

# MARCH 2023

## Activity Calendar

### Book of the Month

**Good Knight,  
Mustache Baby**  
by Bridget Heos

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### WEDNESDAY

**1** National Pig Day  
Create a piggy out of a paper plate. Paint the plate pink, add a nose and ears. Don't forget the curly tail!

### THURSDAY

**2** Dr. Seuss's birthday, author of Cat in the Hat; Also Read Across America Day

### FRIDAY

**3** If Pets Had Thumbs Day - what would it be like if a cat or dog had hands? Write a silly story about it.

### SATURDAY

**4** National Womens History Month - celebrate by reading "My Name Is Malala"

### SUNDAY

**5** Mustache March - celebrate by reading the book "Good Knight Mustache Baby"

### MONDAY

**6** National Oreo Cookie Day- how do you eat your oreo's? With milk?- have a cookie snack today

### TUESDAY

**7** National Cereal Day- Make a fun jigsaw puzzle out of your cereal box cover

**8** International (Working) Women's Day

**9** National Meatball Day- read the story "Cloudy with a chance of meatballs"

**10** National Pack Your Lunch Day - pack your own lunch! Pack 4 items and don't forget the drink!

**11** Johnny Appleseed Day- make a pot hat out of gray paper; cut a strip of paper to fit your head, glue together, glue on a handle, add a red apple to the front

**12** Plant a Flower Day -cut the side of a milk or juice carton off. Add dirt and a seed. Water, place in sun and watch your flower grow!

**13** National Napping Day - time to read a new book such as "The Very Long Sleep"- then make a paper plate look like a sleeping bear face

**14** Learn about Butterflies Day - visit Books by the Bushel's interactive page "Caterpillar to Butterfly" for butterfly activities

**15** National Shoe the World Day- draw a shoe, punch holes for laces, add string and learn how to tie your new shoe!

**16** Absolutely Incredible Kids Day - list 5 things that makes you incredible!

**17** Saint Patricks Day- Cut the center out of a paper plate. Paint it orange. Create a green hat out of paper to glue onto the plate. Now you can be a leprechaun

**18** National Sloppy Joe Day- enjoy a sloppy joe lunch!

**19** Let's Laugh Day - tell a joke, make someone you love laugh

**20** Earth Day- celebrate by making blue and green sugar cookies

**21** World Down Syndrome Day- wear mismatched colorful socks for "Rock your socks" to support awareness

**22** World Water Day- read a book such as "Why Should I Save Water"

**23** World Meteorological Day - create a rain cloud with a glass of water, shaving cream on top then add droplets of food coloring. STEM Activity

**24** National Chocolate Covered Raisin Day - have a snack

**25** National Medal of Honor Day- draw your own medal -What would it be for? Cleanest room?

**26** Make Up Your Own Holiday Day- What would your holiday be? What would your holiday card look like?

**27** National Flower of the Month is a Daffodil - Find all things yellow around your home

**28** National Paws to Read Month - read to your pet - OR - a pretend stuffed animal/pet

**29** National Vegetable of the month is asparagus - list all the fruits and vegetables that start with the letter "A"

**30** National Pencil Day How would we write without the pencil? Make a pencil topper today

**31** National Crayon Day- make art! OR melt old crayons down into new star, square, or circle shaped crayons with a silicone mold

**National Women's History Month**

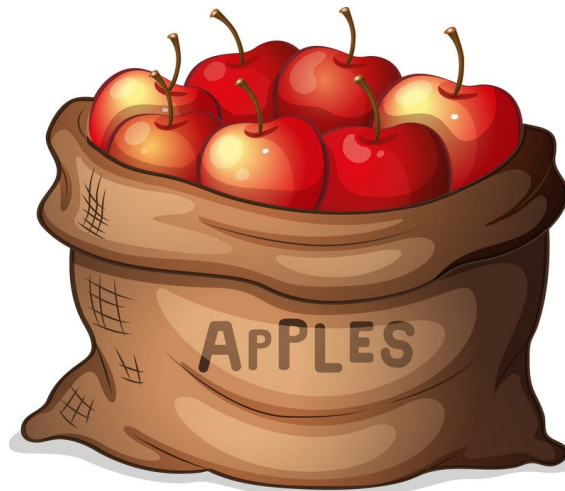
**National Paws to Read Month - read to your pets**

**Fruit & Vegetable of the Month: Kiwi, Asparagus**



## “Johnny Applesauce”

John Chapman, or better known as Johnny Appleseed, is many times celebrated in March since that is apple tree planting season and that is what he is historically known for! While apples are a tasty fruit to crunch into, some people prefer the smoother texture of applesauce. You and your child can easily make some homemade applesauce to enjoy together! First, peel, core, and chop about 4 apples. Let your child help you as much as possible in this step. Then, place the chopped apples in a medium sauce pan with  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup of water,  $\frac{1}{3}$  cup of sugar and  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon of cinnamon. Bring to a boil and then reduce to a simmer, cover, and let cook for about 20 minutes. Move this mixture to a blender or use a handheld one, and blend until smooth. This delicious applesauce can be served warm or cold.





## Rainbow Sensory Bottles

The month of March is all about leprechauns, pots of gold, and rainbows! Help your child create their own sensory bottles using all the colors of a rainbow! You will need a few water bottles with their labels torn off, liquid food coloring, baby oil, and water! Using a funnel, help your child fill each bottle about 1/3 full of water. Then, add in a few drops of different colors of food coloring and fill the rest of the bottle with baby oil. Before securing the lids, your child may like to pour in glitter to each bottle to make the colors sparkle. Finally, secure the lids on each bottle with either hot glue or electric tape. Have your child place the bottles on a window ledge where the sun can shine on all of the colors of the rainbow. Of course, they can pick them up at any time and give them a good shake to watch the glitter move through the liquid. This is a great activity to learn colors and to see how water and baby oil interact in the bottles!

