

WSRA Families and Literacy Committee Presents...

The Calendar of Ideas for December 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Family Reading Day It is Author Jan Brett's birthday. Take turns reading a collection of her books.	2 Author's B-Day: David Macaulay. Have your children write lists: a wish list, to-do list, grocery list, any kind of list!
3 Create a weather chart to track temperatures this week. Make a graph to show the changes in temperature.	4 Visit the library and check out a book about penquins.	5 World Soil Day Research what this is all about	6 Create a weather chart to track temperatures this week. Make a graph to show the changes in temperature. I	7 Pearl Harbor Day Go to the library or online and research Pearl Harbor.	8 Family Reading Day Walt Disney was born today in 1901. Celebrate by reading a book featuring Mickey Mouse. Authors' B-Days: Padraic Colum and James Thurber	9 Write about your favorite thing to do in December. Author's B-Days: Jean de Brunhoff and Joel Chandler Harris.
10 Use your weather data to recap the week. Write up a report and pretend to be a weatherman. Author's B-Day: Cornelia Funke	11 Visit the library and check out books from your favorite author. Author's B-Day: Pam Munoz Ryan.	12 National Poinsettia Day Find out how this beautiful plant got its name. Learn how to care for your Poinsettia.	13 Hot Cocoa Day Find out where the cocoa bean is grown. Locate it on a map. Share your new fact over a cup of hot cocoa.	14 Tot time: Older siblings can read the book to a younger child or read a more complex alphabet book. There are even alphabet books for adults!	15 Family Reading Day Watch a movie that you have already read the book for. Which was better, the book or the movie?	16 Organize your books. Make a pile that you no longer need and can donate to someone. Author's B-Day: Quentin Blake
17 Wright Brother's Day Read about the first documented flight. How far has aviation come since 1903? Author's B-Day: James Dean	18 Is it cold outside? Find a warm place to read for at least 20 minutes today. Author's B-Day: Marilyn Sachs.	19 Read your child's favorite story to him/her in a comfortable, quiet place. Ask your child to predict what will happen next. Author's B-Day : Eve Bunting.	20 It's pajama night. Get your PJ's and a book.	21 Today is the winter solstice. What does that mean? Find out what time the sun will set.	22 Family Reading Day: National Date Bread Nut Day Learn about this day and then make some bread to give as a gift. Learn about the nutritious value of dates. Author's B-Day: Jerry Pinkney	23 Author's B-Day: Avi. Read: <i>The Most Important Thing: Stories about Sons, Fathers and Grandfathers</i>
24 Christmas Eve , Read: <i>Twas the Night Before Christmas</i> together as a family. Authors' B-Days: Sharon Flake, Stephenie Meyer, Lynn Munsinger	25 Merry Christmas! When you are off to visit family and friends take the opportunity to practice literacy. Read signs, billboards, and license plates together, and show your children the proper way to read a map.	26 Boxing Day What is it and why was it started?	27 Help your children write and mail thank you letters or just letters to relatives and pen pals. Author's B-Day: Erin Stead.	28 Can you go with NO electronics today? Spend your day reading, writing in your journal and having good conversations!	29 Family Reading Day: Play a game together. Read the directions out loud then have some fun. Author's B-Day: Molly Garrett Bang	30 Authors' B-Days: Rudyard Kipling and Mercer Mayer. Cut out snowflakes and write your wishes for the new year on them. Have an adult help you hang them from the ceiling.

New Year's Eve Do you know how many books you read this year? Set a new reading goal for next year!

Enjoy time learning, writing, and reading together as a family!