

2022 - 2023
School Year
Calendar

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The U.S. population is becoming more and more diverse, and the need to embrace the many cultures in our classrooms is more important than ever. When a student's learning environment respects their history, values, beliefs, and traditions, students and their families are better positioned to thrive in school.

This calendar was designed in response to First Book member feedback that revealed the challenges many educators face in finding time or resources to regularly celebrate culture, diversity & inclusion with their students. Each month, you'll find a suggested day to celebrate that includes recommended resources from First Book and suggestions for a class, group, or family focused activity. You will also see month long observances, religious observances, and added dates of cultural, historical, or inclusive significance that have been included for 2022-2023.

Being culturally competent—having the ability to successfully teach students who come from cultures other than one's own—is critical to the success of our increasingly diverse student population and society. Be sure to visit www.fbmarketplace.org/free-resources for more resources to help you celebrate culture, diversity & inclusion all year long with your students!

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AUGUST

The beginning of the school year is also the beginning of the season for many athletes and sports fans. Encourage students to honor groundbreaking athletes like Althea Gibson. Gibson excelled at tennis at a young age, but in the 1940s and 50s, most tournaments were closed to Black Americans. Gibson kept playing and winning despite this challenge and eventually became the first Black tennis player to compete at the U.S. National Championships (1950) and Wimbledon (1951).

TRY THIS!

- ✦ Explore the [Sports & Recreation](#)¹ section on the First Book Marketplace for inspiring books about athletes and sports.
- ✦ Learn creative ways to use books and sports to discuss confidence, body image, and leadership skills for middle & high school girls in First Book's [Empowering Girls Through Books & Sports](#).²
- ✦ Have students research an athlete who overcame a social or personal obstacle to achieve success in sports or ask them to write about their own experiences playing sports.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Isabel Allende was born on this day in 1942. Allende is a Chilean writer whose stories honor the lives of women and combine myth and historical events. She has sold more than 75 million books.	3	4 Barack H. Obama, the 44th and first African American president of the United States, was born on this day in 1961.	5	6 Sonia Sotomayor was confirmed as the first Supreme Court Justice of Hispanic descent on this day in 2009.
7	8	9 International Day of the World's Indigenous People is a day to protect and promote the rights of the estimated 370 – 500 million indigenous people worldwide.	10	11	12	13 Bon Festival (Feast of Lanterns) (13th – 15th) is a Japanese Buddhist custom that honors the spirits of one's ancestors and has been celebrated for over 500 years.
14 Navajo Nation Code Talkers Day In 1942, the U.S. Marines recruited Navajo men to transmit messages in a code based on the Navajo language during WWII combat operations.	15 National Liberation Day of Korea celebrates the end of the decades-long Japanese occupation of Korea. It is the only holiday celebrated in both North & South Korea.	16	17 Marcus Garvey Day celebrates the birthday of the Jamaican politician and activist credited with starting the Back to Africa movement.	18 Roberto Clemente, the first Latino in professional U.S. baseball to reach 3,000 hits, was born on this day in 1934.	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 On this day in 1927, tennis champion Althea Gibson was born in South Carolina. See sidebar for details & activities!	26 Women's Equality Day commemorates the 1920 adoption of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote.	27
28 In 1955, 14-year-old African American Emmett Till was lynched in Mississippi after being falsely accused of whistling at a White woman. His death was a catalyst for the 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott and other civil rights efforts.	29	30	31			

¹ www.fbmarketplace.org/topic?cat=571 ² https://bit.ly/WSFGuide

SEPTEMBER

Welcoming Week (September 9 – 18) is an opportunity to ensure all students feel valued in your classroom and school community. The beginning of the year is the ideal time to collaboratively create classroom contracts and establish rules and routines needed for a safe and inclusive learning environment.

TRY THIS!

