

DECEMBER 1-5

►Cookie Cutter Week (December 1-5)

Work with classroom teachers to develop a poetry unit linked to cookies. Launch the unit by having students find poetry books, read different types of poems, and have poetry read to them. Then have students write poems about their favorite cookies and use cookie cutters to decorate the finished poems by either dipping them in paint or tracing around them. Have a cookie poetry reading (perhaps you can have cookie treats for the occasion). Make a decorative display of the poems for others to read. Grades K-6.

►National Aplastic Anemia Awareness Week (December 1-5)

Aplastic Anemia Foundation of America; <http://www.aplastic.org>

►Operation Santa Paws (December 1-19)

Are students looking for a good cause to support? Link into their interests in pets and talk teachers into an alternative to the pet report. Have students research cats and dogs and find out what types of toys and treats are best for different breeds. Perhaps students can find ways to raise money to purchase toys and treats for canines and felines that can be delivered to local animal shelters. Find out more by visiting the *Operation Santa Paws* Web site. Grades 2-9.

►Tolerance Week (December 1-7)

1 Tuesday

►United Nations World AIDS Day

<http://www.worldaidsday.org/>

►Day Without Art

Visual Aids; <http://www.visualaids.org>

►Portugal: Independence Day—1640

►Death of Oliver Wolcott—1797

►President Jackson Announced Elimination of the National Debt—1834

►Birthday of Julia A. Davis Moore—1847-1920

►Basketball Created—1891

►Canada Yukon Order of Pioneers Founded—1894

►Birthday of Ray Henderson—1896-1970

►First Drive-in Automobile Service Station—1913

►Iceland: Independence—1918

►Birthday of Mary Martin—1913-1990

►Lady Astor Sworn In as First Woman in Parliament—1919

►U. S. Civil Air Patrol Organized—1941

►Tehran Conference Concluded—1943

►Rosa Parks Refused to Give Up Bus Seat—1955

Have students discover more about Rosa Parks. Who was she? How did she become an icon of the Civil Rights Movement? What were her desires in life? In what ways is she a heroine? Have students create an acrostic or shape poem about Rosa Parks that represents who she was (see the April 2007 issue of *SLMAM*, pages 23-24, for examples of acrostic and shape poems). Grades 5-8.

►Virgin Islands National Park Established—1956

►Airlift of Refugees from Cuba Began—1965

►First Draft Lottery Since WWII—1969

►Romania: National Day—1981 and 1989

►Atlantis Launched—1988

►Congress Passed GATT Treaty—1994

►Macao: Restoration of Independence—1999

2 Wednesday

►Cold Moon

►Special Education Day

<http://www.specialeducationday.com>

►Special Kids Day

<http://www.specialkidsday.org>

►United Nations International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

►Birthday of Richard Montgomery—1738-1775

►Napoleon Crowned Emperor of France—1804

►James Monroe Announced "Monroe Doctrine"—1823

►Gag Rules Repealed by Congress—1844

►John Brown Executed—1859

►Freedom Statue Placed on Capitol Dome—1863

Have students learn more about this topic. Why was this statue chosen for the capitol dome? What is the story behind the statue? Was this the best choice of a statue to grace

the dome of the nation's Capitol? Grades 3-5.

►Birthday of Charles Ringling—1863-1926

►Daughters of the American Revolution Chartered—1895

►Safety Razor Patented by Gillette—1901

►Birthday of Peter C. Goldmark—1906-1977

►Birthday of Adolph Green—1915-2002

►Birthday of Charlie Ventura—1916-1992

►Birthday of Sylvia Syms—1917-1992

►Birthday of Maria Callas—1923-1977

►Birthday of Alexander Haig, Jr.—1924-

►Model A Ford Unveiled—1927

►LaGuardia Airport Began Operation—1939

►Controlled Chain Reaction of Uranium Achieved—1942

►Carmen Jones Opened with All African American Cast—1943

►Environmental Protection Agency Established—1970

►United Arab Emirates: National Day—1971

►Soyuz 16 Launched—1974

►Laos: National Holiday—1975

►Alaskan National Parks Created—1980

►Four American Women Murdered and Buried Outside San Salvador—1980

►First Permanent Artificial Heart Implanted in Human—1982

►American Hostage Joseph Cicippio Freed—1991

►Enron Filed for Bankruptcy—2001

3 Thursday

►United Nations International Day of Persons with Disabilities

►Birthday of Nicola Amati—1596-1684

►Birthday of Gilbert Charles Stuart—1755-1828

►Birthday of Mary Ann Lamb—1764-1847

►Illinois Admitted to U. S.—1818

►Birthday of Cleveland Abbe—1838-1916

►Birthday of Charles Pillsbury—1842-1889

►Birthday of Julius Ochs Adler—1892-1955

►Birthday of Carlos Montoya—1903-1993

►Death of Mary Baker Eddy—1910

►First Human Heart Transplant—1967

►Pioneer II Passed Jupiter—1974

4 Friday

►Saint Barbara's Day

►Belgium: Lover's Fair

►National Grange Founded—1786

►Birthday of Lillian Russell—1861-1922

►Sherman's March to the Sea—1864

►Birthday of Ranier Maria Rilke—1875-1926

►Senate Approved U.S. Participation in the UN—1945

►Death of Thomas Hunt Morgan—1945

►People's Republic of China Adopted Current Constitution—1982

►Final American Hostage Freed in Lebanon—1991

►International Space Station Launched (U.S.)—1998

December 2

Birthday of Georges Pierre Seurat—1859-1891

To celebrate the 150th birth anniversary of Seurat, work with the art or classroom teacher to allow students to research his work as well as that of other Neoimpressionist painters. How are they similar? How are they different? What were Seurat's theories related to scientific approach to art through color? How did their art represent changing times? Grades 9-12.



DECEMBER 6-12

►Clerc-Gallaudet Week (December 6-12)

7 Monday

- National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- Cicero Executed by Mark Antony—43 B. C.
- Birthday of Giovanni Lorenzo Bernini—1598-1680
- Birthday of Marie Grosholtz Tussaud—1761-1850
- Delaware Ratified Constitution—1787
- Martin Van Buren Elected President—1836
- Battle of Prairie Grove—1862
- First Performance by New York Philharmonic—1842
- Birthday of Virginia Kirkus—1893-1980
- Birthday of Gerard F. Kuiper—1905-1973
- Birthday of Jacob Kainen—1909-2001
- Birthday of Victor Kermit Kiam II—1926-2001
- Japanese Attacked Pearl Harbor—1941 (Remembrance Day)
- Birthday of Harry Chapin—1942-1981
- Pope Paul VI and Athenagoras Lifted Excommunication that led to Churches Split in 1054—1965
- Guam: Lady of Camarin Day—1971
- Apollo 17 Launched—1972
- National Fire Safety Council Founded—1979
- First U. S. Execution by Lethal Injection—1982
- Armenian Earthquake—1988
- Cote D'Ivoire: Commemoration Day—1993
- Galileo Launched—1995

8 Tuesday

- Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- Birthday of Horace—65 B.C.- 8 B.C.
- Birthday of Mary, Queen of Scots—1542-1587
- Birthday of Eli Whitney—1765-1825
- Death of James Hoban—1831
- First Christmas Card Produced—1843
- Birthday of William Crapo Durant—1861-1947
- Lincoln Proclaimed Amnesty—1863
- Birthday of Jean Sibelius—1865-1957
- Birthday of Manuel Ponce—1882-1948
- American Federation of Labor Organized—1886
- Birthday of Diego Rivera—1886-1957
- Birthday of Bohuslav Martinu—1890-1959
- Birthday of Elzie Crisler Segar—1894-1938
- American Bird Banding Association Founded—1909
- Coaxial Cable Patented—1931
- U. S. Entered World War II—1941
- Chinese Nationalists Moved to Formosa—1949
- John Lennon Killed—1980
- U.S./U.S.S.R. Treaty for Medium- and Shorter-Range Missiles—1987
- Uzbekistan: Constitution Day—1991

