

# Days to Celebrate

## A RIF GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

**Themes:** Celebrations, History

**Grade Level:** K to 5th grade

**Book Brief:** A month-by-month guide to special days of the year.

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## TIME TO READ!

**Before reading:** This book is divided by month. Look at the current month with the children to get an idea of all the special days. Then start reading some of the poems for that month.

*\*Note: This book should be used as a resource. Don't try to read it all at once!*

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### CELEBRATION STATION (AGES 5-12)

Your community center deserves its own day, doesn't it? Create your own festival! Let the children pick the name and think up games to play and ways to celebrate. Have them draw pictures or make banners for the walls. Let them create songs or dances for your celebration.

### PERSONAL CALENDARS (AGES 6-12)

Materials: paper, markers or pens, attached calendar grid

Let each child make a calendar of all the days that are special to them this month.

Fill out the attached sheet with personal "days to celebrate," like family birthdays, school field trips or big sports games. (Don't forget to number the days.) Have children decorate the calendars and take them home to hang up.

### WHAT'S IN A NAME? (AGES 8-12)

Materials: paper, markers or pens

Have students write *acrostic* poems. For each letter of the name of the month, write a word or phrase that describes that month.

Decorate the poems.

**Example:**



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### OTHER POETRY BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

*Amazing Faces*, Lee Bennett Hopkins (2010), *Hand in Hand*, Lee Bennett Hopkins (1994), *Some Kind of Love*, Traci Dant (2010).

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY