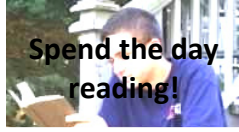


# December 2009



Dear Santa,

Please be sure to bring me some really good books so I can meet my goal of reading for 20 minutes each day!

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 Haiku Poetry Day, December 21 National Thank-You Note Day, December 26</p>		<p><b>1 Rosa Parks Day</b> Read her biography. Write a news report explaining why she is "the mother of the modern day Civil Rights Movement."</p>	<p><b>2</b>  Make a list of everyone you will send a holiday card to.</p>	<p><b>3 1967- 1st heart transplant performed.</b> Who was the surgeon? Find an article to read about this remarkable operation.</p>	<p><b>4 Volunteer</b> To read to students at a nearby elementary school.</p>	<p><b>5 BAKE</b> holiday cookies today to share in celebration of <i>National Cookie Cutter Week</i>.</p>
<p><b>6 National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day</b> is tomorrow. Ask a family member or neighbor to tell you what they remember about the attack on Pearl Harbor.</p>	<p><b>7 INTERVIEW</b> A healthcare professional (e.g., nurse, doctor, respiratory therapist) about the best way to wash your hands. Submit the interview to your school newspaper.</p>	<p><b>8 On this day 1941</b> What important request did President Roosevelt make of Congress?</p>	<p><b>9 WRITE</b> A letter to someone special in honor of National Letter Writing Day.</p>	<p><b>10 Have You Seen the movie, New Moon?</b> Write a review of it and share with your friends and librarian.</p>	<p><b>11 Hanukkah begins</b>  Who were the Maccabees and why are they important?</p>	<p><b>12 Poinsettia Day</b> Why is this significant for South Carolina? </p>
<p><b>13 SOLVE</b> the crossword puzzle in today's newspaper.</p>	<p><b>14 Book Swap</b> Work with your librarian to arrange a book swap as a way of getting new books to read during the holidays.</p>	<p><b>15 READ</b> 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><b>16 READ READ READ READ</b></p>	<p><b>17 SELECT</b> a genre you haven't read. Check out a book of that genre to read over the holidays.</p>	<p><b>18 Read A Christmas Carol</b> by Charles Dickens. Now go see the new 3-D movie. Which one did you like better? Why?</p>	<p><b>19 N.E.D.</b> <i>No Electronics Day!</i>  Spend the day reading!</p>
<p><b>20 ASK</b> 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><b>21 Winter Solstice</b> First day of winter. Stay inside; make hot chocolate; read your book.</p>	<p><b>22</b> 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><b>23 READ</b> A haiku about the Winter Solstice. Now write one of your own.</p>	<p><b>24 It's Christmas Eve</b> Read J.R.R. Tolkien's <i>Letters from Father Christmas</i></p>	<p><b>25 Merry Christmas!</b> Celebrate by reading your book for 25 minutes today.</p>	<p><b>26 Kwanzaa begins</b> What are the seven principles of Kwanzaa?</p>
<p><b>27</b> Make a list of everyone you should send a thank-you note to. Now go write those notes!</p>	<p><b>28</b> How many of the South Carolina Young Adult Book Award nominees have you read? Which one is your favorite?</p>	<p><b>29 National Chocolate Day</b> Have you read <i>The Chocolate War</i> by Robert Cormier?</p>	<p><b>30 Eat Light! Read Light!</b> Pick out paperback books, magazines, or newspapers. Don't forget to select healthy snacks.</p>	<p><b>31 New Year's Eve</b> Here's a New Year's Resolution – Read more books during 2010!</p>	<p>Martha Alewine Consultant, School Library Media Services Office of Standards and Support South Carolina Department of Education <a href="http://ed.sc.gov">http://ed.sc.gov</a></p> 	