December 6-12 National Handwashing Awareness Week

This is a year when the importance of hand-washing cannot be underestimated. Revisit the lesson plan "Germ Busters: Literature Lessons in Hand Washing" in the December 2007 issue of *SLMAM*, pp. 11-12. Also, visit the Web site *Henry the Hand Champion Handwasher* (<http://www.henrythehand.com/pages/content/hwaw.html>) for more ideas related to this important topic. There are tips for all ages, but have the younger students determine ways to share the information with older students and families. They can start a handwashing awareness program of their own. Grades K-6.



- Dissolution of the Soviet Union—1991
- Death of Kimberly Bergalis—1991
- NAFTA Signed—1993

9 Wednesday

- First Formal U. S. Cremation—1792
- Tanzania: Independence and Republic Day
- "The Charge of the Light Brigade" (Tennyson) Published—1854
- Ball-Bearing Roller Skates Patented—1884
- Widowers' Houses (Shaw) Opened—1892
- Christmas Seals Went on Sale to Fight TB—1907
- British Began Offensive in North Africa—1940
- China Declared War on Japan, Germany, and Italy—1941
- Genocide Convention on Prevention and Punishment of Crime of Genocide—1948
- John Birch Society Founded—1958
- Petrified Forest National Park Established—1962
- Ford Signed Loan-Authorization to Keep New York City Solvent—1975
- Birthday of Edwin Sandys—1561-1629
- Birthday of Claude Louise Berthoilet—1748-1908
- Birthday of Joaquin Turina—1882-1949
- Birthday of Clarence Birdseye—1886-1956
- Birthday of Emmett Kelly—1898-1979
- Birthday of Grace Hopper—1906-1992
- Birthday of Douglas Fairbanks Jr.—1909-2000
- Birthday of Tip O'Neill—1912-1994

10 Thursday

- Human Rights Week (December 10-17)
- Nobel Prize Awards Ceremonies
- United Nations Human Rights Day
- Birthday of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet—1787-1851
- First U. S. Heavyweight Champ Defeated in England—1810
- Mississippi Admitted to U. S.—1817
- Birthday of Theodor Kirchner—1823-1903
- Birthday of Melvil Dewey—1851-1931

- Women Granted Right to Vote in Wyoming Territory—1869
- Death of Alfred Bernhard Nobel—1896
- Treaty Ended the Spanish-American War—1898
- Theodore Roosevelt Awarded Nobel Peace Prize—1906
- First U. S. Scientist Received Nobel Prize—1907
- Death of Red Cloud—1909
- Grand Ole Opry Began Radio Broadcast—1927
- Jane Addams Awarded Nobel Peace Prize—1931
- Thailand: Constitution Day—1932
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights Adopted—1948
- Ralphe J. Bunche Awarded Nobel Peace Prize—1950
- First Domestic U. S. Passenger Jet Flight—1958
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Received Nobel Peace Prize—1964
- Soyuz 26 Launched—1977

11 Friday

- Chanukah (December 11-19)
- Burkina Faso: National Day
- Birthday of Hector Berlioz—1803-1869
- Indiana: Admission Day—1816
- Birthday of Annie Cannon—1863-1941
- Birthday of Marjorie H. Buell—1904-1993
- Birthday of Alexander Solzhenitsyn—1918-
- Edward VII Abdicated Throne—1936
- Germany and Italy Declared War on U.S.—1941
- UNICEF Established—1946
<http://www.unicef.org>
- Joe DiMaggio Retired from Baseball—1951
- U. S. Libertarian Party Formed—1971
- Muhammad Ali Defeated by Trevor Berbick—1981
- People's Republic of China Joined World Trade Organization—2001

