

Bulletin Board of the Month

It is "Get Caught Reading Month!"

Create a bulletin board featuring pictures of students and staff reading.

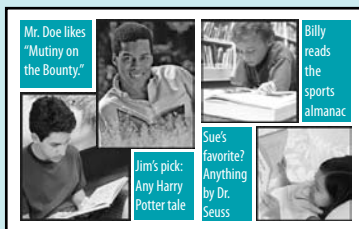
Highlight the books featured in each picture. Have various classrooms

create "Best Picks" reading lists to be posted on the library media Web site. Use the lists to create bookmarks to be given out. Grades K-9.

Also, make sure families know about Read with Kids Challenge

sponsored by Reading Is Fundamental (<http://www.RIF.org/>

[readwithkids.com](http://www.readwithkids.com)). It takes place April 1-June 30 with the goal of logging 5 million minutes read to children across the nation. There are prizes and challenges listed on the Web site. Grades PreK-6.



to iPods (if available) or access them on lab computers and have students critique the programs. Grades 5-8.

►National Sight-Saving Month

Prevent Blindness America; <http://www.preventblindness.org/news/observe.html>

►Young Achievers Month

International Leadership Network; <http://Ilnleadnet.com>

Work with teachers to introduce a unit on character using Elaina Redmond's book, *The Power of the Penny: Abraham Lincoln Inspires a Nation* (Spencer, 2009). The book uses the penny to make connections to the founding principles of the United States. It also makes connections to the founding fathers and especially Abraham Lincoln, offering ways for every student to be confident and compassionate citizens. This book should be revisited, over time, putting the sections to work with suggested activities. Grades 1-6.

Get Caught Reading Month

Association of American Publishers; <http://www.publishers.org/> or <http://www.getcaughtreading.org>

Challenge students to find hidden messages about books you are going to read and booktalk at various times during the month. Place the clues in different places around the library media center and the school. Mix it up with fiction and nonfiction titles. Reward those who find the clues with something like a bookmark or pencil. Start with an interesting new title like Laurie Carlson's *Harry Houdini for Kids: His Life and Adventures* (Chicago Review Press, 2009). For the more advanced reader, it is full of interesting facts about this magical mystery man along with great photographs. There are also some fun activities for the young magician. It is sure to be a hit with many. Grades 3-6.



- Flower: Lily of the Valley or Hawthorn
- Birthstone: Emerald
- Better Hearing and Speech Month
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association; <http://www.professional.asha.org>
- Healthy Vision Month
American Academy of Ophthalmology; <http://www.geteyesmart.org>
- Huntington's Disease Awareness Month
Huntington's Disease Society of America; <http://www.hdsa.org>
- Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month
American Academy of Dermatology; <http://www.aad.org>
- National Allergy/Asthma Month
Pharmacists Planning Services, Inc.; <http://www.ppsinc.org>
- National Bike Month
League of American Bicyclists; <http://www.bikeleague.org>
- National Hepatitis Awareness Month
Hepatitis Foundation International; <http://www.hepatitisFoundation.org>

- National Mental Health Month
National Mental Health Association; <http://www.nmha.org>
- National Physical Fitness and Sports Month
President's Council on Physical Fitness & Sports; <http://fitness.gov> or <http://presidentschallenge.org>
- National Radio Month
<http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/ws/index.php?pid=11364>
A Look Back: *SLMAM*, 1985. Radio programs, other than rock 'n roll, are often unfamiliar to students. Introduce students to the radio program schedule found in most newspapers. Have them critique various programs and post them on a bulletin board. Update: Listen to excerpts of various radio programs available online (e.g., news, drama, talk, etc.). Have students discuss and determine the elements that should be included to critique a radio program and create an evaluation form to be used as they listen to selections. Download various radio programs

MAY 1-4

1 Friday

- May Day
- Mother Goose Day
The Mother Goose Society; <http://www.librarysupport.net/mothergoosesociety/>
- School Principals' Day
- Great Britain Formed—1707
- First Postage Stamp (Penny Blacks)—1840
- Marriage of Lucy Stone to Henry Blackwell Changing Wedding Vows—1855
- Queen Victoria Proclaimed Empress of India—1876