- ✦ Visit First Book's [Creating Welcoming Schools & Communities](#)¹ section to build or refresh your classroom library with vibrant titles that reflect and explore many cultures.
- ✦ Back to school can be challenging for recent immigrants and refugees. Visit the [Immigrant & Refugee Experiences](#)² section for books that highlight not only the real challenges faced by immigrants and refugees but also the joys, accomplishments, and everyday moments.
- ✦ Check out First Book's [Empowering Educators](#)³ series to learn how to create an anti-bias, anti-racist (ABAR) classroom. See page 9 of [Challenging Conversations About Race & Racism](#)⁴ for journal and discussion prompts like, *What is your earliest memory of race?*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH	HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH (September 15 – October 15)			1	2	3 Eileen Feng Gu—also known by her Chinese name, Gu Ailing—was born on this day in 2003. At age 18, she became the youngest Olympic champion in freestyle skiing after winning two gold medals and one silver medal at the 2022 Winter Olympics.
4 Los Angeles was founded in 1781 by Spaniards, Latinos, Afro Latinos, and indigenous people. L.A. currently has one of the largest Latinx populations in the U.S.	5 Labor Day An annual tribute to the contributions of all workers toward the strength and prosperity of the U.S.	6	7	8	9 Welcoming Week (9th – 18th) See sidebar for details & activities!	10
11	12 Mae C. Jemison, an engineer, physician, and astronaut, became the first Black woman to travel in space, aboard the shuttle Endeavor in 1992.	13	14	15	16 Mexican Independence Day Honoring Priest Miguel Hidalgo, who in 1810 encouraged people to revolt against the Spanish regime. Mexico's independence from Spain was secured in 1821.	17
18	19 International Week of the Deaf (19th – 25th) Launched in 1958, this week highlights the cultural contributions of members of the deaf community and promotes human rights.	20 National Voter Registration Day This day encourages voter registration across all communities and promotes awareness of upcoming local, state, and national elections.	21 International Day of Peace Established in 1981 and approved by all UN countries, this day encourages all of humanity to commit to a culture of peace.	22	23	24
25 Rosh Hashanah (25th – 27th) The Jewish New Year begins at sundown on September 25th. It marks the first of the Jewish High Holy Days.*	26 Serena Williams, one of the greatest tennis players of all time, was born on this day in 1981.	27	28	29	30 Elie Wiesel, a Romanian-born American writer was born this day in 1928. His most famous book, <i>Night</i> , is based on his experiences as a Jewish prisoner in concentration camps in Nazi Germany. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986.	KINSHIP CARE AWARENESS MONTH

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OCTOBER

October 10th is World Mental Health Day. The pandemic has negatively affected our physical, mental, and social wellbeing, and students, families, and educators need more support and care. Take time this month to discuss the importance of mental health with your students and incorporate preventative strategies into your classroom routine. Let's remove the stigma around mental health and practice healthy habits!

TRY THIS!

- First Book's new resource, **Taking Care: An Educator Guide to Healthy Habits for Student Emotional Wellness**,¹ outlines a variety of healthy habits to support wellness, such as mindfulness and gratitude. Try placing a gratitude jar in your classroom so students can focus on and share what makes them happy (page 10). Don't miss the tips for educator self-care on pages 13-15!
- Visit First Book's **Social & Emotional Learning**² section to find great books focused on how to promote positive mental health.
- Download First Books' **Trauma Toolkit**³ to learn how trauma affects a child's ability to learn and how you can support their development.

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LGBT HISTORY MONTH	LEARNING DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH	NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH				1 Nigeria achieved independence from Britain in 1960.
2 International Day of Nonviolence & Gandhi's Birthday Mahatma Gandhi was an Indian citizen who used nonviolent resistance as a method to gain India's independence from Britain in 1947.	3	4 Yom Kippur (4th - 5th) is the holiest day of the year in Judaism and is also known as the Day of Atonement.*	5	6	7 Eid Milad Un Nabi, (7th - 8th) is the Muslim holiday marking the birth of Muhammed and is celebrated from sundown to sundown.*	8
9	10 World Mental Health Day See sidebar for details & activities! Indigenous Peoples' Day	11 National Coming Out Day encourages members of the LGBTQ community to be open about their sexuality with their friends, family, and the world.	12 Ada Lovelace Day celebrates women in STEM and honors the 19th century mathematician who is known as the first computer programmer.	13 Jesse LeRoy Brown became the first African American Naval Officer in 1948, and the third African American to have a navy ship named after him.	14	15
16 World Food Day celebrates the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in 1945. It shines a light on food security, world hunger, and sustainable harvesting.	17	18	19	20	21 Celia Cruz, an Afro-Cuban singer and the most popular Latin American music artist in the 20th century, was born on this day in 1925. Known as the "Queen of Salsa," she is an iconic symbol of Latin culture worldwide.	22 Make a Difference Day is a national community service event that inspires millions to give back to their local communities.
23	24 Diwali** United Nations Day [§]	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Día de los Muertos/ Day of the Dead (31st - November 2nd)					

*Note: These Jewish, Muslim, and Hindu holidays follow the lunar calendar and therefore do not fall on the same dates each year.

