

# January 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1  New Year's Day	2	3  J.R.R. Tolkien was born in 1892.	4	5
6	7  Millard Fillmore was born in 1800.	8	9  Richard Nixon was born in 1913.	10	11	12
13	14	15  Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in 1929.	16	17  Benjamin Franklin was born in 1706.	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27  Lewis Carroll was born in 1832.	28	29  William McKinley was born in 1843.	30  Franklin D. Roosevelt was born in 1882.	31	A penny saved is a penny earned. - Benjamin Franklin	

# Fun Things to do in January

- Start a daily journal on New Year's Day.
- Talk to your family about what making a New Year's Resolution means.
- Read *Alice in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll.
- Eat an Eskimo Pie! (Eskimo Pie patent granted on January 24, 1922)
- Read about Betsy Ross. (Betsy Ross was born January 1, 1752)
- Build a snowman.
- Write a letter to a friend or family member.
- Make popcorn or popcorn balls.
- Sit by the fire and read a great book!
- Write a paper about your state bird.
- Draw a picture and give it to someone you love.
- Listen to a new song or style of music.
- Bundle up and take a walk.
- Do research on New Year's celebrations throughout the world.
- Offer to help an older neighbor or relative with a chore.
- Try a new vegetable each week this month.
- Help prepare supper one day a week.
- Set the table without being asked.
- Join a club or after school activity.
- Work on a jigsaw puzzle with your family.
- Research animals that hibernate.
- Stay after school and help your teacher.
- Give someone you love a hug!
- Read *Paul Revere's Ride* by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.  
(Paul Revere was baptized on January 1, 1735. The exact date of his birth is not known.)



# February 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>The ballot is stronger than the bullet.</p> <p>- Abraham Lincoln</p>					1	2  Groundhog Day
3	4  Charles A. Lindbergh was born in 1902.	5	6  Ronald Reagan was born in 1911.	7  Charles Dickens was born in 1812.	8	9  William Henry Harrison was born in 1773.
10	11  Thomas Edison was born in 1847.	12  Abraham Lincoln was born in 1809.	13	14  Valentine's Day	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22  George Washington was born in 1732.	23
24  Wilhelm Carl Grimm was born in 1786.	25	26	27  Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was born in 1807.	28	29	

# Fun Things to do in February

- Keep writing in your journal.
- Thomas Alva Edison, a famous inventor was born on February 11, 1847. Make a list of some of his inventions and think about how they help us today.
- February 14<sup>th</sup> is Valentine's Day. Make cards for your friends and family.
- Read the *Song of Hiawatha* and *The Children's Hour*, poems written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and then write your own poems.
- Make paper airplanes!
- Enrico Caruso was born on February 25, 1873, listen to one of his operas.
- Charles Lewis Tiffany, an American jeweler, was born on February 15, 1812. Make a necklace or bracelet from pasta shells, beads, or colorful strings.
- February is Library Lovers' Month. Visit the library.
- February 11<sup>th</sup> is National Inventor's Day. Read about famous inventors and make a list of five inventions you think really changed the way people live.
- Design a cover for the story of *Rapunzel*.
- Write a report about groundhogs.
- February is American Heart Month.
- Bake heart shaped cookies.
- February is National Children's Dental Health Month. Learn and practice proper brushing techniques. Talk about career opportunities in the dental health field.
- February is Black History Month. Read about Harriet Tubman, Martin Luther King, Jr., Booker T. Washington, and other famous African Americans.
- Listen to a variety of music by black performers such as Ray Charles, Duke Ellington, Albert King, and Stevie Wonder.



# March 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Imagination is more important than knowledge.</p> <p>- Albert Einstein</p>						1
2 Save Your Vision week  Theodor Seuss Geisel (Dr. Seuss) was born in 1904.	3	4	5	6	7	8
9  National Poison Prevention week	10  Alexander Graham Bell made his first telephone call - 1876.	11	12	13	14  Albert Einstein was born in 1879.	15  Andrew Jackson was born in 1767.
16  James Madison was born in 1751.	17  St. Patrick's Day	18  Grover Cleveland was born in 1837.	19	20  First day of spring	21  Johann Sebastian Bach was born in 1685.	22
23 30	24 31	25	26	27	28	29  John Tyler was born in 1790.