- First Skyscraper Begun in Chicago—1884
- Columbian Exposition Opened—1893
- Dewey Destroyed Spanish Fleet at Manila—1898
- Longest Major League Baseball Game—1920
- Completion of the Empire State Building—1930
- U-2 Incident—1960
- Cuba Declared Socialist Nation—1961
- Freedom Riders Began Trips on Public Transportation into the Deep South—1961
- Dartmouth Ran First BASIC Program—1964

- Amtrak Began Service—1971
- Birthday of Joseph Addison—1672-1719
- Birthday of Benjamin Latrobe—1764-1820
- Birthday of George Inness—1825-1894
- Birthday of Mary Harris Jones—1830-1930
- Birthday of Martha Jane Burke (Calamity Jane)—1852-1903
- Birthday of Pierre Teilhard De Chardin—1881-1955
- Birthday of Leo Sowerby—1895-1968
- Birthday of Mark Clark—1896-1984
- Birthday of Kate Smith—1907-1986
- Birthday of Archie Williams—1915-1993

4 Monday

- ▶Columbus First Visited Jamaica—1494
- ▶Peter Minuit Bought Manhattan for 60 Guilders (\$24)—1626
- ▶Invisible Ink First Used in Diplomatic Correspondence—1776
- ▶Rhode Island: Independence Day—1776
- ▶Birthday of Horace Mann—1796-1859
- ▶Birthday of Julia Gardiner Tyler—1820-1889
- ▶Birthday of Thomas Huxley—1825-1895
- ▶Birthday of Frederick Church—1826-1900
- ▶Wade-Davis Reconstruction Bill Passed House—1864
- ▶Haymarket Square Riot—1886
- ▶Bill Pickett Originated Steer Wrestling—1893
- ▶Birthday of Alton Ochsner—1896-1981
- ▶Grand Bazar de Charite Fire—1897
- ▶Birthday of Howard Da Silva—1909-1986
- ▶Birthday of Hosni Mubarak—1928-
- ▶Al Capone Convicted of Income-Tax Evasion—1932
- ▶Four Students Killed at Kent State—1970
- ▶Atlantis Launched—1989

5 Tuesday

- ▶Bonza Bottler Day™
- ▶First Woman Granted U. S. Patent (Mary Kies)—1809
- ▶Birthday of Søren Kierkegaard—1813-1855
- ▶Birthday of Karl Marx—1818-1883
- ▶American Medical Association Founded—1847

May 6

Babe Ruth Hit First Major League Home Run—1915

It's spring! Encourage teachers to take a



spring break with some baseball fun with poems and stories about baseball. Promote reading aloud with stories that have been around awhile—Bette Bao Lord's *In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson* (Harper & Row,

1984. Grades 3-5); the script "Who's on First" by Abbott and Costello (Grades 5-9); and Ernest Thayer's poem presented in the book *Casey at the Bat: A Ballad of the Republic Sung in the Year 1888* (Handprint Books, 2000. Grades 9-12).

- ▶Mexico: Cinco do Mayo—1862
- ▶Battle of the Wilderness—1864
- ▶Birthday of Nellie Bly—1867-1922
- ▶Birthday of Sir Douglas Mawson—1882-1958
- ▶Carnegie Hall Opened—1891
- ▶Congress Passed Geary Chinese Exclusion Act—1892
- ▶New York Stock Exchange Panic—1893
- ▶First Perfect Baseball Game—1904
A Look Back: *SLMAM*, 1995. Sports lovers can find statistics and players for this game. Ask students to consider "perfection" in other sports. Each student may select another sport, locate the rules in reference sources, and list criteria for a "perfect" game and compare "perfection" in other sports. Update: Have students compare statistics from games 50 years ago to games today. How have they changed? How have they remained the same? What records have been broken? Which ones remain untouched? Grades 5-8.
- ▶Soviet Pravda Published—1912
- ▶Birthday of Tyrone Power—1914-1958
- ▶John Scopes Arrested for Teaching Evolution—1925
- ▶First Solar Flight by Woman from England to Australia—1930
- ▶Sale of Sugar in U. S. Resumed—1942
- ▶Freedom 7 Launched—1961
- ▶Hunger Striker, Bobby Sands, Died—1981

