



Calendar of Activities and Ideas

April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				National Poetry Month Read some poetry books this month	National Humor Month Share a joke, riddle or cartoon movie with family or friends	April Fool's Day Head over to the library and find some good joke or humor books
2 Hans Christian Andersen's Birthday Read an Andersen Fairy Tale as a family. Then watch the CUBS opener.	3 PLAY BALL! Baseball season is here. Visit the National Baseball Hall of Fame . Find out how baseball has helped shape American Life. NCAA Championship WHITE SOX HOME OPENER	4 Library Week/National Librarian Day Write a "Thank You" card to your school librarian or Community librarian.	5 Booker T. Washington's Birthday Read <u>Up From Slavery</u> by Booker T. Washington or <u>More Than Anything Else</u> by Marie Bradby.	6 Family Poetry Evening Each member of the family shares a poem by a favorite poet.	7 Magazine Swap Swap or trade a magazine with a friend. After reading each other's magazine, talk about what you liked or disliked about the magazine.	8 Family Day A good day to take a spring walk. Look for spring flowers or budding trees. Then write or draw a picture about your walk.
9 Family Poetry Writing Read some family poems. Then write a family poem about your family. Try an Acrostic Poem .	10 National Frog Month Frogs are amazing amphibians. Learn more about frogs by reading <u>FROGS</u> by Nic Bishop.	11 Family Sharing Each member of the family shares something they did at school or work today.	12 Beverly Cleary's Birthday (D.E.A.R. DAY) Have some graham crackers and apple juice – a Ramona favorite and read a Beverly Cleary book .	13 Thomas Jefferson's Birthday Share Jefferson's passion for books. by reading <u>Thomas Jefferson Builds a Library</u> By Barb Rosenstack	14 Family Night Visit a local bookstore. Look for an interesting or fun book to read. Enjoy some ice cream as you read your new book.	15 Jackie Robinson Day In honor of Jackie Robinson read <u>Jackie and Me</u> By Dan Gutman.
16 Easter Sunday Read <u>The Easter Egg</u> By Jan Brett. Go to www.janbrett.com for some Easter activities to do.	17 National Card and Letter Writing Month Use Read Write Think Letter Generator to write a letter to your grandparents. Go to www.readwritethink.org	18 Paul Revere Day Read <u>Paul Revere's Ride</u> By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and illustrated by Ted Rand.	19 Family Reading Night Turn off the TV and all devices. Everyone reads for 30 minutes.	20 Get Ready for Money Smart Week April 22,2017 Read <u>Show Me the Money: How to Make Cents of Economics</u> By Alvin Hall	21 Family Time Go outdoors after dark. Watch the Night Sky through binoculars. Observe the moon or constellations. Talk about what you see.	22 Earth Day Go outdoors as a family. Help the environment by volunteering to help clean up a local park or area in your community.
23 National Pretzel Day is this week Have some pretzels while reading for 15 – 30 minutes.	24 Library of Congress Established Visit www.loc.gov to find some interesting facts and when it was founded.	25 Talk Like Shakespeare Day Read <u>Will's Words: How William Shakespeare Changed the Way You Talk</u> By James Sutcliffe	26 Administrative Professional Day Design a card and write a "Thank You" to your school secretary.	27 National Tell a Story Day Family Time Each family member tells a story about a favorite book read, a favorite character from a book or movie. Be sure to include "Why."	28 Arbor Day Celebrate Arbor Day by finding some interesting facts about trees such as coconut or banana trees.	29 John F. Kennedy 100th Anniversary Each family member finds 5 facts about the 35 th President of the U.S. Share the information before watching the movie PT109 as a family.

