

WSRA Families and Literacy Committee Presents...

The Calendar of Ideas for July 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Emily Arnold McCully's Birthday! Read <u>Wonder Horse</u> by Emily Arnold McCully. Why do you think people didn't believe what Doc and Jim could do?	2 Did you know other countries also have independence days? See what you can find out about how they celebrate.	3 Read <u>The journey of the one and only Declaration of Independence</u> by Judith St. George	4 Happy 4th of July! Write a plan for what you are going to do today to celebrate the 4 th of July. In the evening, review your plan to see how many of the things you did.	5 You and a friend write about how you celebrated the 4 th of July. What did you do that was the same? What was different?	6 Family Reading Day: With your family, each read out loud a few pages of a book you love.	7 Read about the water cycle and evaporation. Use a squirt bottle to write on the sidewalk in the sun and in the shade. Notice what happens. What's different?
8 Raffi's Birthday! Check out a Raffi CD from the library. Do you already know the songs, or are you excited to learn new ones? Sing along!	9 Read <u>Some Pig!</u> by E. B. White. How is this picture book different from Charlotte's Web?	10 E. B. White's Birthday! Make up a new adventure that Charlotte and Wilbur and their friends might have had. Write it down.	11 Patricia Polacco's Birthday! Read <u>Ginger and Petunia</u> by Patricia Polacco. Do you think Petunia would be a fun friend to have? Why or why not?	12 Write a list of foods you like to eat in the summer. Then pretend it's winter. What changes would you make to your list?	13 Family Reading Day/Ashley Bryan's Birthday: Read <u>Can't Scare Me!</u> by Ashley Bryan with your family. Make up a new nighttime monster and draw a picture of it in the style of Ashley Bryan's drawings.	14 Laura Joffe Numeroff's Birthday! Read <u>Mouse Cookies</u> by Laura Joffe Numeroff. Try one of the recipes, reading the steps out loud!
15 Make another cookie recipe from <u>Mouse Cookies</u> . Read the steps out loud. How are these cookies different from yesterday's?	16 Happy Monday! Write a list of all the things you would like to do with your family this week.	17 Look over your list of things to do from yesterday. Are there any changes you want to make to the list? Write a plan for one of the things you're going to do.	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 Family Reading Day: Look over your list of things your family was going to do this week. Did you do most of them? Spend some time reading together as a family.	21 Have somebody tell you a story. Draw a picture to go with the story. Now you tell a story while the other person draws a picture.
22 Write a description of what you think would be the best summer day ever! Share your description with a friend. Would he or she enjoy that day, too?	23 Read a story out loud with a friend. Each write a different ending to the story. Read your new endings out loud.	24 When you're reading a factual book, think of a question you still have after you finish the book. Can you find the answer somewhere?	25 Read under the covers with a flashlight before you go to bed.	26 Jan Berenstain's Birthday! Read <u>The Berenstain Bears All Aboard!</u> by Jan and Mike Berenstain. What do you know about trains?	27 Family Reading Day: Make up a family story. One person starts, the next person adds something, then another person adds more. Did the story finish the way you thought it would?	28 As a family, make a list of some of your favorite fruits and vegetables. Take the list to the grocery store and see how many of them you can find.
29 Find some information about shadows. Stand outside in the morning and have someone measure your shadow. Do this several times during the day, always standing in the same spot. What happens to your shadow?	30 Look up the time of sunrise and sunset for today. Figure out how many hours and minutes of daylight there will be. Do the same for tomorrow and the next day.	31 Write three fun things you did in July. Write three fun things you hope to do in August.	Enjoy time learning, writing, and reading together as a family!			