6 Wednesday

- ▶National Nurses Day and Week (May 6-12)
American Nurses Association; <http://www.nursingworld.org>
Wellness Permission League; <http://www.wellcat.com>
- ▶Sack of Rome—1527
- ▶Birthday of John Penn—1740-1788
- ▶Birthday of Robespierre—1758-1794
- ▶Postage Stamp First Issued in England—1840
- ▶Birthday of Sigmund Freud—1856-1939
- ▶Birthday of Robert Peary—1856-1920
- ▶Birthday of Rabindranath Tagore—1861-1941
- ▶Eiffel Tower Completed for Universal Exhibition—1889
- ▶Birthday of Daniel Gerber—1898-1974
- ▶Birthday of Orson Welles—1915-1985
- ▶Hindenburg Exploded—1937
- ▶Four-Minute Mile Record Broken—1954
- ▶First U. S. Polaris Missile Launched—1962

7 Thursday

- ▶Hamburg, Germany Established as Free City—1189
- ▶First (unofficial) Presidential Inaugural Ball—1789
Work with the music teacher to have students research what kinds of music would have been played at different Inaugural balls

throughout the years. Students should work in groups with an assigned or selected year and name the president and first lady, as well as identify the music of the time period. They could also find out what dances would have been popular. Grades 6-9.

- ▶Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony* Premiered—1824
- ▶Lusitania Sank—1915
- ▶First Surrender of Germany—1945
- ▶Battle of Dien Bien Phu Ended—1954
- ▶Beaufort Scale Day
- ▶El Salvador: Day of the Soldier
- ▶Birthday of Sir Francis Beaufort—1774-1857
- ▶Birthday of Johannes Brahms—1833-1897
- ▶Birthday of Pyotr Tchaikovsky—1840-1893
- ▶Birthday of Archibald MacLeish—1892-1982
- ▶Birthday of Gary Cooper—1901-1961
- ▶Birthday of Edwin Land—1909-1999
- ▶Birthday of Eva Perone—1919-1952

8 Friday

- ▶Jewish Heritage Week (May 8-15)
- ▶National Alcohol and Other Drug-Related Birth Defects Week (May 8-14)
National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence; <http://www.ncadd.org>
- ▶World Red Cross Day
American Red Cross National Headquarters; <http://www.redcross.org/>
- ▶DeSoto Discovered Mississippi—1541
- ▶Execution of Antoine Laurent Lavoisier—1794
- ▶Birthday of Jean Henri Dunant—1828-1910
- ▶Birthday of Louis Moreau Gottschalk—1829-1869
- ▶First Major Battle of Mexican War—1846
- ▶Battle of McDowell—1862
- ▶First U. S. Automobile Patent—1879
- ▶Birthday of Harry S. Truman—1884-1972
- ▶John Styth Pemberton Invented Coca-Cola—1886
- ▶Birthday of Francis DeSales Ouimet—1893-1967
- ▶Birthday of Robert Johnson—1911-1938
- ▶Birthday of Robert Clampett—1914-1984
- ▶Birthday of David Attenborough—1926-
- ▶Natchez Trace Parkway Established—1938
- ▶Battle of the Coral Sea—1942
- ▶First Eye Bank Established—1944
- ▶Germany Surrendered to Allied Commanders—1945
- ▶Czech Republic Liberation—1945
- ▶V-E Day—1945
- ▶Nixon Booted by Protesters in Peru—1958
- ▶Construction Workers Broke Up Protest on Wall Street—1970
- ▶Native Americans Surrendered at Wounded Knee—1973

MAY 10-16

May 10-16

National Police Week

A Look Back: *SLMAM*, 1994. How many policemen and women are there in the U. S.? How many crimes are solved? What kinds of crimes? Develop a list of questions about the work of the police that can be answered with math skills and statistical information from almanacs and other print and automated refer-

ences. **Update:** Have students learn to create spreadsheets to record statistics. Use online resources for the most up-to-date information. To start,

go to the Web site of the U. S. Department of Justice/Bureau of Justice (<http://www.ojp.usdo.gov/bjs/>) to do a search for "State Crime Estimates" and search your state. Grades 7-9.