# Fun Things to do in March

- Continue writing in your journal.
- Read one book by Dr. Seuss each day in March.
- Read about the annual Iditarod race.
- Percival Lowell, the founder of the Lowell Observatory, was born on March 13, 1855. Read books about astronomy and make a planet mobile.
- March is Music in Our Schools Month. Make a graph showing how many students play string, wind, brass, and percussion instruments in your school.
- Read *I'm in Charge of Celebrations* by Byrd Baylor. Write about days that you would like to celebrate and give them a name.
- On March 3, 1931 *The Star-Spangled Banner* officially became the U.S. National Anthem. Listen to this song and memorize the words.
- Michelangelo was born on March 6, 1475. He was an Italian sculptor, painter, architect, and poet. Visit the library and research some of his famous works. Make a clay sculpture or paint a mosaic.
- Listen to music composed by Johann Sebastian Bach.
- Make a list of as many green things as you can.
- On March 30, 1858 the first pencil with an eraser attached to it was patented. Use your favorite pencil to draw a picture.
- Make a weather calendar for the month of March. Keep track of cloudy days, sunny days, rainy days, and even snowy days!
- Bake cupcakes and frost with green frosting.
- March is Woman's History Month. Write a story about a woman who has made a difference in your life.
- Read a poem by Emily Dickinson or another famous female poet.
- Celebrate Spring!



# April 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1  April Fool's Day	2  Hans Christian Anderson was born in 1805.	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13  Thomas Jefferson was born in 1743.	14	15	16	17	18  World Amateur Radio Day	19
20	21	22	23 William Shakespeare was born in 1564.  James Buchanan was born in 1791.	24	25  Guglielmo Marconi was born in 1874.	26
27  Ulysses S. Grant was born in 1822.	28  James Monroe was born in 1758.	29	30	<p>Character is much easier kept than recovered.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-Thomas Paine</p>		

# Fun Things to do in April

- Continue writing in your journal.
- Read *The Ugly Duckling* by Hans Christian Anderson.
- Washington Irving was born on April 3, 1783. Read *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* or *Rip Van Winkle*.
- Play a harmless April Fool's joke on a friend on April 1<sup>st</sup>!
- Friedrich Froebel, the German educator who invented kindergarten, was born on April 21, 1782. Write about some of the things you learned in kindergarten and compare them to what an adult did in kindergarten. How have things changed since the adult was a child?
- Hank Aaron tied Babe Ruth's home-run record on April 4, 1974. Organize a game of baseball with your friends and family.
- Leonardo da Vinci was born on April 15, 1452.
- Most states celebrate Arbor Day in April. Plant a tree and learn the reasons why trees are important to our environment.
- Draw a poster of your state tree!
- Clean your room without being asked.
- Make a list of foods that grow on trees.
- Plan, plant, or care for your garden.
- Beautiful weather this month is perfect for taking a nature walk with your family.
- Visit the zoo!
- Help your family with spring house cleaning.
- Build a bird feeder or bird house and make notes on the types of birds that visit.
- Read *That's What Happens When It's Spring* by Elaine Good.
- Learn about the history of amateur radio and how it is used today.



# May 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Happy is the house that shelters a friend. - Ralph Waldo Emerson</p>				<p>1 Law Day, U.S.A.  May Day</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6  National Teacher Day</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8  Harry S. Truman was born in 1884.</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>11  Police Week  Mother's Day</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15  Peace Officers Memorial Day</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26  Memorial Day</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29  National WWII Memorial dedicated in 2004.  John F. Kennedy was born in 1917.</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>