DECEMBER 13-19

14 Monday

- ▶ Birthday of Nostradamus—1503-1566
- ▶ National Bank Proposed—1790
- ▶ Screw Patented—1798
- ▶ Alabama Admitted to U. S.—1819
- ▶ Birthday of John Mercer Langston—1829-1897
- ▶ Birthday of James Harold Doolittle—1896-1942
- ▶ Birthday of Margaret Chase Smith—1897-1995
- ▶ South Pole Reached by Roald Amundsen—1911
- ▶ Birthday of Don Hewitt—1922-2009
- ▶ Birthday of Charlie Rich—1932-1995
- ▶ Birthday of Lee Remick—1935-1991
- ▶ Soviet Union Dropped from League of Nations—1939
- ▶ United Nations Voted to Establish Headquarters in New York—1946
- ▶ *Mariner Two* Transmitted Information about Venus—1962
- ▶ DNA Created in Test Tube—1967
- ▶ Israel Annexed Golan Heights—1967
- ▶ First Non-stop, Non-refueled Flight Around the World Began—1986
- ▶ Ferry Salem Express Sank Off Safaga, Egypt—1991

15 Tuesday

- ▶ Puerto Rico: Navidades
- ▶ Bill of Rights Day
- ▶ Birthday of Nero—37-68
- ▶ Bill of Rights Ratified—1791
- ▶ Death of Mad Anthony Wayne—1796
- ▶ Birthday of Alexandre Gustave Eiffel—1832-1923
- ▶ Birthday of George B. Post—1837-1913
- ▶ Birthday of Lazarus Ludovic Zamenhof—1859-1917
- ▶ Birthday of Charles E. Duryea—1861-1938
- ▶ Birthday of Arthur D. Little—1863-1935
- ▶ Death of Sitting Bull—1890
- ▶ Birthday of Betty Smith—1896-1972
- ▶ French Defeated Germans in WWI—1916
- ▶ Birthday of Friedrich Hundertwasser—1928-2000

- ▶ Groundbreaking Ceremony for Jefferson Memorial—1939
- ▶ *Gone with the Wind* Premiered—1939
- ▶ Nylon Yarn Manufactured—1939
- ▶ Battle of San Pietro—1943
- ▶ U. S. Forces Landed in Philippines—1944
- ▶ Plane Carrying Glenn Miller Disappeared over English Channel—1944
- ▶ Curacao: Kingdom Day—1954
- ▶ Adolf Eichmann Sentenced to Death—1961
- ▶ First Space Rendezvous—1965
- ▶ Communist China Granted Diplomatic Recognition by U.S.—1978
- ▶ USSR *Vega I* Launched to Rendezvous with Halley's Comet—1984
- ▶ Chile's Military Dictatorship Ended—1989

16 Wednesday

- ▶ Mexico: Posadas (December 16-24)
- ▶ Philippines: Simbang Gabi (December 16-January 6)
- ▶ South Africa: Reconciliation Day
- ▶ Oliver Cromwell Became Lord Protector of England—1653
- ▶ Birthday (Baptism?) of Ludwig Van Beethoven—1770-1827
- ▶ Boston Tea Party—1773
- ▶ Napoleon Divorced from Josephine—1809
- ▶ Earthquake Near New Madrid, MO—1811
- ▶ New York City: Great Fire—1835
- ▶ Calabria Earthquake—1857
- ▶ Birthday of Edward E. Barnard—1857-1923
- ▶ Birthday of George Santayana—1863-1952
- ▶ Battle of Nashville—1864
- ▶ Premier of Dvorak's *New World Symphony*—1893
- ▶ Birthday of Sir Noel Coward—1899-1973
- ▶ Birthday of Margaret Mead—1901-1978
- ▶ Rasputin Murdered—1916
- ▶ Birthday of Bruce N. Ames—1928-
- ▶ Birthday of Liv Johanne Ullmann—1939-
- ▶ Birthday of Leslie Stahl—1941-
- ▶ Battle of the Bulge—1944
- ▶ Truman Proclaimed National State of Emergency to Fight Communism—1950
- ▶ Bahrain: Independence Day—1971

