

WSRA Families and Literacy Committee Presents...

The Calendar of Ideas for August 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Gail Gibbons's birthday! Read <u>It's Raining</u> by Gail Gibbons. Did you learn something you didn't know about rain?	2 Family Reading Day: Get a calendar of events going on at the library in August. With your family, plan which ones you'll take part in.	3 Start a list of books you read in August.
4 You and a friend write out a script for a TV commercial—for a real product or something you make up. Act it out. Do you need to make any changes?	5 Read some books about your favorite animal. Did you learn anything new?	6 Think of a book you've read that's also a movie you've seen. Which did you like better? Why?	7 Betsy Byars's birthday! Read <u>The Molly Sisters Go West</u> by Betsy Byars.	8 Find a book with a character who is happy, or sad, or mad. Read the book out loud, using a voice to match the character's mood.	9 Family Reading Day/Patricia McKissack's birthday! Read <u>Let's Clap, Jump, Sing, & Shout</u> by Patricia McKissack. Try some of the handclaps with a friend.	10 What kind of day is it today? Make up a poem about the day. Illustrate your poem.
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 Make up a weather forecast for the next 5 days. Now read the real forecast. How different are they?	13 Read a book with a friend. Take turns reading it out loud.	14 Start telling someone a well-known story, but tell it as if it happened to a friend of yours. How long does it take the person to recognize the story?	15 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 about a feeling.	16 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.	17 Think of a story you've read many times. Try to tell it from memory, then read the book. How close did you get?
18 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.	19 You and a friend each write the beginning of a story then switch and finish each other's story. Read them out loud.	20 Act out the stories you and your friend wrote yesterday.	21 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.	22 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?	23 Family Reading Day: With your family, read some books about places you'd like to visit. Who's place is the farthest away?	24 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.
25 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?	26 You and a friend pick a plain word, such as "nice" or "good". Each make a list of better words you could use. Compare. Use some of your better words in the next few days.	27 Think of a book character you like. Write a description of something you could do together.	28 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?	29 Donald Crews's birthday! Read <u>Night at the Fair</u> by Donald Crews. Did you go to State Fair this summer?	30 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.	31 Look over your list of books you read in August. Which one was your favorite?