# Fun Things to do in May

- Continue writing in your journal.
- Learn about Cinco De Mayo by reading *Viva Mexico!: The Story of Benito Juarez and Cinco de Mayo* or *Cinco de Mayo (Rookie Read-About Holidays)*.
- May is National Physical Fitness and Sports Month. If you do not already have an exercise routine, urge a friend or family member to join you in exercising at least 45 minutes a day this month. This is a great activity that should become a lifelong habit! Walking, hiking, swimming, and bicycling are wonderful activities to do with a friend!
- May 11<sup>th</sup> - May 17<sup>th</sup> is Police Week. Talk about how you can help fight crime in your neighborhood.
- Mt. St. Helens erupted on May 18, 1980. Read about volcanoes and then build your own using soap, baking soda, vinegar, and a soda bottle.
- Make a May Day Basket and leave it at a neighbor's door.
- John F. Kennedy was born on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 1917. Research his presidency and make a list of world events that happened while he was in office.
- Mother Goose Day is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Share your favorite Mother Goose rhymes with a younger child or sibling.
- May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.
- The first Morse Code message was sent on May 24, 1844. Learn about Samuel Morse and ways that Morse Code is used today.
- Invite a veteran to lunch.
- Plan and help prepare supper for your family.
- Make a thank you card for your teacher.
- Write a story about your plans for the summer.
- Kite Day is May 12<sup>th</sup>. Build and fly a kite.



# June 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 <small>1<sup>st</sup> U.S. Astronaut walks in space in 1965.</small>	4	5	6	7
8 <small>Frank Lloyd Wright was born in 1867.</small>	9	10 <small>Maurice Sendak was born in 1928.</small>	11	12 <small>George H.W. Bush was born in 1924.</small>	13	14 <small>U.S. Flag Day</small>
15 <small>Father's Day</small>	16	17	18	19	20	21 <small>First day of summer</small>
22	23	24	25	26	27 <small>Helen Keller was born in 1880.</small>	28
29	30	<p>It is a wise father that knows his own child.</p> <p>- William Shakespeare</p>				

# Fun Things to do in June

- Continue writing in your journal. Reflect on the first half of this year. Write about something you have accomplished since January 1<sup>st</sup> of this year and about what you wish to accomplish before the end of this year.
- June is National Zoo and Aquarium Month. Write a report about your favorite zoo and marine animal.
- Read the book *Into the Sea* by Brenda Z. Guiberson.
- Listen to the song *Going to the Zoo* by Tom Paxton.
- Learn about the Magna Carta.
- Father's Day is June 15<sup>th</sup>. Plan something extra special for your dad and don't forget to make him a card!
- Mark the summer solstice on your calendar. Learn about this unique day and tell a friend about it.
- Read your favorite Maurice Sendak book to a friend or family member.
- June is National Dairy Month. Ask your friends and family members to make a list of their three favorite dairy products and compare your list to theirs. Is there a dairy product that is on every list?
- Frank Lloyd Wright was born in June. He always used his middle name. Ask your parents why they choose your middle name and write about it in your journal.
- Have you joined the summer reading program at your local library?
- Learn about the history of the U.S. Flag and learn proper Flag etiquette.
- The National Baseball Hall of Fame opened on June 12, 1939. Organize a friendly game of ball in your neighborhood or play catch with a friend.
- Magic Day is on June 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Learn about a musical instrument that you would like to play. If you already play an instrument, learn about another!
- Write a poem about your favorite summer activity.



# July 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Independence Day  Calvin Coolidge was born in 1872.	5
6  George W. Bush was born in 1946.	7	8	9	10	11  John Quincy Adams was born in 1767.	12
13	14  Gerald Ford was born in 1913.	15	16	17	18	19
20  First man walks on moon in 1969.	21	22	23	24  Amelia Earhart was born in 1897.	25	26
27  Parents' Day	28	29	30	31	A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions.  - Amelia Earhart	

# Fun Things to do in July

- Continue writing in your journal.
- E.B. White was born on July 11, 1899. Read *Charlotte's Web* or *Stuart Little* this month.
- Learn about the life of Amelia Earhart. Write about something that you very much would like to do or learn. Ask yourself if you are taking steps to reach your goal.
- Learn more about the Declaration of Independence. Can you answer these questions:
  - A.) What does the Declaration of Independence do?
  - B.) Who was the first signer of the Declaration?
  - C.) Who made up the Committee of Five?
  - D.) How do you think your life might be different today if our forefathers had not declared their independence from England?
  - E.) How many representatives signed the Declaration?
- Clip articles from newspapers and magazines about current happenings in the space program.
- July is National Ice Cream Month. Enjoy an ice cream treat!
- July is National Blueberry Month. Make blueberry pancakes, waffles, or muffins and be sure to include a few fresh blueberries in a refreshing summer smoothie.
- Mow your grass or do other chores around the yard.
- Write a letter to a relative or friend who lives out of state.
- Write a short report about your state flower.
- Treat yourself and your family to a nutritious summer fruit smoothie one hot afternoon in July.
- Paint a picture.
- Go swimming or camping with your family.



