




Start with a Book: Read. Talk. Explore.

Fill your calendar with summer reading and fun

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>Explore Our Green World</p>  | <p>Create your own cool planters: turn a wading pool into a pizza garden or use a teapot for flowers!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Plant</i> by David Burnie • <i>Planting a Rainbow</i> by Lois Ehlert | <p>Make simple starter pots to grow your favorite vegetables and flowers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Seed, Soil, Sun</i> by Cris Peterson • <i>The Ugly Vegetables</i> by Grace Lin | <p>Design a real or imaginary garden map.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Weslandia</i> by Paul Fleischman • <i>Jack's Garden</i> by Henry Cole | <p>Make a "poetree" in your front yard or community garden.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A Whiff of Pine, a Hint of Skunk: A Forest of Poems</i> by Deborah Ruddell • <i>There Was a Tree</i> by Rachel Isadora | <p>Look for patterns and colors in nature and jot down what you see in a journal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Swirl By Swirl: Spirals in Nature</i> by Joyce Sidman • <i>Green</i> by Laura Seeger | <p>Build a nature box and start your collection!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>In the Small, Small Pond</i> by Denise Fleming • <i>Nature Log Kids</i> by Deanna Brandt |
| <p>Explore Airplanes and Flight</p>  | <p>Design a one-person flying machine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Flying Machine</i> by Andrew Nahum • <i>Wind Flyers</i> by Angela Johnson | <p>Highest? Fastest? Test your homemade paper airplanes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Klutz Book of Paper Airplanes</i> by Doug Stillinger • <i>Air Show</i> by Treat Williams | <p>Make a cardboard boomerang! Try the parachute drop! Build a roto-copter!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Kids' Paper Airplane Book</i> by Ken Blackburn • <i>Kite Flying</i> by Grace Lin | <p>Invent a comic strip about living in a world without flight.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Adventures of Sparrowboy</i> by Brian Pinkney • <i>Abuela</i> by Arthur Dorros | <p>Write and design a travel brochure for a trip to Mars.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Look to the Stars</i> by Buzz Aldrin • <i>Out of This World: Poems and Facts About Space</i> by Amy Sklansky | <p>Learn about the heroes of aviation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Flight: The Journey of Charles Lindbergh</i> by Robert Burleigh • <i>Fly High! The Story of Bessie Coleman</i> by Louise Borden |
| <p>Explore Birds and Bugs</p>  | <p>How do bees make honey? A do-it-yourself sequencing book shows you how.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Honeybee Man</i> by Lela Nargi • <i>The Honey Makers</i> by Gail Gibbons | <p>Make a birdhouse or a backyard feeder.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Leaving the Nest</i> by Mordicai Gerstein • <i>Look Up! Bird-Watching in Your Own Backyard</i> by Annette Cate | <p>Listen to the summer sounds of birds and insects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Bird Talk</i> by Lita Judge • <i>Sounds of the Wild: Bugs</i> by Maurice Pledger | <p>Build a bee hummer that sounds like a swarm of bees!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Life and Times of the Honeybee</i> by Charles Miccucci • <i>The Buzz on Bees</i> by Shelley Rotner | <p>Explore bird beaks with tweezers, chopsticks, a toothpick...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Beaks!</i> by Snead Collard • <i>About Hummingbirds</i> by Catherine Sill | <p>Go on a bug hunt!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Diary of a Worm</i> by Doreen Cronin • <i>The Icky Bug Alphabet Book</i> by Jerry Pallotta |

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