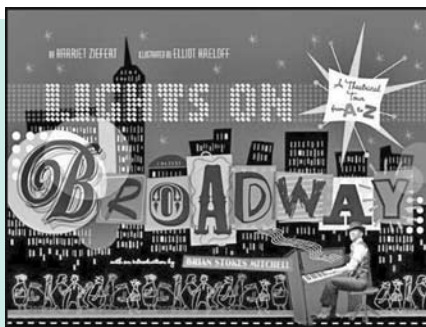
- ▶ Bangladesh: Victory Day—1971
- ▶ Swineflu Vaccination Program Halted by U. S. Government—1976
- ▶ EPA Head Cited for Contempt of Congress—1982
- ▶ Jean-Bertrand Aristide Elected President of Haiti—1990
- ▶ Kazakhstan: Independence Day—1991
- ▶ United Nations Revoked Resolution on Zionism—1991

17 Thursday

- ▶ Wright Brothers Day
- ▶ Saturnalia (December 17-23)
- ▶ Hernando De Soto Reached Mississippi—1540
- ▶ Plymouth Colony Established Trial by Jury—1623
- ▶ Birthday of William Floyd—1734-1821
- ▶ Birthday of Deborah Sampson—1760-1827
- ▶ Birthday of Pliny Earle—1762-1832
- ▶ France Recognized U. S. Independence—1777
- ▶ Aztec Calendar Stone Discovered—1790
- ▶ Birthday of Joseph Henry—1797-1878
- ▶ Birthday of John Greenleaf Whittier—1807-1892
- ▶ Birthday of Henry R. Worthington—1817-1880
- ▶ Death of Simon Bolivar—1830
- ▶ Birthday of Alexander Agassiz—1835-1910
- ▶ Birthday of W. L. Mackenzie King—1874-1950
- ▶ First Powered Flight by Wright Brothers—1903
- ▶ Birthday of Erskine Caldwell—1903-1987
- ▶ Birthday of Willard Frank Libby—1908-1980
- ▶ Birthday of Sy Oliver—1910-1988
- ▶ First Championship Football Game—1933
- ▶ U. S. Air Force Closed Project Blue Book (UFOs)—1969
- ▶ Eugene Hasenfus Convicted and Pardoned—1986

18 Friday

- ▶ UN International Migrants Day
<http://www.un.org>
- ▶ Mexico: Feast of Our Lady of Solitude
- ▶ Death of Antonio Stradivari—1737
- ▶ Birthday of Joseph Grimaldi—1778-1837
- ▶ New Jersey: Ratification Day—1787
- ▶ Birthday of Tyrus Raymond "Ty" Cobb—1886-1936
- ▶ *Nutcracker Suite* First Performed—1892
- ▶ Birthday of Benjamin O. Davis—1912-2002
- ▶ Birthday of Ossie Davis—1917-2005
- ▶ Niger: Republic Day—1958
- ▶ Saturn's Moon, Epimetheus, Discovered—1966
- ▶ Capitol Reef National Park Established—1971



December 16 A Christmas Carol Published—1843

This holiday classic has been performed on Broadway as well as many others stages around the world. Use this as an opportunity to have students find out more about stage productions and what goes on behind the scenes. Start with the delightful book *Lights*

on Broadway: A Theatrical Tour from A to Z by Harriet Ziefert (Blue Apple Books, 2009). The book includes a CD with Brian Stokes Mitchell performing. Grades K-12.