# August 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>My friends are my estate.</p> <p>- Emily Dickinson</p>					1  Francis Scott Key was born in 1779.	2
3  Friendship Day	4	5	6  Alfred Lord Tennyson was born in 1809.	7	8	9
10  Herbert Hoover was born in 1874.	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 National Aviation Day  Bill Clinton was born in 1946.	20  Benjamin Harrison was born in 1833.	21	22	23
24  31	25	26	27  Lyndon Johnson was born in 1908.	28	29  According to Hoyle Day	30

# Fun Things to do in August

- Keep writing in your journal.
- Learn how to make new types of paper airplanes.
- Make cards for your friends telling them how special they are to you.
- Maria Montessori was born on August 31, 1870. She revolutionized the educational system of the world. Read more about this fascinating woman and make a list of three things you would do today to enhance or change the school system as it stands today.
- August is Get Ready for Kindergarten Month. Offer to help the children at your school learn their way around.
- August 9<sup>th</sup> is Smokey Bear's Birthday. Talk to your family about how you can all help prevent fires in nature.
- Learn some new card games and share them with your friends.
- Hawaii became the 50<sup>th</sup> state on August 21, 1959.
- Research Hawaiian culture and customs and write a report about this beautiful state.
- On August 28, 1963, Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered a speech in Washington, DC. This speech has become known as the *I have a Dream Speech*.
- Write about your pet or a pet you would like to have.
- National Clown Week is celebrated the first week in August. Make clown cookies, cupcakes, or muffins.
- It is time for preparing to go back to school. Make a list of the items you may need next year and help your parents look for good buys on those supplies.
- Francis Scott Key was born in August of 1779. He is best known for writing the words to *The Star-Spangled Banner*. When did *The Star-Spangled Banner* become our national anthem?



# September 2008

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1  Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6
7  Grandparents Day	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15  William Taft was born in 1857.	16	17  Constitution Day	18	19	20  Upton Sinclair was born in 1878.
21	22  First Day of Autumn	23	24  National Punctuation Day	25	26	27
28  Gold Star Mother's Day	29	30	<p>I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- Confucius</p>			

# Fun Things to do in September

- Continue writing in your journal.
- Confucius is thought to have been born on September 28<sup>th</sup>. He was hard-working, fair, polite, and loved to learn things. Are these qualities you admire in others? Why or why not?
- Write down at least five reasons why you like fall.
- National Play-Doh day is in September. Make something related to fall out of clay.
- Read *The Little Scarecrow Boy* by Margaret Wise Brown.
- Rake up a huge pile of leaves and jump in them!
- Help an older relative or friend rake their leaves and clean their gutters.
- Read nursery rhymes to a younger child at school or in your neighborhood.
- Draw a beautiful autumn picture.
- Write a short report about your state flower.
- Challenge yourself to see how many books you can read in the month of September.
- Read the poem *America the Beautiful* by Katharine Lee Bates.
- Memorize the *Preamble* to the Constitution of the United States. What do you think the words "*We the People*" mean?
- Read *The Bill of Rights* and discuss the importance of the first ten amendments to the Constitution with your parents.
- Do something special for your grandparents on Grandparents Day. Ask them how the world has changed since they were your age.
- Write about your grandparents in your journal.
- Make your bed everyday this month.
- Make an effort to meet new friends in school.
- Play a board game with your family.
- Listen to piano music during National Piano Month.



# October 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Experience is the teacher of all things. - Julius Caesar			1  Jimmy Carter was born in 1924.	2	3	4  Rutherford B. Hayes was born in 1822.
5  Chester Arthur was born in 1829.	6  Child Health Day	7	8	9  Leif Erikson Day	10	11
12	13  Columbus Day	14  Dwight D. Eisenhower was born in 1890.	15  White Cane Safety Day	16  Noah Webster was born in 1758.	18	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27  Theodore Roosevelt was born in 1858.	28	29	30  John Adams was born in 1735.	31	