§Diwali is the Hindu, Jain, and Sikh festival of lights and celebrates the triumph of light over dark and knowledge over ignorance. United Nations Day is devoted to raising awareness of the goals and achievements of the U.N., which was created in 1945.

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NOVEMBER

Children's Grief Awareness Day, November 18th, is an opportunity to give grieving students the support they need.

TRY THIS!

- ◆ See the **Grief, Loss, and Healing**¹ section of the First Book Marketplace for books to build resiliency, offer comfort, and introduce coping techniques.
- ◆ Use First Book's **Supportive Protocol for Educators**² to understand what grieving students need and how to support them and their families.

American Indian & Alaska Native Heritage Month is a time to honor our country's diverse indigenous cultures.

TRY THIS!

- ◆ Learn about indigenous cultures and people in our **Native American & Indigenous Characters and Cultures**³ section.
- ◆ Have students research the indigenous people who lived in their city or state and answer these questions: *Who were the original people in this area? What are 3 aspects of their culture (beliefs, customs, practices)?*

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PUERTO RICAN HERITAGE MONTH		1 Author's Day Consider reading stories from authors of various cultural backgrounds to celebrate this day.	2 Día de los Muertos/ Day of the Dead (October 31st - 2nd) is a Mexican holiday that honors deceased friends and family members with celebrations and prayers.	3	4	5
6 Dalip Singh Saund was elected to represent California in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1956, becoming the first Asian American to serve in Congress.	7	8 STEM/STEAM Day is meant to inspire kids to explore and pursue their interests in science, technology, engineering, art, and math.	9	10	11 Veterans Day is a U.S. holiday honoring military veterans and is also celebrated internationally as Armistice Day, or Remembrance Day, commemorating the end of World War I in 1918.	12
13 World Kindness Day is a day to celebrate good deeds and commit to acts of kindness.	14	15	16 International Day for Tolerance was founded by the United Nations to promote respect for various religions, languages, and cultures.	17	18 Children's Grief Awareness Day See sidebar for details & activities!	19
20 Transgender Day of Remembrance memorializes those who have been killed as a result of transphobia and raises awareness of the continued violence endured by the transgender community.	21	22	23	24	25	26 In 1922, Anna May Wong, the first Chinese American actress to gain international fame, starred in <i>Toll of the Sea</i> , the first color feature film made in Hollywood.
27	28	29	30		AMERICAN INDIAN & ALASKA NATIVE HERITAGE MONTH See sidebar for details & activities!	

1 www.fbmarketplace.org/grief-loss-and-healing 2 https://bit.ly/GriefProtocol 3 www.fbmarketplace.org/native-american-interest

DECEMBER

December 21st is the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year. It is also a reminder that in the U.S., and worldwide, winter is getting warmer. Changes in climate impact the environment, water supply, agriculture, and public health.

TRY THIS!