- ▶ **National Nursing Home Week (May 10-16)**
American Health Care Association; National Nursing Home Week; <http://www.ahcancal.org/Pages/Default.aspx>
- ▶ **National Transportation Week (May 10-16)**
- ▶ **National Etiquette Week (May 11-15)**
Protocol Training Services; <http://www.zy-world.com/etiquette>
- ▶ **Mother's Day (Sunday, May 10)**

11 Monday

- ▶ **Library Legislative Day**
alawash@alwash.org or <http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/wo/washevents/nlld/nlld2009.cfm>
What is happening in your state for Legislative Day? What is happening nationally and how can you get involved? Find out more by starting with the ALA Web site. Prof.
- ▶ **Denmark: Common Prayer Day**
- ▶ **Constantinople Became Capital of Roman Empire—330**
- ▶ **Birthdays of Johann Blumenbach—1752-1840**
- ▶ **Death of John Hart—1779**
- ▶ **Birthdays of George Scranton—1811-1861**
- ▶ **Birthdays of Charles Warren Fairbanks—1852-1918**
- ▶ **Birthdays of Otto Mergenthaler—1854-1899**
- ▶ **Minnesota Admitted to Union—1858**
- ▶ **Merrimac Destroyed—1862**
- ▶ **Battle of Yellow Tavern—1864**
- ▶ **Birthdays of Irving Berlin—1888-1889**
- ▶ **Birthdays of Martha Graham—1894-1990**
- ▶ **Birthdays of Alice Wellman—1900-1984**
- ▶ **Birthdays of Salvador Dali—1904-1989**
- ▶ **Glacier National Park Established—1910**
- ▶ **20-Ton Meteor Fell near Blackstone, Virginia—1922**
- ▶ **Seattle Blackout—1942**

- ▶ **Israel Admitted to United Nations—1949**
- ▶ **Siam Renamed Thailand—1949**
- ▶ **Russell Cave National Monument—1961**
- ▶ **Battle of Hamburger Hill Began—1969**

12 Tuesday

- ▶ **Limerick Day**
Round up books with limericks and have some fun getting the primary students to think in limericks. Read a few and then have students create their own— as a group or independently. It will surely bring some giggles while introducing a unique form of poetry and literature. It will also encourage creativity and writing skills. For an idea starter, see "Pizzaz!...Limericks Handout from Leslie Opp-Beckman" (<http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~lelieob/limericks.leslie.html>). Grades K-3.
- ▶ **Birthdays of Florence Nightingale—1820-1910**
- ▶ **Birthdays of Jules Massenet—1842-1912**
- ▶ **Birthdays of Gabriel Urbain Faure—1845-1924**
- ▶ **Odometer Invented—1847**
- ▶ **Battle of Spotsylvania—1864**
- ▶ **Manitoba Became Canadian Province—1870**
- ▶ **Birthdays of Lincoln Ellsworth—1880-1951**
- ▶ **Spitting on Streets Prohibited in New York—1896**
- ▶ **Birthdays of Mildred McAfee—1900-1994**
- ▶ **Birthdays of Howard K. Smith—1914-2002**
- ▶ **Birthdays of Julius Rosenberg—1918-1953**
- ▶ **Amundsen, Nobile, and Ellsworth Flew over North Pole—1926**
- ▶ **Body of Lindbergh Baby Found—1932**
- ▶ **King George VI Crowned—1937**
- ▶ **West Germany and Israel Send Letters Establishing Diplomatic Relations—1965**
- ▶ **Harry A. Blackmun Confirmed as Supreme Court Justice—1970**
- ▶ **Mayaguez Seized by Cambodian Government—1975**