# Fun Things to do in October

- Continue writing in your journal.
- National School Lunch Weeks begins on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Make a list of nutritious lunches that you can make each day this week. Discuss the importance of eating a variety of foods each day.
- Munro Leaf was born on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 1905. Read *The Story of Ferdinand*.
- Fire Prevention Week begins October 5<sup>th</sup>. Plan an escape route from your home in case of fire. Learn what you should do if you are ever in a fire at home or at school.
- Learn about guide words, entry words, pronunciation keys, and abbreviations. How many years did it take Noah Webster to write the first American dictionary?
- October is National Pizza Month. Take a survey among your classmates of favorite pizza toppings and use the results in a graph.
- The Statue of Liberty's birthday is on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Do research on Lady Liberty and write a report to share with your class.
- October is Vegetarian Month. Visit a Farmer's Market and help your mom plan a meal with the fresh food you purchase.
- Do research on your state and write a report that tells important facts such as the main industry, population, capital city, and crops grown.
- Help plan and host a fall festival in your neighborhood or at school.
- Learn to make soup.
- Read a mystery.
- Help fold and put laundry away.
- Read a book about Eleanor Roosevelt.
- Boycott television for one week this month.
- October is National Chili Month. Prepare and eat chili this month.



# November 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>The only way to have a friend is to be one.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- Ralph Waldo Emerson</p>						1
2 James Polk was born in 1795.  Warren Harding was born in 1865.	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11  Veteran's Day	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Gettysburg Address delivered in 1863.  James Garfield was born in 1831.	20	21	22
23 Franklin Pierce was born in 1804.	24  Zachary Taylor was born in 1784.	25	26	27	28	29
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# Fun Things to do in November

- Continue writing in your journal.
- Read *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson.
- November 17<sup>th</sup> is Homemade Bread Day. Learn how to bake bread.
- Talk about the sacrifices that veterans have made and write a thank you note to a veteran.
- Edmund Halley was born on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 1656. Read about Halley's Comet and write a paper that includes the following facts.
  - A.) What is a comet?
  - B.) How old will you be when Halley's Comet returns?
  - C.) Who discovered Halley's Comet?
  - D.) What year was this comet discovered?
- Read *The Gettysburg Address*. Have a class discussion about the first line in this historical speech.
- November 1<sup>st</sup> is National Author's Day. Write a letter to your favorite author expressing your admiration for their work. Be sure and let them know your favorite title!
- Research and discuss the history of Thanksgiving in America.
- Visit a museum.
- Help plan and prepare your Thanksgiving Day meal.
- Choose a book by Louisa May Alcott and read it with your family this month.
- Research the history of the Smithsonian Institute and present a report to your class.
- Make a list of five things in your life that you are thankful for.
- Read about the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Do you think building a memorial for men and women who have served our country is appropriate? Why or why not?



# December 2008

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1	2	3	4	5 Martin Van Buren was born in 1782.	6
7 Pearl Harbor Day	8	9	10	11	12 National Poinsettia Day	13
14	15	16	17 Wright Brothers Day	18	19	20
21 Winter Solstice	22 Hanukkah	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28 Woodrow Wilson was born in 1856.	29 Andrew Johnson was born in 1808.	30	31 New Year's Eve	<p>Be true to your work, your word, and your friend.</p> <p>- Henry David Thoreau</p>		

# Fun Things to do in December

- Continue writing in your journal.
- Read *Rosa Parks: My Story* or *I Am Rosa Parks* and discuss the significance of her actions.
- Make a centerpiece for your holiday table.
- Play a game of Bingo this month.
- Spend a few quiet moments writing in your journal about all of the things you have accomplished this year.
- Louis Pasteur was born on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 1822. Read the book *Louis Pasteur: Hunting Killer Germs* and talk about how his discoveries have helped people all over the world.
- What is the winter solstice?
- Alfred Joyce Kilmer was born on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 1886. Read one of his best known poems, *Trees*.
- Build a snowman.
- Offer to shovel the walk of an elderly neighbor.
- Learn the words to a new song.
- Send holiday greetings to friends and family.
- Make a paper snowflake mobile.
- Try a new hot breakfast cereal this month.
- Enjoy a quiet evening at home with your family, no television.
- Learn how to sew a button onto a shirt.
- Practice tying your shoes or help a younger child learn how to tie their shoes.
- Learn how to play chess and if you already know how, practice.
- Make a New Year's resolution and write it in your journal. Think about how you will implement your resolution.