- Download the [Biodiversity and Climate Change Course Pack](#),¹ a FREE resource that features ten 45-minute sessions, with presentations, videos, polls, and quizzes. Use the course pack and First Book's resource about [Climate Change in the U.S.](#)² to teach students about the effects of climate change in their communities.
- Download [A Future Without Waste Course Pack](#),³ a resource about reimagining how we design, produce, and distribute products to reduce waste and pollution. See the accompanying guidebook, [A Future Without Waste](#),⁴ for additional activities. Share the take-home recycling tip sheet (pages 20–21) with caregivers.
- Find books for your budding environmentalists in the [Ecology and the Environment](#)⁵ section on the Marketplace.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 World AIDS Day is an international day dedicated to raising awareness of the prevention, care, and treatment of HIV and AIDS, and mourning those who have died of the disease.	2	3
4	5	6 Dr. Gladys Mae West is an African American mathematician known for work that made the accuracy of today's GPS possible. On this day in 2018, she was inducted into the Air Force Space and Missiles Pioneers Hall of Fame.	7 Octaviano Ambrosio Larrazolo, the first Mexican American to serve in the U.S. Senate, was born on this day in 1859.	8 Bodhi Day is a Buddhist holy day commemorating the day that the historical Buddha, Siddhartha Gautama (Shakyamuni), experienced enlightenment, also known as <i>bodhi</i> in Sanskrit and Pali.	9	10 Human Rights Day commemorates the UN's 1948 adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Hanukkah (18th – 26th) is the 8-day Jewish "festival of lights," celebrating a victory over foreign rulers by sharing food, games, gifts, and lighting the menorah.*	19	20	21 Yule Winter Solstice is the shortest day of the year and is celebrated by Pagans and Wiccans. See sidebar for details & activities!	22 Jean Michel-Basquiat, an influential artist of Haitian and Puerto Rican descent was born on this day in 1960. The children's book <i>Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat</i> , by Javaka Steptoe, is about his life.	23	24
25 Christmas is an annual Christian celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.	26 Kwanzaa, (26th – Jan. 1st) is a 7-day celebration of African heritage, culture, and unity. The holiday gets its name from the phrase <i>matunda ya kwanza</i> , meaning "first fruits" in Swahili.	27	28 Nichelle Nichols was born on this day in 1932. Her role as Lieutenant Uhura in <i>Star Trek</i> inspired many people of color to pursue careers in science.	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

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¹ www.fbmarketplace.org/lego-build-the-change-biodiversity-and-climate-change-course ² https://bit.ly/ClimateChangeFB ³ www.fbmarketplace.org/lego-future-without-waste ⁴ https://bit.ly/FutureWithoutWaste ⁵ www.fbmarketplace.org/ecology-and-the-environment

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JANUARY

Happy New Year! On January 16th, we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday as a day of service. Dr. King was a changemaker who showed that every voice matters and everyone has the power to make a difference.

TRY THIS!

- ✦ Explore First Book's [Time for Change resources](#)¹ to learn how to incorporate changemaking into your teaching and support young changemakers in your classroom or program. The introductory guide, [Time for Change](#),² explains the key changemaking abilities (empathy, teamwork, leadership, and changemaking action) with relevant activities and connections to standards.
- ✦ Start the year off on the right foot by reviewing empathy—the first changemaker ability. Have students practice conscious empathy with the Stop, Breathe, Listen, Respond exercise in the [Empathy Time Saver](#).³
- ✦ Find books that model changemaking skills and celebrate famous and fictional changemakers in the [Inspire Changemakers](#)⁴ section.

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1 The Emancipation Proclamation was issued by Abraham Lincoln on this day in 1863, freeing slaves held in Confederate states. Ellis Island opened in 1892.	2	3 In 2021, the 117th Congress became the most diverse in the history of the United States. The current Congress is the sixth to break the record set by the one before it.	4 World Braille Day is observed on inventor Louis Braille's birthday to raise awareness of the importance of braille as a means of communication for blind and partially sighted people.	5	6 Epiphany or Día de los Reyes (Three Kings Day) is a Christian holy day that recognizes the visit of the three wise men to the baby Jesus 12 days after his birth.	7 Zora Neale Hurston, author, anthropologist, and key figure of the Harlem Renaissance was born on this day in 1891. Her most famous book is <i>Their Eyes Were Watching God</i> .
8	9 Rigoberta Menchú, a K'iche' human rights activist from Guatemala and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize for her work promoting indigenous & women's rights in Guatemala was born on this day in 1959.	10	11	12	13	14
15 World Religion Day encourages interfaith understanding and asks people worldwide to recognize that all religions have common spiritual goals.	16 MLK Jr. Day of Service See sidebar for details & activities!	17	18	19	20	21
22 Chinese New Year is China's most important holiday, and celebrations last 15 days. According to tradition, 2023 is the Year of the Rabbit.	23 Elizabeth Blackwell became the first woman to earn a medical degree in the U.S. in 1849.	24	25	26	27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day is a day to honor victims of the Holocaust and to work toward preventing future genocides.	28
29	30 Black Lives Matter at School A Week of Action (30th – Feb. 3rd) is a nationwide effort to affirm and empower all Black students.* #BlackLivesMatterAtSchool	31				

¹ www.fbmarketplace.org/time-for-change | ² https://bit.ly/changemakingintro | ³ https://bit.ly/empathyfc | ⁴ www.fbmarketplace.org/time-for-change



FEBRUARY

We observe Black History Month by celebrating African American history and achievements. In addition to teaching about civil rights milestones and the contributions of Black leaders, use this month to expand your teaching to include current political and social issues affecting the Black community, Black mental health, and the science behind bias, stereotypes, and microaggressions.