DECEMBER 20-26

21 Monday

- ▶ Winter (December 21-March 20)
- ▶ Winter Solstice
- ▶ Pilgrims Landed at Plymouth—1620
- ▶ Birthday of Benjamin Disraeli—1804-1881
- ▶ Death of James Parkinson—1824
- ▶ Birthday of Joseph G. McCoy—1837-1915
- ▶ Birthday of Henrietta Szold—1860-1945
- ▶ Sherman Captured Savannah—1864
- ▶ Birthday of Joseph Stalin—1879-1953
- ▶ Basketball Played at Springfield College, MA—1891
- ▶ Curies Discovered Radium—1898
- ▶ First Crossword Puzzle Published—1913
- ▶ Birthday of Andor Foldes—1913-1992
- ▶ Birthday of Heinrich Boll—1917-1985
- ▶ Birthday of Kurt Waldheim—1918-2007
- ▶ Birthday of Paul Winchell—1922-2005
- ▶ First Moon Voyage Launched (*Apollo 8*)—1968
- ▶ Pan American Flight 103 Explosion—1988

22 Tuesday

- ▶ Saracens Conquered Alexandria, Egypt—64
- ▶ Birthday of James Edward Oglethorpe—1696-1785
- ▶ Birthday of William Ellery—1727-1820
- ▶ Death of John Newbery—1767
- ▶ Birthday of Giacomo Puccini—1858-1924
- ▶ Birthday of Edwin Arlington Robinson—1869-1935
- ▶ Birthday of Edgard Varese—1883-1965
- ▶ Birthday of Halden K. Hartline—1903-1983
- ▶ Birthday of Peggy Ashcroft—1907-1991
- ▶ Birthday of Lady Bird Johnson—1912-2007

DECEMBER 27-31

28 Monday

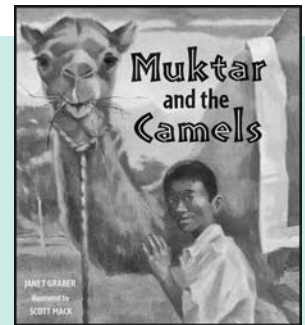
- ▶ Holy Innocents Day (Childermas)
- ▶ First Ad for *Poor Richard's Almanack*—1732
- ▶ Birthday of John Molson—1763-1836
- ▶ Iowa Admitted to U. S.—1846
- ▶ Birthday of Woodrow Wilson—1856-1924
- ▶ Chewing Gum Patented—1869
- ▶ Birthday of Mortimer Adler—1902-2001
- ▶ Messina Earthquake—1908

29 Tuesday

- ▶ Death of Thomas Becket—1170
- ▶ Birthday of Madam de Pompadour—1721-1764
- ▶ Birthday of Charles Goodyear—1800-1879
- ▶ Birthday of Andrew Johnson—1808-1875
- ▶ Birthday of William E. Gladstone—1809-1898
- ▶ Texas Admitted to U. S.—1845
- ▶ Birthday of Pablo Casals—1876-1973
- ▶ Wounded Knee Massacre—1890
- ▶ Birthday of Joyce C. Hall—1891-1982

December 25 Christmas Day

Camels have always been part of the Christmas story. In Puerto Rico, on Christmas Eve, children place cut grass in a shoebox under their bed for the Three Kings' camels. Have children discover information about camels and start their research off with the story *Muktar and the Camels* by Janet Graber (Henry Holt, 2009), a modern day story about a young boy and camels that carry libraries to remote areas of Kenya. It can generate discussions about learning, having purpose, and similarities and differences of children around the world, as well as camels. Grades 1-6.



- ▶ First Gorilla Born in Captivity—1956

23 Wednesday

- ▶ Birthday of Joseph Smith—1805-1844
- ▶ Birthday of Samuel Smiles—1812-1904
- ▶ Birthday of Harriet Monroe—1860-1936
- ▶ Birthday of Sarah B. Walker—1864-1919
- ▶ Federal Reserve System Established—1913
- ▶ Execution of Tojo Hideki—1944
- ▶ Transistor Invented—1947
- ▶ First Nonstop Flight around the World without Refueling—1987

