December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Read a New Book Month *Safe Toys and Gifts Month* *Human Rights Month*		*1* **Hanukkah** *begins today* Ask an adult to help you make Hanukkah cheese wafers* to serve.	*2* **Cookie Cutter Week** begins today. Why not bake some holiday-shaped cookies to share?	3 Do you know someone from another culture? Ask them to tell you about how they celebrate different holidays.	4 **BLACK OUT!** No TV, music, or computers tonight! Spend the time reading, playing a game with your family, and talking about your week.
5 DESIGN a thank-you note that you could use in thanking people who give you gifts during the holiday season.	*6* Service Learning Day Plan a class service project related to reading and books.	*7* **Did you know?** Mrs. Claus has published a cookbook? Check it out at http://www.northpole.com/Kitchen/Cookbook/	*8* **WHO** is your favorite author? Can you find a biography about him or her? If not, check out the web page to read about him or her.	*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.	*10* **Dewey Decimal System Day** Why should you celebrate this national observance? What will you find in 394.2?	*11* 3 Book Challenge Read 3 books during your school holiday. Select a fiction book, a biography, and a non-fiction book.
12 **Poinsettia Day** Read about this plant and its connection to South Carolina history.	*13* **LEARN** a new word today: incongruous	14 **GIVE** *The gift of reading. Read a book or story to someone you know.*	*15* *Woo! Hoo! It's Wednesday!* That's the middle of the week. Why not celebrate by reading for 15 minutes today?	16 Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party. Read *Analyzing the Boston Tea Party: Establishing Cause and Effect Relationships.* Is there any relation to the current Tea Party Movement?	17 **VOLUNTEER** *Are you still in school? Ask your teacher if you and your friends can read holiday stories to other classes today.*	*18* **WRITE** a reflection in your one-year memory book about 2010 and how reading has helped you do better in school. Include what you plan to read in 2011.
19 On this day in 1941: Hitler took command of the German army. Read about Hitler's rise to power and the events following Dec. 19, 1941.	*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?*	**21 FIRST DAY of WINTER** Write a Haiku about the Winter Solstice.	**22 READ** READ Read READ READ READ	**23 NO SCHOOL!** Celebrate by reading your book for 23 minutes today.	*24* **It's Christmas Eve** Read *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* to your family.	**25** **Merry Christmas!** Did you get anything to read this year? A book? Directions for a toy? Magazine subscription?
26 KWANZAA begins Do you know the Seven Principles and the Symbols?	27 **Read in a different way.** How about a book on tape or CD? Or try an e-book. 	*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!	29 **National Chocolate Day** Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate while you read your book. You do have a book, right?	*30* *START EARLY* with your New Year's resolutions. Read *Yoga for Every Athlete*. How could you use these strategies in your every day life to be healthier in 2011? 	31 *New Year's Eve!* SMILE *You made it to the end of the year!*	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!

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