TRY THIS!

- ✦ Visit the [Black History](#)¹ and [Diversity & Inclusion](#)² sections of the First Book Marketplace for books written and/or illustrated by African Americans and books featuring diversity that encourage empathy and self-confidence.
- ✦ Self-care is important for communities that regularly experience discrimination, which can negatively affect mental health. First Book's [Taking Care: An Educator Guide to Healthy Habits for Student Emotional Wellness](#)³ has wellness advice, including self-care tips for Black families and other communities of color (page 12).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BLACK HISTORY MONTH <small>See sidebar for details & activities!</small>			1	2 The 1848 Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo was signed at the end of the Mexican-American War. The U.S. gained many of today's southwestern states. Mexican citizens living in those areas could become U.S. citizens or move within Mexico's new borders.	3	4 Rosa Parks, named one of the most influential people in the 20th century by Time Magazine and best known for her role in the 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott, was born on this day in 1913.
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Inventor's Day celebrates the contributions of inventors and honors Thomas Edison, born on this day in 1847.
12	13	14 On this day, we celebrate the legacy of abolitionist, orator, and writer Frederick Douglass, who was born in 1818.	15 Nirvana Day, the Buddhist holy day that celebrates the day Buddha achieved nirvana—the final goal of Buddhism—upon the death of his physical body.	16	17	18 Toni Morrison, the first African American woman to be awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature, was born on this day in 1931.
19 In 1942, President Franklin Roosevelt authorized the incarceration or deportation of over 110,000 Japanese Americans by issuing Executive Order 9066 during World War II.	20	21	22	23 W.E.B. DuBois, the first African American to hold a PhD from Harvard, was born on this day in 1868.	24	25
26	27	28				

¹ www.fbmarketplace.org/us-black-history ² www.fbmarketplace.org/stories-for-all-project ³ https://bit.ly/FBTakingCare



MARCH

March is Women’s History Month, a time to celebrate the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women and work for gender parity worldwide. Research shows that gender bias in schools can have long-lasting effects for students as young as three, who quickly absorb bias and stereotypes from their environment.

TRY THIS!

- ✦ Read about bias in First Book’s [*Unconscious Bias: An Educator’s Self-Assessment*](#)¹ and take a free, confidential bias assessment (page 4).
- ✦ Explore the [**Empowering Stories About Women and Girls**](#)² section for books that feature women writers and illustrators and well as female-identifying characters who dream big, overcome challenges, and leave their mark.
- ✦ Have students research an influential woman and write a poem or speech about her life and legacy.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH	MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH		1	2 In 1917, Puerto Rico became a U.S. territory, and its citizens were extended U.S. citizenship.	3	4
5	6	7	8 International Women's Day See sidebar for details & activities!	9	10	11
12 Tammy Duckworth was born on this day in 1968. In 2017, she became the first Thai American woman, and the first woman with a disability, to be elected to Congress.	13	14 Simone Biles, the most decorated American gymnast in history (32 World Championship medals and 7 Olympic medals) was born on this day in 1997.	15	16 <i>Freedom's Journal</i> , the first African American newspaper in the U.S., was first published on this day in 1827.	17	18
19	20	21 Nowruz/ Persian New Year (21st – 22nd) is a day of joy, celebration, and renewal. It is held annually on the spring equinox.	22 Ramadan (22nd – April 20th) is a month-long Islamic observation celebrating the first revelation of the Quran and includes strict fasting observed from sunrise to sunset.*	23	24 In 1934, the Philippine Islands in the South Pacific were granted independence by President Franklin D. Roosevelt after nearly 50 years of American control.	25 International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade honors the victims of the slave trade.
26	27	28	29	30	31 César Chávez Day is a U.S. holiday celebrating the birth and legacy of the Mexican American civil rights and labor movement activist.	

Note: Muslim holidays do not fall on the same dates each year.

For this calendar and more resources visit www.fbmarketplace.org/free-resources.



