## **JUNE 2023 ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

## Books by the Bushel





Book of the Month			WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
In the Garden		Fruit of the Month: Blueberries, Cherries, Strawberries, Plums Vegetable of the Month: Radish, Flower of the Month: Rose	1 National Pen Pal Day- Write a letter and practice mailing it.	2 National Donut Day- Celebrate by having your favorite donut.	3 Repeat Day- Repeat by having the same lunch or dinner as yesterday!	
4 National Old Maids Day - play the traditional old maid card game	5 World Environment Day- Celebrate by reading "Green Energy!" by Ruth Spiro	6 National Yo-Yo Day Create a yo-yo with a balloon filled with rice or beans. Loop rubber bands together to create the string. Attach to the baloon.	7 Global Running Day- Challenge a friend or sibling to a race!	8 National Best Friends Day- Celebrate by reading "Gossie & Gertie Best Friends, Always Together" by Olivier Dunrea	9 National Flip Flop Day Today would be a great day to jazz up a pair of flip flops. Add sparkles or animal stickers.	10 Time to read! Pick a book and read for 15 minutes
<b>11</b> Corn on the Cob Day- Make your own beaded corn out of green pipe cleaners and yellow beads. String 5 strands, bend in half and twist ends together to create a corn cob.	12 Peanut Butter Cookie Day- Enjoy a tasty treat by making peanut butter cookies	13 Time to read! Pick a book and read for 15 minutes	14 Flag Day- Review each state's flag. Draw and color your own state's flag	15 National Nature Photography Day- Pick a few flowers and green leaves. Create a picture with natures materials	16 Take a Road Trip Day- Pick a simple destination near to visit, such as a park and write about your day	17 Eat Your Vegetables Day- Have your favorite vegetable for snack, lunch or dinner
18 Father's Day- Make a Father, Grandfather, or someone special a card today	19 Juneteenth- Discuss together the importance of Juneteenth	20 Ice Cream Soda Day Time for a treat! Pour a small glass of root beer soda and add a scoop of vanilla ice cream	21 International Yoga Day- Try nature yoga today- pose like a frog, a tree, a bear	22 World Rainforest Day- Create a paper chain snake with construction paper	23 Pink Day- Wear something pink	24 Time to read! Pick a book and read for 15 minutes
25 Log Cabin Day- Create a house out of pretzel sticks	26 Chocolate Pudding Day- time to make chocolate pudding for a treat	27 National Sunglasses Day- be sure to wear sunglasses while outside	28 Paul Bunyan Day- Wear flannel and read the tall tale of Paul Bunyan	29 Hug Day- Give someone a good hug today	30 Asteroid Day- Color a space picture and use rocks or cheerios as asteroids floating in space.	



## **Picnic Surprises**

Having a picnic is something fun to do in the summer! For this activity, we are going to put a spin on what is inside of a typical picnic basket. Take a basket of any kind to use as your picnic basket. Find items of different around your house that your child is familiar with and place those items in the basket. Place a dish towel or bandana over the items. Tell your child to reach into the basket and hold an item under the dish towel, feel the texture and try and guess what it is. They can pull the item out and see if they were right! What a great way to reinforce the use of their sense of touch!

When all the items are out of the basket, have your child pick out some of their favorite snacks to put in the basket and go have a real picnic!



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## **Rainy Day Sunglasses**

Sunglasses aren't just for sunny days! What if you wore sunglasses on rainy days?? What if those sunglasses took you to a magical place? Well, here is a way for your child to use their imagination on a rainy, summer day. Buy your child a special pair of "magic" sunglasses from the Dollar Store and tell them that these glasses only come out on rainy days. Then, when that rainy day arrives, let your child put on those glasses and ask them what magical place do they see through those glasses. A castle? A fairy garden? A tent in the woods? Whatever it is, help your child use items around the house- blankets, pillows, stuffed animals—to create the magical place. They can become a knight or a princess. They might be a fairy or a hunter. Whatever they want! And what will be the best thing to do in their magical world? Relax in their special place and look at a good book!



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