29 **National Sleep Awareness Week** begins the last week in March. Brainstorm a list of important reasons to get a good night's sleep. Have students decorate copies of the list to take home.

30 **Vincent Van Gogh's Birthday** The painter was born today in 1853. Show students a picture of his famous painting, *Sunflowers*, and have them paint pictures of their favorite flowers in a similar fashion.



31 **The first dance marathon in the United States** was held today in New York City in 1923. Teach the class a dance or allow them to dance freestyle in honor of this occasion.