APRIL

In April, we celebrate National Poetry Month. Whether a sonnet, haiku, free verse, or other style, poetry has the power to elevate ordinary moments and help us see the world in a new light.

TRY THIS!

- ✦ Visit First Book's [Poetry](#)¹ section for a great selection of stories written in verse and books of poetry by diverse authors.

Yom HaShoah commemorates the Warsaw Ghetto uprising (1943) and is the day the Jewish community honors the 6 million Jews killed in the Holocaust.

TRY THIS!

- ✦ Explore the [Jewish Characters & Cultures](#)² section for books that spotlight the diversity, histories, and experiences of those who identify as Jewish, culturally and/or religiously.
- ✦ Look for a new resource about Holocaust education on the [Free Resources page](#).³ The guide will help you teach students about the Holocaust with foundational lessons and other resources.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NATIONAL POETRY MONTH <small>See sidebar for details & activities!</small>						1
2	3	4	5 Passover (5th – 13th) <small>is a sacred Jewish holy day that celebrates Jewish liberation from slavery in ancient Egypt.*</small>	6	7	8
9 Easter <small>is a sacred and widely observed Christian holy day that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*</small>	10	11	12	13 The Songkran Festival, (13th – 15th) <small>marks the Thai New Year and is celebrated by a three-day water fight.</small>	14	15
16	17	18 Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah) (17th – 18th) <small>See sidebar for details & activities!</small>	19	20	21 Eid al-Fitr, (21st – 22nd) <small>is one of the most significant Muslim holidays, marking the end of Ramadan.*</small>	22 Earth Day <small>is an annual celebration to promote environmental protection across the world.</small>
23 National Library Week[§] (23rd – 29th)	24	25	26	27 Gathering of Nations (27th – 29th) <small>the largest Native American Powwow in North America, with 500+ nations celebrating Native American culture.</small>	28 Global Youth Service Day (28th – 30th) <small>mobilizes youth worldwide to improve their communities through service.</small>	29
30 Children's Day/ Book Day[§]						

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[§]National Library Week celebrates the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians. Children's Day/Book Day, also known as El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Día) is an annual celebration of children, families, and reading that emphasizes literacy for every child regardless of their language(s) and culture(s).

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MAY

May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the U.S. on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869—an achievement that relied on the labor of Chinese workers.

TRY THIS!

- ◆ Shop the full [Asian & Pacific Islander Characters & Cultures](#)¹ section for titles featuring Asian characters and authors that offer students windows into other cultures, or mirrors to reflect their own.

Global Accessibility Awareness Day brings attention to digital access and inclusion for the more than one billion people living with disabilities.

TRY THIS!

- ◆ See First Book's [Quick Start Guide: Free Literacy Tools to Support K-12 Students](#)² to learn about Microsoft's FREE tools to support literacy. These tools help students with learning and vision differences, as well as learners in general.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH	1	2 Teacher Appreciation Day honors and celebrates the lasting contributions teachers make in the lives of students and society.	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo commemorates the Mexican defeat of the French army at the Battle of Puebla in 1862.	6 The Chinese Exclusion Act is signed into law on this day in 1882, prohibiting immigration of Chinese laborers into the U.S. The act was repealed in 1943.
7	8	9	10 National School Nurse Day celebrates the more than 45,000 school nurses in the U.S. Hug a nurse today!	11 National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day links positive mental health to a child's healthy development.	12	13
14	15	16	17 Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education, the historic Supreme Court ruling whose goal was to desegregate American public schools (1954).	18 Global Accessibility Awareness Day See sidebar for details & activities!	19 Malcolm X, an African American Muslim minister and human rights activist, was born on this day in 1925.	20 Toussaint Louverture, the leader of the Haitian Revolution was born on this day in 1743. The revolution was the only slave revolt that led to the elimination of slavery and the founding of a country—Haiti.
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Chien-Shiung Wu, a famous Chinese American nuclear physicist was born on this day in 1912.	NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH MONTH	ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH See sidebar for details & activities!	

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¹ www.fbmarketplace.org/asian-american-and-pacific-islander-interest ² https://bit.ly/literacytoolsguide

JUNE

The Pura Belpré Award is given each June to a Latino/Latina writer and illustrator whose work best portrays, affirms, and celebrates the Latino cultural experience in a work of literature for children and youth. Pura Belpré was the first Latina librarian at the New York Public Library, and she enriched the lives of many through her work to preserve and share Puerto Rican folklore.