24 Thursday

- ▶ Christmas Eve
- ▶ London Bridge Waterworks Began Pumping—1582
- ▶ Birthday of Benjamin Rush—1745-1813
- ▶ Birthday of Kit Carson—1809-1868
- ▶ Treaty of Ghent—1814
- ▶ Birthday of James Joule—1818-1889
- ▶ Birthday of Matthew Arnold—1822-1888

- ▶ Ku Klux Klan Formed—1865

- ▶ Birthday of Juan Ramon Jimenez—1881-1958
- ▶ Birthday of Howard Hughes—1905-1976
- ▶ Birthday of Robert Joffrey—1930-1988
- ▶ First Surface-to-Surface Guided Missile—1942

25 Friday

- ▶ Washington Crossed the Delaware—1776
- ▶ Birthday of Clara Barton—1821-1912
- ▶ Birthday of Mohammed Ali Jinnah—1876-1948
- ▶ First Indoor Baseball Game—1888
- ▶ Birthday of Rebecca West—1892-1983
- ▶ Birthday of Humphrey Bogart—1899-1957
- ▶ Birthday of Cab Calloway—1907-1994
- ▶ FDR's Christmas Fireside Chat—1943
- ▶ *Metropolitan Opera Radio Broadcasts* Premiered—1950
- ▶ Death of Nicolae Ceausescu—1989
- ▶ Christmas Returned to Cuba—1998

28 Monday

- ▶ Assassination of Grigori Efimovich Rasputin—1916
- ▶ Occupational Safety and Health Act Authorized—1970

- ▶ Birthday of King Kelly—1857-1894
- ▶ Battle of Stone River (Tennessee)—1862
- ▶ Birthday of Henri Matisse—1869-1954
- ▶ Birthday of George C. Marshall—1880-1959
- ▶ Ellis Island Became Receiving Station for Immigrants—1892

30 Wednesday

- ▶ Birthday of Asa G. Candler—1851-1929
- ▶ Gadsden Purchase Signed—1853
- ▶ *Monitor* Sank—1862
- ▶ Birthday of Simon Guggenheim—1867-1941
- ▶ Birthday of Stephen Leacock—1867-1944
- ▶ Birthday of Tojo Hideki—1884-1948
- ▶ AT&T Formed—1899
- ▶ USSR Established—1922

31 Thursday

- ▶ New Year's Eve
- ▶ Birthday of Andreas Vesalius—1514-1564
- ▶ Birthday of General Cornwallis—1738-1805
- ▶ Death of John Nixon—1808
- ▶ Birthday of George C. Meade—1815-1872
- ▶ Birthday of Henry C. Adams—1851-1921

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Jarrett J. Krosoczka's birthday is December 22nd. Have fun reading his book *Lunch Lady* and the *League of Librarians* (Knopf Books, 2009). Encourage students to find and read more of his books. Grades 2-5.

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Julie Harris—1925-
William Wegman—1943-
David Macaulay—1946-
Don Lessem—1951-

2

Joseph Conrad—1857-
1924
Esther Carlson—1920-
Barbara Brooks Wallace—
1922-
Rose Blue—1931-
Bruce Hiscock—1940-

3

Munro Wilbur Leaf—
1905-1976
Blanca Bradbury—1908-1982
Barbara Leonie Picard—1917-
George Ancona—1929-
Helen Cavanagh—1939-
Bruce Hiscock—1940-

4

Christina Rossetti—
1830-1894
Ann Nolan Clark—1896-1995
James Arthur Kjelgaard—
1910-1959
Harve Zernach—1933-

5

Cornelia Meigs—1884-
1973
Elizabeth Yates—1905-2001
John Reynolds Gardiner—
1944-

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Willa Cather—1873-1947
John Tunis—1889-1975
Mary Lankford—1932-
Anne Fine—1947-
Steve Parker—1954
Beth Hilgartner—1957-

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Padraic Colum—1881-
1972
James Thurber—1894-1961
Edwin Tunis—1897-1973
Kin Platt—1911-2003
Miriam Chaikin—1928-