13 Wednesday

- ▶ **First Cross-Country Helicopter Flight—1942**
- ▶ **America's First Printing Press Patented—1821**
- ▶ **U. S. Declared War on Mexico—1846**
- ▶ **Tunis Campaign Victory—1943**
- ▶ **Authorization of the St. Lawrence Seaway—1952**
- ▶ **Attempted Assassination of Pope John Paul II—1981**
- ▶ **Philadelphia Police Bombing—1985**
- ▶ **Endeavor Astronaut Walked in Space—1992**
- ▶ **Birthdays of Sir Arthur Sullivan—1842-1900**
- ▶ **Birthdays of Sir Ronald Ross—1857-1932**
- ▶ **Birthdays of Georges Braque—1882-1963**
- ▶ **Birthdays of Joe Louis—1914-1981**

- ▶ **Birthdays of Clive Barnes—1927-2008**
- ▶ **Birthdays of Herbert Ross—1927-2001**
- ▶ **Birthdays of Harvey Keitel—1939-**
- ▶ **Birthdays of Mary Wells—1943-1992**

14 Thursday

- ▶ **Norway: Midnight Sun**
- ▶ **Settlement of Jamestown—1607**
- ▶ **Birthdays of Gabriel Daniel Fahrenheit—1686-1736**
- ▶ **Birthdays of Thomas Gainsborough—1727-1788**
- ▶ **Spanish Land Expedition Arrived in San Diego—1769**
- ▶ **Birthdays of Robert Owen—1771-1858**
- ▶ **U. S. Constitution Drafted—1787**
- ▶ **First Smallpox Vaccination—1796**
- ▶ **Tripoli Declared War on U. S.—1801**
- ▶ **Lewis and Clark Began Expedition—1804**
- ▶ **"The Stars and Stripes Forever" Day—1897**
- ▶ **Birthdays of Patrice Munsel—1925-**
- ▶ **Carlsbad National Park Established—1930**
- ▶ **Birthdays of Richard John Neuhaus—1936-2009**
- ▶ **League of Nations Recognized Neutrality of Switzerland—1938**
- ▶ **Women Eligible to Enlist in Women's Auxiliary Army—1942**
- ▶ **First Real Female Page in U. S. House—1973**
- ▶ **Skylab I Launched—1973**
- ▶ **Soyuz 40 Launched—1981**

15 Friday

- ▶ **National Running and Fitness Week (May 15-21)**
American Running and Fitness Association; <http://www.americanrunning.org>
- ▶ **Eastern Pacific Hurricane Season (May 15-November 30)**
U. S. Department of Commerce; <http://www.commerce.gov/>
- ▶ **National Defense Transportation Day**
- ▶ **Peace Officer Memorial Day**
American Police Hall of Fame and Museum; <http://www.aphf.org>
- ▶ **Birthdays of James Gadsden—1788-1858**
- ▶ **Paraguay: Independence Day—1811**
- ▶ **Birthdays of Pierre Curie—1859-1906**
- ▶ **Birthdays of Ellen Louise Axson Wilson—1860-1914**
- ▶ **Birthdays of Arthur Schnitzler—1862-1931**
- ▶ **Birthdays of Katherine Anne Porter—1890-1980**
- ▶ **Birthdays of Richard Daley—1902-1976**
- ▶ **Birthdays of Richard Avedon—1923-2004**
- ▶ **First Oceanarium Opened—1937**
- ▶ **Gasoline Rationed—1942**
- ▶ **Faith 7 Launched—1963**
- ▶ **Nez Perce National Historical Park Established—1965**
- ▶ **Governor Wallace Shot—1972**

MAY 17-25

- ▶ **International New Friends, Old Friends Week (May 17-23)**
<http://www.JanYager.com/friendship>
- ▶ **National Backyard Games Week (May 18-22)**
<http://www.nationalpatchproducts.com>
- ▶ **National Dog Bite Prevention Week (May 17-23)**
<http://www.nodogbites.org> or <http://www.hmanesciety.org/youth>
A small group of students could create an informational bookmark, brochure, section on the school Web site, or podcast on how to avoid dog bites. In the process, they can explore the two Web sites listed and other resources. Grades 4-6.
- ▶ **National Safe Boating Week (May 16-22)**
An individual or small group of students could take this on as a research project and communicate boating safety to other students and families. What do they think is most important for people to know about boating safety? Grades 4-6.
- ▶ **World Trade Week (May 17-23)**

