

WSRA Families and Literacy Committee Presents...

The Calendar of Ideas for August 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Gail Gibbons's birthday! Read <u>The Vegetables We Eat</u> and <u>The Fruits We Eat</u> by Gail Gibbons. How many of the vegetable and fruits in her books do you like?	2 Get a calendar of events going on at the library in August. Plan which ones you'll take part in.	3 Family Reading Day: Read a book out loud with your family. Everyone take a turn.	4 Read the weather forecast for the next 5 days. Write out a script and give the weather report as if you were on TV.
5 Think back about the fun things you've done so far this summer. Write down two you'd like to do again, and why.	6 You and a friend read a book that has dialog. Each take a character and write something new for him or her to say. Try out your new dialog.	7 Betsy Byars's birthday! Read <u>Ant Plays Bear</u> by Betsy Byars. Would you like to pretend some of the things Ant and his brother do?	8 You and a friend read a book you both like together. Plan how you would make it into a movie.	9 Patricia McKissack's birthday! Read <u>Who is Who?</u> by Patricia McKissack. Are you a twin, or do you know any twins? Do they ever like the opposite things?	10 Family Reading Day: With your family, read some books about snow and winter. Think that will help you feel cooler in the summer?	11 Don Freeman's birthday! Read your favorite Corduroy book by Don Freeman. Make up a new adventure for Corduroy and share it with someone.
12 Find a book with several characters. Read it out loud to someone using a different voice for each character.	13 Write different words to a song you know. Draw a picture to go with your new song.	14 You and a friend each read about a place you would like to visit. Tell each other about the places.	15 Write down something that happens in the beginning, the middle, and the end of a well-known story. Read those things to a friend in backwards order. Can your friend figure out what the story is?	16 Beatrice Schenk de Regniers's birthday! Read <u>The Way I Feel--Sometimes</u> by Beatrice Schenk de Regniers. Do you ever have some of the feelings in the poems? Write your own poem or draw a picture.	17 Family Reading Day: Read a book out loud with your family. Change all the names in the book to names of people in your family.	18 Think of a story you've read many times. Try to tell it from memory, then read the book. How close did you get?
19 Write down your predictions for two or three things you expect to do in the coming week, and how they will go. At the end of the week you can see how close you were.	20 You and a friend each write the beginning of a story then switch and finish each other's story. Read them out loud.	21 Act out the stories you and your friend wrote yesterday.	22 Describe to a friend some real scenes from books you've read, and make some up. Can your friend tell which are made up? Switch.	23 Make a list of everything you read in a day—a cereal box, a book, a sign, something on TV. The list is long, isn't it?	24 Family Reading Day: Everyone in your family read a factual book or article about something that interests someone else in the family. Do you see why he or she is interested in that?	25 Look back at the predictions you made for the past week. Did any of the things happen the way you thought they would? Write them again, this time describing what did happen.
26 You and a family member write down all of the things you can think of in another room in the house. How many things on the list were the same? Did you think of different things?	27 You and a friend pick a plain word, such as "nice" or "good". Each make a list of better words you could use. Compare lists. Try to use some of your better words in the next day.	28 Think of a book character you like. Write a description of something you could do together.	29 Write down a description of something you did last summer. Read it to other people who were there. Do they remember it the same way?	30 Donald Crews's birthday! Read <u>Night at the Fair</u> by Donald Crews. Did you go to State Fair this summer?	31 Family Reading Day: Write a list of three fun things your family did together in August. What are three things you hope to do in September? Draw pictures to illustrate your lists.	Enjoy time learning, writing, and reading together as a family!