

WSRA Families and Literacy Committee Presents...

The Calendar of Ideas for August 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Gail Gibbons's birthday! Read <u>It's Raining!</u> by Gail Gibbons. Make a list of things you can do to keep from getting bored on a rainy day.	2 Wednesday is "Hump Day"—halfway through the week. Plan some fun things to do the rest of this week.	3 Get a calendar of events going on at the library in August. Plan which ones you'll take part in.	4 Family Reading Day Read a book out loud with your family. Everyone take a turn.	5 Look back at the fun things you planned on Wednesday. Did you do any of them? Write down two things you would do again.
6 Find a poem or short story you really like. Practice reading it over and over until you can recite it to your family and friends.	7 Betsy Byars's birthday! Read <u>The SOS File</u> by Betsy Byars. Write a story about an emergency you had. Read it to someone.	8 Find a cool spot in the shade to read with some friends.	9 Patricia McKissack's birthday! Read <u>Monkey-Monkey's Trick</u> by Patricia McKissack. Also read her book <u>Can You Imagine</u> to learn how she became a writer.	10 You and a friend read a book that has dialog. Each practice reading what one character says. Practice until you really sound like the two characters talking to each other.	11 Family Reading Day/ Don Freeman's birthday! Read <u>Earl the Squirrel</u> by Don Freeman with your family. Each person write a story about a time you learned how to do something by yourself. Share your stories.	12 Pick out a book that has been made into a movie. Read the book.
13 Watch the movie of the book you read yesterday. Which did you like better? Why?	14 Draw pictures to tell a well-known story. Show them to a friend and see if he/she can tell what the story is.	15 You and a friend read a factual book or article about something that interests the other one. Do you see why your friend is interested in that?	16 Beatrice Schenk de Regniers's birthday! Read <u>What Did You Put in Your Pocket?</u> by Beatrice Schenk de Regniers. What are some things you put in <i>your</i> pockets?	17 You and a friend each write a description of a game you like to play. Read your descriptions to each other--can you figure out what the games are? Try it with different games.	18 Family Reading Day What is something your family likes to do? Together, read more about it. Did you learn anything new?	19 Sit outside with a friend with your eyes closed. Pay attention to what you hear. Write down all the things you hear. How many of the things on your lists are the same? Try it again inside.
20 You and some friends act out a scene from a story you all like. Did you have different ideas of how it should be acted out?	21 Make up a story and tell it to your stuffed animals in bed before going to sleep.	22 You and a friend write detailed descriptions of what you do in a day. How are your days the same? Different?	23 You and a friend list all the different things you like to read about. Do you like to read the same kinds of books?	24 Read a book about a place you've been. Was it the same in the book as when you were there? Did you learn something you didn't know about the place?	25 Family Reading Day: With your family, read about a place you would all like to visit. Why would you like to go there?	26 Make a list of states your family has visited. For each state, make a list of places you visited. Which did you like the best? Why?
27 You and some friends make up a game to play. Write down the rules, then play the game. Teach it to someone else.	28 Think of a book character you like. Write a description of something you could do together.	29 Look up something that happened on this date ten years ago. Read more about it.	30 Donald Crews's birthday! Read <u>Bigmama's</u> by Donald Crews. Tell about a time you visited a relative's house. Was it the same the next time you went to visit?	31 Write a list of three fun things you did 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!