18 Monday

- ▶ **International Museum Day**
International Council of Museums; <http://icom.museum/>
- ▶ **Haiti: Flag and University Day**
- ▶ **Death of Jacques Marquette—1675**
- ▶ **Birthday of Czar Nicholas II of Russia—1868-1918**
- ▶ **Birthday of Frank Capra—1897-1991**
- ▶ **Birthday of Meredith Wilson—1902-1984**
- ▶ **Selective Service Act Signed—1917**
- ▶ **Birthday of Margot Fonteyn—1919-1991**
- ▶ **Birthday of Pope John Paul II—1920-2005**
- ▶ **Birthday of Pernel Roberts—1928-**
- ▶ **Mounte Cassino Captured—1944**
- ▶ **Apollo 10 Launched—1969**
- ▶ **Anniversary of Mt. St. Helens' Major Eruption—1980**

19 Tuesday

- ▶ **Turkey: Youth and Sports Day**
- ▶ **Ann Boleyn Beheaded—1536**
- ▶ **Dark Day in New England—1780**

- ▶ **Birthday of Sarah Peale—1800-1885**
- ▶ **First Ringling Brothers Circus in U. S.—1884**
A Look Back: *SLMAM*, 1995. Read aloud the Caldecott Medal book *Mirette on the High-wire* (Putnam, 1992), the story of a young girl who begs Monsieur Bellini to teach her the art of walking a tightrope. **Update:** Also read aloud Emily Arnold McCully's sequel, *Mirette and Bellini Cross Niagara Falls* (Putnam, 2000). Grades 1-3.
- ▶ **Birthday of Ho Chi Minh—1890-1969**
- ▶ **Simplon Tunnel Anniversary—1898**
- ▶ **Boys Clubs Founded—1906**
- ▶ **Congress Set Quota System for Immigration—1921**
- ▶ **Birthday of Malcolm X—1925-1965**
- ▶ **Birthday of Lorraine Hansberry—1930-1965**
- ▶ **Mars 2 Launched—1971**
- ▶ **27th Amendment Ratified—1992**

20 Wednesday

- ▶ **Eliza Doolittle Day**
- ▶ **First Ecumenical Council of Christian Church—325**
- ▶ **Birthday of Toussaint L'Ouverture—1746-1803**
- ▶ **Birthday of William Thornton—1759-1828**
- ▶ **Birthday of Dolley Payne Madison—1768-1849**
- ▶ **Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence—1775**
- ▶ **Birthday of Honore de Balzac—1799-1850**
- ▶ **Birthday of John Stuart Mill—1806-1873**
- ▶ **Birthday of William Fargo—1818-1881**
- ▶ **Birthday of Henri Julien Felix Rousseau—1844-1910**
- ▶ **Birthday of Emile Berliner—1851-1929**
- ▶ **Birthday of Theodor Herzl—1860-1904**
- ▶ **Homestead Act Signed—1862**
- ▶ **Weights and Measures Day—1875**
- ▶ **Birthday of Beniamino Gigli—1890-1957**
- ▶ **Birthday of James Stewart—1908-1997**
- ▶ **First Norman Rockwell on *Saturday Evening Post*—1916**
- ▶ **Amelia Earhart Flew across the Atlantic—1932**

- ▶ **Yankee Clipper Left for Europe—1939**
- ▶ **Cameroon: National Holiday—1972**
- ▶ **Pioneer Venus I Launched—1978**
- ▶ **Motor Vehicle Bill Signed—1993**

