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Holiday
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“Be wise. Be brave. Be tricky.”
 – Neil Gaiman, *Coraline*

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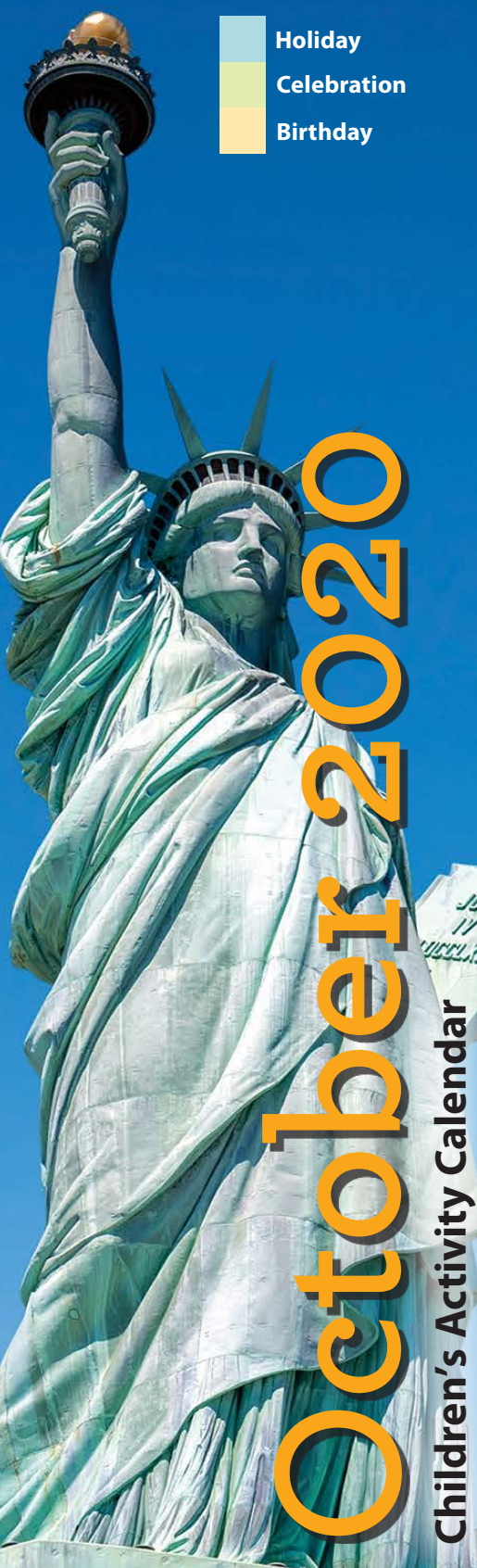
TUESDAY

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<p>1</p> <p>National Homemade Cookie Day: Enjoy making (and eating) one of these 43 No Bake Cookie Recipes for Kids.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday: Share <i>Grandfather Gandhi</i>, by Arun Gandhi and Bethany Hegedus, illustrated by Evan Turk. Ask students to share what change they want to see in the world.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Look at the Leaves Day: Are the leaves changing outside your window? Chart the color change with students as the days progress.</p>
<p>4</p> <p>National Golf Lover's Day: Challenge students to create mini golf courses using painter's tape and whatever classroom materials they can access.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Global Diversity Awareness Month: Consider ways to develop an inclusive society that supports gender equity and cultural diversity and celebrates differences in religion, ideology, and identity.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Fannie Lou Hamer's Birthday: Introduce students to one of the first Black Americans to register to vote by reading <i>Voice of Freedom</i>, by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Ekua Holmes.</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Happy October Release to <i>Class Act</i> by Jerry Craft (released on Oct. 6).</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Children's Magazine Month: Have children create their own nonfiction magazines.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Moldy Cheese Day: Read aloud the title story from <i>The Stinky Cheese Man</i> by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith. Have students create their own cheesy characters out of construction paper.</p>
<p>10</p> <p>National Cake Decorating Day: It's hard to top the decorations in these 4 Colorful Birthday Cake Ideas. Have students "decorate" cake drawings with craft supplies.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Breast Cancer Awareness Month: Share this video from Rethink Breast Cancer to help students have a better sense of what cancer is and how people fight it.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Indigenous Peoples' Day: Make a display of books honored by the American Indian Youth Literature Award and encourage teachers to read selections aloud to their students.</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Happy October Release to <i>Feliz New Year, Ava Gabriela!</i>, by Alexandra Alessandri, illustrated by Addy Rivera Sonda (released on Oct. 1).</p>	<p>14</p> <p>National Fossil Day: Take a virtual tour of the National Museum of Natural History's new David H. Koch Hall of Fossils.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Global Handwashing Day: Read <i>Oh, The Things You Can Do That Are Good for You</i> by Tish Rabe and encourage students to think about all the ways they can help each other stay healthy.</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Dictionary Day: Help boost word awareness and knowledge with Word-a-Day Activities for All Ages from Scholastic.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Christopher Myers' Birthday: Watch this interview where Myers talks about the inspiration behind his important work and the stories he brings to children.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>National Chocolate Cupcake Day: Want to share a sweet treat with your students? Read <i>Everyone Loves Cupcake</i>, by Kelly DiPucchio, illustrated by Eric Wight.</p>
<p>19</p> <p>National Cookie Month: So many cookies, so little time! Enjoy sharing a recipe for one of these 107 Best Cookie Recipes to Make Again and Again.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Happy October Release to <i>Way Past Worried</i>, by Hallee Adelman, illustrated by Sandra de la Prada (released on Oct. 1).</p>	<p>21</p> <p>National Reptile Awareness Day: Sharpen your students' persuasive writing skills with a prompt seeking advice on what reptile to consider adopting as a class pet.</p>
<p>22</p> <p>National Nut Day: Share <i>Nuts!</i>, by Lou Peacock and Yasmeen Ismail, a sweet picture book about sharing and friendship.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Gordon Korman's Birthday: Make a display of titles by author Gordon Korman, and invite your students to give a book talk to the class on their favorites.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>United Nations Day: Introduce your students to the United Nations and its work globally with the help of this video: United Nations — Explained.</p>
<p>25</p> <p>National Pizza Month: Read <i>Secret Pizza Party</i>, by Adam Rubin, and have students craft their own slice using these pretend play food directions from Artsy Crafts Mom.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>National Pumpkin Day: Carve out a little time to watch and learn with this Pumpkin Facts for Kids video.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Happy Book Birthday to <i>Measuring Up</i>, by Lily LaMotte, illustrated by Ann Xu.</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Statue of Liberty Dedication Day: In <i>Her Right Foot</i>, author Dave Eggers explores what he notices when he looks at the Statue of Liberty. What do you notice?</p>	<p>29</p> <p>National Cat Day: Have students vote on their favorite literary cat! Take nominations and invite students to share what they think makes their candidate the best.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Bruce Hale's Birthday: Do you have any aspiring writers in your class? In this video, Bruce Hale talks about writers' block, what it is, and how to get rid of it.</p>
<p>31</p> <p>Halloween: Share <i>Gustavo, the Shy Ghost</i> by Flavia Z. Drago and invite children to draw ghosts taking the shape of things around their classroom or home.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Halloween: Share <i>Gustavo, the Shy Ghost</i> by Flavia Z. Drago and invite children to draw ghosts taking the shape of things around their classroom or home.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Halloween: Share <i>Gustavo, the Shy Ghost</i> by Flavia Z. Drago and invite children to draw ghosts taking the shape of things around their classroom or home.</p>