



October Reading Calendar 2006

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Universal Children's Week. For copies of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child, visit online at http://www.cirp.org/library/ethics/	2 Charlie Brown and Snoopy's birthday. Today is the 56th anniversary of Charles M Schultz's "Peanuts". Check out some comic strips dude!	3 Vegetarian Day! Make posters about vegetables you would just soon send to the moon. Have a vegetable spelling bee.	4 Storytelling weekend. Tape record a story while your child dictates. Write it down. Take turns reading it back. Have child copy story.	5 Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta begins today. Have a drawing contest for the most unusual designed balloon: floating Pepsi can, or cactus, Send up balloons filled with notes.	6 Be cool and send your grandparents a card. Send them a DVD of you reading or telling your favorite story.	7 National Newspaper Week. Children might do an extra credit oral report for school on an interesting story for the newspaper.
8 Edward V. Rickenbaker (1890-1973), American aviator born on this day. Check out http://www.nasjax.navy.mil/ It's the anniversary of the Blue Angels!	9 Life Erickson's Day. Read an encyclopedia or almanac about the persons and events listed in this calendar.	10 Bing! Apple Harvest Festival time. Bob for apples in a dishpan of water. Make apple butter, jam and pies by reading and following recipes.	11 Eleanor Anna Roosevelt (1884-1962) born today. What did "the first lady of the world" mean when she wrote, "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."	12 Anniversary of Columbus's discovery of America. Start collecting newspaper and magazines articles about Columbus. Debate whether Columbus was a friend or foe.	13 Happy Birthday White House! The cornerstone was laid October 13, 1792. Read about the "presidential palace" at your library.	14 Be Bald and Be Free Day. Go "shiny" and be proud. National pet Peeve Week. Make others aware of the little things they do to annoy you.
15 National Grouch Day. Honor today those three or four grouches. Read "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day" by Judith Viorst.	16 Dictionary Day: Birthday of Noah Webster. Pump up your knowledge by learning a new word everyday.	17 Surprise family members with "glad gifts". Hide candy, little books, games or tiny toys with a note under pillows and in shoes.	18 Alaska Day. In 1867, Alaska became Russia's loss and our gain. Play freeze tag. When tagged, players must tell you one fact about Alaska or be froze.	19 Ghouls gather round! Better check out some spooky stories from the library before all the good ones are gone. Carved your pumpkin yet?	20 John Dewey, "Do" Day. Born in 1859, Dewey the teacher believed we learn best by "doing". Play charades, name that tune, Jeopardy or other learning games.	21 Thomas Edison invented the light bulb in 1879. Check an almanac for the most interesting inventions for the last 100 years.
22 Cuban missile Crisis Anniversary, 1962. President John F. Kennedy, on nationwide TV, demanded the removal from Cuba of Soviet missiles. Ask your teacher to explain.	23 Have a Halloween Haunt. See who can write and tell the scariest story. Read aloud some classic Poe: "The Telltale Heart" or "The Raven."	24 Start a scary scavenger hunt. Hide a treasure. Draw a map with clues. Have children read and follow the map to find the hidden prize.	25 Ghost Tales around the Campfire. In Jefferson College, Washington, MS storytellers weave their spells of mystery, surprise and suspense around a bonfire.	26 National Magic Week. Try your hand at performing magic tricks. Check bookstores and the library for "how to-to-books."	27 Have your child help plan a Halloween party or harvest festival. Compile a list of decorations and needed supplies.	28 Halloween Pumpkin Carving Spelling Bee. Children can compete for best carved pumpkin, best original costume and best speller.
29 Fall back. Standard time resumes at 2 a.m. Turn your clock one hour back or you'll miss the school bus..	30 War of the Worlds broadcast on this day by Orson Welles in 1938. Near panic resulted when listeners believed the news bulletin that Martians had invaded New Jersey.	31 Halloween or All Hollow's Eve! Don't forget to give your parents and teacher a card. Be sure you shine bright by wearing reflective clothes and carry a flashlight.				