TRY THIS!

- Find **Pura Belpré Award winners**¹ and other excellent books by **Latine Authors and Illustrators**² to share with your students as windows and mirrors.
- Puerto Rican folklore includes many beautiful tales and traditions. Have students research the *vejigante*—a folkloric character often seen in Puerto Rico during Carnival and other festival celebrations. They can even make their own *vejigante* as a fun art project!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH				1 The Tulsa Race Riot took place on this day in 1921. Mobs of White people attacked Black residents and businesses, killing hundreds.	2	3
4 On this day in 1946, Eva Perón became First Lady of Argentina. She founded the first all-female political party, the Female Peronist Party. Known as Evita, she died of cancer at age 33.	5 World Environment Day is an important UN observance that encourages people to take care of the earth and raise awareness about its need for protection.	6	7	8	9	10
11 Puerto Rican Day is marked by parades across the U.S. in several major cities. See sidebar for details & activities!	12 Anne Frank, author of <i>The Diary of a Young Girl</i> , the most widely read personal account of the Holocaust, was born on this day in 1929.	13	14	15	16 Anniversary of the first woman in space: Soviet cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova became the first woman to fly to space on this day in 1963.	17
18	19 Juneteenth, is a holiday commemorating emancipation and the end of slavery in the U.S. It became a federal holiday in 2021.	20 World Refugee Day is a day to honor people forced to flee their home country to escape conflict and persecution.	21	22	23	24
25 In 1876, the Lakota, Northern Cheyenne, and Arapaho tribes fought and defeated the 7th Cavalry Regiment of the U.S. Army in The Battle of Little Bighorn, as the U.S. government sought to gain ownership of indigenous lands.	26	27 Day of Arafat (27th - 28th) is a Muslim holy day of repentance and forgiveness marked by fasting.*	28 Anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion, a series of demonstrations by the LGBTQ community in response to a police raid in 1969.	29 Eid al-Adha (28th - 29th) the Muslim day of sacrifice and one of the most significant Muslim holy days is usually marked with a large meal.*	30	

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JULY

On July 26, we celebrate National Disability Independence Day, which commemorates the 1990 signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act. This act provides individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities protection from employment discrimination, equal opportunity to access buildings and public transportation, and more.

TRY THIS!

- ✦ Boost compassion and give students insight into the life experiences of others, or a mirror to reflect their own, with titles from our [Neurodivergent & Disabled Characters & Cultures](#)¹ section.
- ✦ Have students research athletes with disabilities including hearing and vision impairments or physical and learning disabilities. Many athletes have accomplished incredible feats despite facing challenges—such as Curtis Pride, who is deaf. He was the first African American with a disability to play in a World Series. Or Carson Pickett, the first player with a limb difference to play on the U.S. Women’s National Team.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Kalpana Chawla (born on this day in 1961) was an engineer and astronaut and the first woman of Indian descent to go into space. She died in 2003 aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia and is recognized as a national hero in India.
2	3	4	5	6 Dalai Lama's Birthday The current Dalai Lama was born on this day in 1935. He received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989.	7	8
		Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 that outlawed discrimination based on race, sex, or national origin. This law outlawed segregation in public spaces and banned employment discrimination.	On this day in 1946, the Philippines gained independence from the U.S. Filipinos were the 4th largest immigrant group to the U.S. between 1960 and 2019.		On this day in 1912, Jim Thorpe became the first Native American to win an Olympic gold medal, in the pentathlon. In the same games, he also won a gold medal for the decathlon.	
9	10	11 Naadam (11th – 15th) is a 3-day festival marking Mongolia's independence from China. The holiday blends traditional arts and sports with competitions in archery, horse racing, and wrestling.	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Islamic New Year (18th – 19th) Celebrated on the first day of Muharram, the first month of the Islamic calendar. Islam is the world's second-largest religious group with over 1.9 billion devotees*	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 National Disability Independence Day commemorates the 1990 signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act. See sidebar for details & activities!	27	28	29
30	31				Anniversary of the 1917 Negro Silent Protest Parade in New York City, in which 10,000 African Americans marched to demand civil rights and protest lynchings and violence.	

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