

# WSRA Families and Literacy Committee Presents...

## The Calendar of Ideas for July 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Emily Arnold McCully's Birthday! Read <u>Clara: the Mostly True Story...</u> by Emily Arnold McCully. What do you know about rhinoceroses?
2 Read an informational book about fireworks. Did you learn something you didn't know?	3 Find out other places in the world that shoot off fireworks. Does everyone do it for the same reasons?	4 Happy 4th of July! Write a plan for what you are going to do today to celebrate the 4 <sup>th</sup> of July. In the evening, review your plan to see how many of the things you did.	5 You and a friend make a list of all the authors you can think of. How many are the same?	6 With your friend, each read out loud a book by one of the authors on your list from yesterday.	7 <b>Family Reading Day:</b> Start reading <u>Stuart Little</u> by E. B. White with your family.	8 Raffi's Birthday! Check out <u>The Raffi Singable Songbook</u> from the library. Which are your favorite songs?
9 Continue reading <u>Stuart Little</u> with your family. Imagine you are on some of Stuart's adventures with him.	10 E. B. White's Birthday tomorrow! Read <u>Some Writer!: The Story of E. B. White</u> by Melissa Sweet. Do you feel that you know a little more about the person E. B. White?	11 Patricia Polacco's Birthday! Read <u>When Lightning Comes in a Jar</u> by Patricia Polacco. What are some of your happy summertime family memories?	12 Plan a summer meal together with your family. How is it different from a meal you might have in the winter?	13 Ashley Bryan's Birthday! Read <u>Ashley Bryan's Puppets</u> by Ashley Bryan. Make puppets out of things you find. Write a poem for each one.	14 <b>Family Reading Day/</b> Laura Joffe Numeroff's Birthday! Read <u>What Brothers Do Best/What Sisters Do Best</u> with your family. Make a list of things <i>your</i> brothers and sisters do best!	15 With a friend, make a list of fun things you like to do on weekends. Are any of your things the same?
16 At the end of the day, check off the things you did that are on your weekend list.	17 Take turns reading poems out loud with some friends or your family.	18 Go to the library and find some books that have won the Newbery Award for outstanding children's books.	19 John Newbery's birthday! Read some of the Newbery Award winning books you got at the library yesterday.	20 Read the weather forecast for the next 5 days. Write out a script and give the weather report as if you were on TV.	21 <b>Family Reading Day:</b> With your family, read another Newbery Award winning book. What do you think makes them so good?	22 Write down three things you remember about a recent holiday or birthday in your family. Ask other people who were there what they remember about it.
23 Read a story out loud with a friend. Retell the story, changing some details. Can your friend tell what you changed? Switch.  30 Write different words to a song you know.	24 Read under the covers with a flashlight before you go to bed.  31 Write three fun things you did in July. Write three fun things you hope to do in August.	25 Read an article in the newspaper or a magazine. What are three things you learned from the article?	26 Jan Berenstain's Birthday! Read one of the Berenstain Bear books with your family. How are the Berenstain Bears like your family? How are they different?	27 Make a list of all the fruits and vegetables you can think of. Take the list to the grocery store and see how many of them you can find.	28 <b>Family Reading Day:</b> Read a book out loud with your family, each person taking a different character in the story. Act out the story.	29 Fill an empty dish soap bottle with water and use it to write on the sidewalk. What can you do to make it last longer before it dries up?