

# WSRA Families and Literacy Committee Presents...

## The Calendar of Ideas for May 2016



| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday   |
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| 1<br><b>May Day</b> ~ Make some flowers using colored construction paper and glue. Give to a sibling or friend.  | 2<br><b>National Bike Month</b> Read <i>Curious George Rides a Bike</i> by H. A. Rey                      | 3<br><b>National Teacher's Day</b> Make a thank you card for your favorite teacher.                                       | 4<br>Author Don Wood's Birthday<br>Read <i>Piggies</i> .  | 5<br><b>Cinco de Mayo</b> Learn the Spanish words for the days of the week and months of year.  | 6<br><b>Family Reading Day</b> Take turns reading a book of nursery rhymes together.  | 7<br>Help your family go grocery shopping today. Make a list of what you need.                         |
| 8<br><b>Mother's Day</b> Make a coupon book of five chores you can do for your Mom. She can redeem one each Saturday.                                    | 9<br><b>Europe Day</b> Research a country in Europe and write five facts you learned about it.            | 10<br>Read a book about trees. Take a walk and see if you can identify any trees from the book.                           | 11<br>Read <i>The Popcorn Book</i> by Tomie De Paola. Make some popcorn with a friend.          | 12<br>Edward Lear's Birthday. Read a book of his limericks. Memorize one and recite to a friend.  | 13<br><b>Family Reading Day</b> Take turns reading poems together.  | 14<br>Help your family cook dinner today. Use a recipe, get the ingredients and follow the directions. |
| 15<br><b>International Family Day</b> Draw a picture of your family and write a sentence describing each family member.                                  | 16<br>Read a book about flowers. Take a walk and see if you can identify five of them.                    | 17<br><b>National Smile Month</b> Write five ways you can keep your smile bright.   | 18<br>Author Lillian Hoban's Birthday.<br>Read <i>Bedtime for Frances</i> before you go to bed. | 19<br>List five ways that help you go to sleep. Draw a picture of yourself and list each one of the suggestions in a sleep bubble above your bed. | 20<br><b>Family Reading Day</b> Author Mary Pope Osborne's Birthday. Read one of the Magic Treehouse Books with your family. Take turns reading the chapters together.                      | 21<br><b>Armed Forces Day</b> Read <i>Hero Mom</i> and <i>Hero Dad</i> by Melinda Hardin               |
| 22<br><b>Backyard Games Week</b> Ask an adult about their favorite backyard game as a child. Invite them to teach and play it with you and your friends. | 23<br><b>World Turtle Day</b> Research an endangered turtle. Share what you learned with a family member. | 24<br>On this day in 1883, the Brooklyn Bridge opened. Research this bridge and find out why it is important to New York. | 25<br>Read a book about insects. Take a walk and see how many insects you can find.             | 26<br>Who invented Kool Aid? Research how it was discovered.  | 27<br><b>Family Reading Day</b> On this day in 1937, San Francisco's famous bridge Golden Gate Bridge opened. Research to find out why it is important to people who live in San Francisco. | 28<br>Plant some flowers with your family. Follow the directions on the container.                     |
| 29<br>Go to the zoo with your family. Make a list of five mammals you learned about today.   | 30<br><b>Memorial Day</b> Draw a picture of your celebration. Write about who was there and what you did. | 31<br>Make a summer reading log for June, July and August. Design the cover.  |   |   |   |  |

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