21 Thursday

- ▶ **National Waitstaff Day**
Gaylord F. Ward; Promotion; 1505 E. Bristol Rd.; Burton, MI 48529-2214
- ▶ **Ascension Day**
- ▶ **Belgium: Procession of the Holy Blood**
- ▶ **Birthday of Albrecht Dürer—1471-1528**
- ▶ **Birthday of Alexander Pope—1688-1744**
- ▶ **Birthday of Elizabeth Gurney Fry—1780-1845**
- ▶ **First Bicycle in New York City—1819**
- ▶ **First Democratic National Convention—1832**
- ▶ **Birthday of Glenn Hammond Curtiss—1878-1930**
- ▶ **American Red Cross Founded—1881**
- ▶ **Birthday of Armand Hammer—1898-1990**
- ▶ **Birthday of Fats Waller—1904-1943**
- ▶ **Birthday of Sister Maria Innocentia Hummel—1909-1946**
- ▶ **Birthday of Raymond Burr—1917-1993**
- ▶ **Birthday of Andrei Sakharov—1921-1989**
- ▶ **Birthday of Peggy Cass—1924-1999**
- ▶ **Birthday of Robert Creeley—1926-2005**
- ▶ **Lindbergh Completed First Nonstop Flight, New York to Paris—1927**
- ▶ **Theodore Roosevelt Island Established—1932**
- ▶ **Pieta Attacked—1972**
- ▶ **Families Evacuated from Love Canal—1980**
- ▶ **Rajiv Gandhi Assassinated—1991**

22 Friday

- ▶ **Canada: Immigrant's Day and Victoria Day**
- ▶ **Sri Lanka: National Heroes Day**
- ▶ **Yemen: National Day**
- ▶ **United Nations International Day for Biodiversity**
- ▶ **Birthday of William Sturgeon—1783-1850**
- ▶ **Birthday of Richard Wagner—1813-1883**
- ▶ **First Steamboat Crossing of Atlantic—1819**
- ▶ **Birthday of Mary Cassatt—1844-1926**
- ▶ **Crater Lake National Park Established—1902**
- ▶ **Birthday of Laurence Olivier—1903-1989**
- ▶ **Birthday of Sun Ra—1914-1993**
- ▶ **Birthday of Judith Crist—1922-**
- ▶ **Birthday of Charles Aznavour—1924-**
- ▶ **Great Smoky Mountains National Park Established—1926**
- ▶ **Shenandoah National Park Established—1926**
- ▶ **Truman Doctrine Enacted—1947**
- ▶ **Mister Rogers' Neighborhood Premiered on TV—1967**
- ▶ **Nixon Visited Moscow—1972**



May 22

National Maritime Day

A Look Back: *SLMAM*, 1996. Provide a program about boats that combines music action and read aloud. Include old favorites like *Little Toot* and add new titles like Donald Crews' *Sail Away* (Greenwillow, 1995). Follow up reading with actions such as the students hoist the sails, duck as they pass under the bridge, spread their arms to feel the wind, and rock with the angry seas. **Update:** Add books such as *Busy Boats* (Amazing Machines series. Kingfisher, 2005) or *The Boat Alphabet Book* (Charlesbridge, 2003). Grades K-2.

25 Monday

- ▶ Memorial Day
- ▶ National Missing Children's Day
- ▶ National Tap Dance Day
- ▶ DeSoto Arrived in Tampa Bay—1539
- ▶ Constitutional Convention Convened—1787
- ▶ Gasoline Engine Patented by Stuart Perry—1844
- ▶ Birthday of John Alexander Dowie—1847-1907
- ▶ Birthday of Philip Murray—1886-1952
- ▶ Birthday of Bill (Bojangles) Robinson—1878-1949
- ▶ Birthday of Igor Sikorsky—1889-1972
- ▶ Birthday of James Tunney—1898-1978
- ▶ Birthday of Josip Broz (Tito)—1892-1980
- ▶ Mammoth Cave National Park Established—1926
- ▶ Birthday of Miles Davis—1926-1991
- ▶ Birthday of Raymond Carver—1938-1988
- ▶ Skylab 2 Launched—1973
- ▶ Solzhenitsyn Returned to Russia—1994

26 Tuesday

- ▶ Death of St. Augustine—604
- ▶ Massachusetts Banned Catholic Priests from Puritan Colony—1647
- ▶ Birthday of Lady Mary Wortley Montagu—1689-1762
- ▶ Congress Chartered the First Bank of the U. S.—1781
- ▶ Birthday of A. E. Housman—1859-1936
- ▶ Birthday of Al Jolson—1886-1950
- ▶ Birthday of John Wayne—1907-1979
- ▶ Birthday of Robert Morley—1908-1992
- ▶ Birthday of Jane Sherrod Singer—1917-1985
- ▶ Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument Established—1930
- ▶ Fort Frederica National Monument Established—1936
- ▶ Dunkirk Evacuated—1940
- ▶ John F. Kennedy National Historic Site Established—1967
- ▶ Soyuz 36 Launched—1980
- ▶ U. S. and Vietnam Resumed Relations—1994