8

Joel Chandler Harris—
1848-1908
Jean De Brunhoff—1899-1937
Eloise Jarvis McGraw—
1915-2000
Joan W. Blots—1928-
Mary Downing Hahn—1937-
Dudley Bromley—1948-

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George MacDonald—
1824-1905
Emily Dickinson—1830-1886
Robert Hofsinde—1902-1973
Mary Norton—1903-1992
Margaret Rumer Godden—
1907-1998
Ann Turner—1945-
Douglas Wood—1951-
Janny Wurts—1953-
Cornelia Funke—1958-

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Barbara Emberley—
1932-

Leonard Weisgard—
1916-2000
Tamora Pierce—1954-
Lucia Gonzalez—1957-

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Rhoda Blumberg—
1917-
Rosemary Sutcliff—1920-1992
Marilyn Hafner—1925-
Lorna Bailan—1929-
John Neufeld—1938-

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Betty Smith—1896-
1972
Alki Zei—1928-
Henrik Drescher—1955-
Deborah Savage—1955-

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Marie Hall Ets—1895-
1984
Lee Wyndham (Jane
Andrews Lee Hyndman)—
1912-1978
Arthur C. Clarke—1917-2008
Peter Dickinson—1927-
Sandol Stoddard Warburg—
1927-
Bill Brittain—1930-
Quentin Blake—1932-
Karleen Bradford—1936-
E. B. Lewis—1956-
Laura Krasny Brown—?

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Eve Bunting—1928-
Ellen H. Porter—?

Hotlinks to author and illustrator Web sites are available at:
<http://www.schoollibrarymonthly.com>

Richard Atwater—
1892-1948
Carol Farley—1936-
M. B. Goffstein—1940-
Dennis Brindell Fradin—1945-
Michael Caduto—1955-
Lulu Delacre—1957-

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Claire Mackay—1930-
Susan Pearson—1946-
Michael Berenstain—1951-

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Henry Treece—1911-
1966
William O. Steele—1917-1979
Jerry Pinkney—1939-
Bonnie H. Pryor—1942-
Trudy Krisher—1946-
Jerrrett J. Krosoczka—1977-

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Richard Kennedy—
1932-
Avi—1937-
Keiko Kasza—1951-

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John Barton Gruelle—
1880-1938
Feodor Rojankovsky—
1891-1970
Noel Streetfield—1897-1985
John Langstaff—1920-2005
Margaret J. Anderson—1931-
Jay Bennett—1931-1990
Mary Higgins Clark—1931-
Gillian Cross—1945-
Lynn Munsinger—1951-
Debra Barracca—1953-

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Jean Van Leeuwen—
1937-

Ingri Parrin d'Aulaire—
1904-1980
Ted Rand—1915-2005
Aidan Chambers—1934-
Diane Stanley—1943-

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Carol Ryrrie Brink—
1895-1981
Nancy Larrick—1910-2005
Emily Cheney Neville—
1919-1997
Elizabeth Fitzgerald
Howard—1927-
Janet Lunn—1928-
Barbara Dana—1940-
Cynthia DeFelice—1951-
Nancy Luenn—1954-

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Ruth Robbins—1917
(or 1918)-
E. W. Hildick—1925-
Jan Greenberg—1942-
Molly Garrett Bang—1943-
Tracy Campbell Pearson—
1936-

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Rudyard Kipling—
1865-1936
Jane Langton—1922-
Shella Garrigue—1931-
Mary Rayner—1933-
Mercer Mayer—1943-
Clayton Bes—1944-
Jane O'Connor—1947-
Tres Seymour—1966-

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Margery Cuyler—
1948-
Cynthia Leitch Smith—1967-

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December is Read a New Book Month! To help the youngest students accomplish the task, read Margery Cuyler's *Hooray for Reading Day!* (Simon & Schuster, 2008). Work with teachers to designate a Reading Day for their classroom. Have students keep track of their favorite new read for the month and post a list. Grades K-2.

