






December 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>Read a New Book Month Safe Toys and Gifts Month Human Rights Month</p>		<p>1 Hanukkah <i>begins today</i> Ask an adult to help you make Hanukkah cheese wafers* to serve.</p>	<p>2 Cookie Cutter Week begins today. Read <i>The Gingerbread Boy</i>. Now design your own cookie cutter.</p>	<p>3 DESIGN A holiday card about your favorite book or character. Send the card to your principal, teacher, or librarian.</p>	<p>4 BLACK OUT! No TV, music, or computers tonight! Spend the time reading, playing a game with your family, and talking about your week.</p>
<p>5 READ The newspaper today. How many words can you find about the holidays. Look for such words as <i>presents, Santa, Festival of Lights, Christmas, trees, reindeer</i></p>	<p>6 Service Learning Day Plan a class service project related to reading and books.</p>	<p>7 Did you know? Mrs. Claus has published a cookbook? Check it out at http://www.northpole.com/Kitchen/Cookbook/</p>	<p>8 Holiday Rhyme Time Using magazines and newspapers cut out rhyming words. Use them to make a holiday poem.</p>	<p>9 BOOKS! Don't be without them. Always have one or two in the car to read while you're riding, especially if you are traveling for the holidays.</p>	<p>10 Dewey Decimal System Day Why should you celebrate this national observance? What will you find in 394.2?</p>	<p>11 Take a Walk through your neighborhood. Make a list of all the things that tell you winter is coming.</p>
<p>12 Poinsettia Day Read about this plant and its connection to South Carolina history.</p>	<p>13 LEARN a new word today: solstice</p>	<p>14 GIVE <i>The gift of reading. Read a book or story to someone you know.</i></p>	<p>15 Woo! Hoo! It's Wednesday! That's the middle of the week. Why not celebrate by reading for 15 minutes today?</p>	<p>16 Be A Roker Day! Read the weather report in the paper. Now tell it to someone as if you are a TV weatherman.</p>	<p>17 VOLUNTEER <i>Are you still in school? Ask your teacher if you and your friends can read holiday stories to other classes today.</i></p>	<p>18 Ask family members about the fire escape plan in your house. Send a holiday card to the firefighters at the station near your house.</p>
 <p>19 Temperature Chart Keep track of all temperatures this week. From your chart make a graph showing the temperature changes.</p>	<p>20 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>21 FIRST DAY of WINTER Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate while you read your book. You do have a book, right?</p>	<p>22 READ READ READ Read READ READ READ</p>	<p>23 NO SCHOOL! Celebrate by reading your book for 23 minutes today.</p>	 <p>24 It's Christmas Eve! Read <i>'Twas the Night Before Christmas</i> to your family.</p>	<p>25 Merry Christmas! Did you get anything to read this year? A book? Directions for a toy? Magazine subscription?</p>
<p>26 KWANZAA begins Do you know the Seven Principles and the Symbols?</p>	<p>27 Read in a different way. How about a book on tape or CD? Or try an e-book. </p>	<p>28 PLAN AHEAD What genres do you like to read? Make a list of them in your journal so you're ready to start reading in the new year!</p>	<p>29 National Chocolate Day Make a chocolate dessert by dipping pretzels in melted chocolate.</p>	<p>30 Field Trip! Read a book about the beach. Wear your bathing suit to play in the bath tub and pretend you're swimming in the ocean. </p>	<p>31 New Year's Eve! SMILE <i>You made it to the end of the year!</i></p>	<p>Be sure to keep up your reading while you're out of school for the holidays. Reading every day helps you get smarter and smarter!</p>

*<http://www.apples4theteacher.com/holidays/hanukkah/recipes/hanukkah-cheese-wafers.html>