27 Wednesday

- ▶ Scripps National Spelling Bee Finals (May 27-28) <http://www.spellingbee.com>
- ▶ Habeas Corpus Act Passed in England—1679
- ▶ Birthday of Cornelius Vanderbilt—1794-1877
- ▶ Birthday of Amelia Jenks Bloomer—1818-1894
- ▶ Birthday of Julia Ward Howe—1819-1910
- ▶ Birthday of Jay Gould—1836-1892
- ▶ Birthday of James Butler ("Wild Bill") Hickok—1837-1876

May 27

Birthday of Rachel Carson—1907-1964

A Look Back: *SLMAM*, 1986. Introduce students to the work of Rachel Carson and ask them to discuss how the problems described in *The Silent Spring* have been addressed. **Update:** Have students compare the problems described to those we face today related to the environment. Have students investigate proposed solutions. Grades 6-9.



- ▶ Birthday of Arnold Bennett—1867-1931
- ▶ First Running of the Preakness—1873
- ▶ Birthday of Isadora Duncan—1878-1927
- ▶ Birthday of Dashiell Hammett—1894-1961
- ▶ Birthday of Vincent Price—1911-1993
- ▶ Birthday of Hubert Humphrey—1911-1978
- ▶ Birthday of Sam Snead—1912-2002
- ▶ First Flight into the Stratosphere—1931
- ▶ Maiden Voyage of *RMS Queen Mary*—1937
- ▶ Golden Gate Bridge Opened—1937
- ▶ Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site Established—1977

28 Thursday

- ▶ China: Dragon Boat Festival
- ▶ Birthday of Joseph Guillotin—1738-1814
- ▶ First Engagement of French and Indian War, Green Meadow—1754
- ▶ Birthday of William Pitt, the Younger—1759-1806
- ▶ Birthday of Jean Louis Rodolphe Agassiz—1807-1873
- ▶ Birthday of Jim Thorpe—1886-1953
- ▶ Founding of the Sierra Club—1892
- ▶ First Color Talking Picture—1929
- ▶ Amnesty International Founded—1961
- ▶ Mars 3 Launched—1971

29 Friday

- ▶ Fall of Constantinople—1453
- ▶ Charles II Restored to English Throne—1660
- ▶ Birthday of Patrick Henry—1736-1799
- ▶ "Virginia Plan" Proposed at Constitutional Convention—1787
- ▶ Rhode Island Ratified the Constitution—1790
- ▶ Wisconsin Admitted to Union—1848
- ▶ Andrew Johnson Granted Amnesty to Southern Rebels—1865
- ▶ Birthday of Gilbert Keith Chesterton—1874-1936
- ▶ Birthday of Oswald Spengler—1880-1936
- ▶ Birthday of Bob Hope—1903-2003
- ▶ Birthday of Charles Mozley—1914-1991
- ▶ Birthday of John F. Kennedy—1917-1963
- ▶ Birthday of Felix Rohatyn—1928-
- ▶ Mt. Everest Summit First Reached—1953
- ▶ Fort Clatsop National Memorial Established—1958
- ▶ Harpers Ferry National Historical Park Established—1963
- ▶ "Truth in Lending" Act Signed into Law—1968
- ▶ Nixon and Brezhnev Issued Joint Communique—1972
- ▶ Soccer Tragedy in Brussels, Belgium—1985

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Mavis Jukes—1947-

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Patricia Hooper—1941-
Don Wood—1945-
Cass R. Sandak—1950-
Doug Cushman—1953-
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Annegret Fuchshuber—1940-1998
Erol LeCain—1941-1989
J. Patrick Lewis—1942-
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Susan Terris—1937-
Giulio Maestro—1942-
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