

December 2009



Dear Santa,
Please be sure to bring me some really good books so I can meet my reading goals for the new year.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>National Write a Business Plan Month Read a New Book Month National Hand Washing Awareness Week, December 6-12 National Thank-You Note Day, December 26</p>		<p>1 Rosa Parks Day Find a biography of her in your school library. Do you think she was a brave woman?</p>	<p>2  Make a list of people you will send a holiday card to.</p>	<p>3 CREATE a rebus story about the holidays. Use pictures from magazines, newspapers, or the Internet</p>	<p>4 Volunteer Ask your teacher or librarian if you and your friends can read to other classes today.</p>	<p>5 BAKE holiday cookies with an adult today to share with someone in celebration of <i>National Cookie Cutter Week</i>.</p>
<p>6 National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Day is tomorrow. Go to your school library tomorrow and find a book about Pearl Harbor.</p>	<p>7 TALK with your teacher About inviting the school nurse to your class to talk about the proper way to wash your hands.</p>	<p>8 On this day 1941 What important request did President Roosevelt make of Congress?</p>	<p>9 WRITE A letter to someone special in honor of National Letter Writing Day.</p>	<p>10 DESIGN a holiday word search. Use these words: gift, friend, winter, cold, no school, holiday, Christmas, Hanukkah</p>	<p>11 Hanukkah begins. Read <i>Festival of Lights: The Story of Hanukkah</i> by Maida Silverman.</p>	<p>12 Poinsettia Day Why is this significant for South Carolina?</p> 
<p>13 READ the paper today. How many times can you find the word Sale?</p>	<p>14 Book Swap Work with your librarian to arrange a book swap as a way of getting new books to read during the holidays.</p>	<p>15 READ in a different way today. Listen to a book-on-tape or read an e-book. Did you like that better than holding a book in your hand?</p>	<p>16 READ READ READ READ</p>	<p>17 SELECT a genre you haven't read. Check out a book of that genre to read over the holidays.</p>	<p>18 Design and Make bookmarks to give as gifts to family and friends.</p>	<p>19 N.E.D. <i>No Electronics Day!</i> Spend the day reading!</p> 
<p>20 ASK A member of your family to tell a story about Christmas or Hanukkah when they were young. Begin a <i>Family Story Notebook</i> and include this story.</p>	<p>21 Winter Solstice First day of winter. Stay inside; make hot chocolate; read your book.</p>	<p>22 Are you out of school for the holidays? What do you plan to read while you're out of school? How about a SC Book Award book?</p>	<p>23 No School Tomorrow! Find a flashlight, stay up late, and read your book in the dark.</p>	<p>24 It's Christmas Eve Read <i>'Twas the Night Before Christmas</i> to your family.</p>	<p>25 Merry Christmas! Celebrate by reading your book for 25 minutes today.</p>	<p>26 Kwanzaa begins What are the seven principles of Kwanzaa?</p>
<p>27 Make a list of everyone you should send a thank-you note to. Now go write those notes!</p>	<p>28 How many of the South Carolina Book Award nominees have you read? Which one is your favorite?</p>	<p>29 National Chocolate Day Make a chocolate dessert by dipping pretzels in melted chocolate.</p>	<p>30 Eat Light! Read Light! Pick out paperback books, magazines, or newspapers. Don't forget to select healthy snacks.</p>	<p>31 New Year's Eve Make a New Year's Resolution to read more during 2010!</p>	<p>Martha Alewine Consultant, School Library Media Services Office of Standards and Support South Carolina Department of Education http://ed.sc.gov</p> 	

