



Learning Activities for the month of **August**

August 1

August 1, 1770 is the birthday of explorer William Clark, of the famed Lewis & Clark.

Writing Activity: Would you have wanted to be a member of the Lewis & Clark expedition team? Explain your reasons.



Today is "Sport's Day."

Writing Activity: What's your favorite sport? Describe it and tell how it is played.

August 2

On August 2, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was signed.



Writing Activity: If you were able to create a Declaration of Independence for your classroom, describe, in detail, one of the rights you would give the members of the classroom.

Today is "National Ice Cream Sandwich Day."

Writing Activity: Share what your favorite dessert is and give three reasons why you like it.

August 3



On August 3, 1492, explorer Christopher Columbus set sail from Spain. While learning about new things, students can create rhymes to help them remember specific facts. A rhyme often used with Columbus is the following: "In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue."

Think about what we are currently learning about in class, or something that we have already learned. Do your best to create five (5) rhythms that would help you or another student have an easier time of learning that fact.



Today is "National Chocolate Chip Day."

Writing Activity: Explain how to make your favorite type of cookie.

August 4

Today is "National Watermelon Day." Watermelon is a popular summer food.

Writing activity: Describe your favorite summer activity.

August 5

On August 5, 1930, astronaut Neil Armstrong was born.



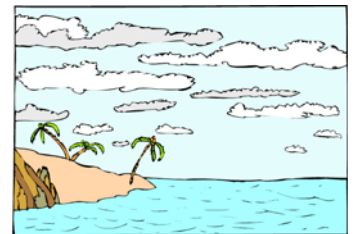
Writing activity: If you could travel to outer space, where would you like to travel to, and why?

August 6

Writing activity: If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you like to travel to, and why?

August 7

Writing activity: Describe your favorite trip to the ocean. If you have not been to the ocean, explain why you would or would not like to go to the ocean.



August 8

On this day in 1876, Thomas Edison received a patent for the mimeograph machine. This was the first copy machine.

Writing activity: Do you think there will be a day when we don't use paper? When everything will be done with computers?

August 9

On August 9, 1944, Smokey the Bear was "born." Smokey is responsible for sharing with people the danger of forest fires.



Writing activity: Write a paragraph persuading campers to handle fire carefully.

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August 10

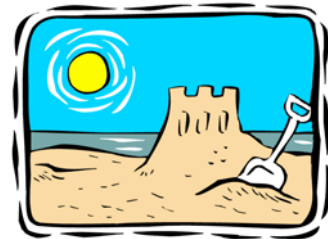
Herbert Clark Hoover, the 31st President of the United States was born on August 10, 1874.

Writing Activity: Would you like to be President of the United States? Why or why not?

August 11

Today is "National Play-in-the-Sand Day."

Writing Activity: Describe what your ideal sandcastle would look like.



August 12

On this day in 1981, IBM announced their new "personal computer" (PC).

Writing Activity: How do you think computers have helped our lives? How do you think computers have harmed our lives?

On August 12, 1898, Hawaii was annexed to the United States. This means that the islands became the property of the United States. Hawaii actually didn't become the 50th state until August, 21, 1959.

Writing activity: Using resources in the classroom, learn five (5) facts about this state and summarize them in your own words.

August 13

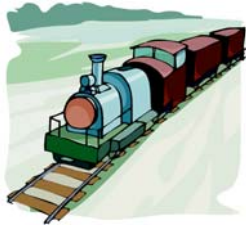
Annie Oakley was born on this date in 1860.

Writing Activity: Would you have liked to live back in the Wild West days of cowboys, cowgirls, and stagecoaches?



August 14

Writing Activity: Remember a time when you had to solve a problem you had with a friend or family member. What was the problem, and how was it resolved?



August 15

On this day in 1869 the Transcontinental Railroad was completed.

Writing Activity: Describe how you think the men working on this railroad may have felt when they saw their goal achieved?

Today is "National Relaxation Day."

Writing Activity: Describe one way you like to have fun and relax.

August 16

Today is "National Joke Day."

Writing Activity: Think about some of your favorite jokes, and then make up and write one of your own.

August 17

On this day in 1786, Frontiersman Davy Crockett was born. Before turning fifteen, Davy was on his own, helping to drive cattle from Tennessee to Virginia.



Writing Activity: What do you think were some of the obstacles Davy encountered on his journeys?

Today is "National Archeology Day." An archeologist is someone who recovers and studies the remains of previous human life and culture. If you could be an archeologist for a day, which culture would you enjoy learning about?

August 18

On this day in 1934, baseball great Roberto Clemente was born. Baseball is considered "America's Pastime."



Writing Activity: When you are outside of school, what is your favorite pastime?



August 19

On this day in 1946, Bill Clinton, our 42nd President, was born.

Writing Activity: What do you think would be the most challenging part of being President of the United States?

August 20

On this day in 1741, Vitus Bering discovered Alaska. Alaska later became the 49th state.



Writing Activity: Using resources in the classroom, learn five (5) facts about this state and summarize them in your own words.



August 21

On this day in 1858, the first Lincoln-Douglas Debate was held.

Writing Activity: Working with a partner, choose a topic to debate, decide which side of the topic each of you will debate, prepare your information, and debate the topic.

August 22

Today is "Be an Angel Day."

Writing Activity: Describe a time when you were an angel to another person, or a time when someone was an angel to you.

Autumn Angel Paper Crafts

Instructions for project are found at:

<http://www.dltk-bible.com/paper-angels.html>



August 23

On this day in 1966, the first photograph of Earth from the moon was taken by the Lunar Orbiter.

Writing Activity: If you were seeing Earth from the moon for the first time, what would be your thoughts?



August 24

On this day in 1932, Amelia Earhart flew across the United States.



Writing Activity: What type of character traits do you believe Amelia in order to reach this goal of hers?

August 25

Today is "National Banana Split Day."



Writing: Explain how to make a banana split.

On this day in 1916, the National Park Service was established.

Writing Activity: Using resources in your classroom, learn about a National Park that is located in your state, or one that you have visited before. Locate five (5) facts about the park and summarize them in your own words.



August 26

On this day in 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution was signed, granting women the right to vote.

Writing activity: Do you think it was important for women to be able to vote? Why or why not?

August 27

Mother Teresa was born on this day in 1910. Mother Teresa dedicated her life to helping others.

Writing Activity: List five (5) things you can do to help others today.

August 28

On this day in 1963, Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream was for all people, no matter what their skin color, to be treated as equals.



Writing Activity: What is your dream?



Handprint - Dove (Unity) Wreath

Instructions for project are found at:

<http://www.dltk-kids.com/world/munitywreath.htm>

August 29

On this day in 1934, the first Scout camp opened.

Writing Activity: Have you ever been to a camp? If so, describe your experience. If not, what camp would you like to attend?

August 30

Today is "National Toasted Marshmallow Day."

Writing Activity: Write a poem about this tasty treat.

On this day in 1967, Thurgood Marshall took a seat on the United States Supreme Court.

Writing Activity: Using resources in the classroom, list five (5) jobs or responsibilities of the Supreme Court.



August 31

On this day in 1870, a famous educator, Maria Montessori was born.

Writing Activity: What is something new you would like to learn about this school year?

August - General

August is "National Inventors Month."

Writing Activity: Think of a new invention you would like to create, and explain your creation. Don't forget to include how your invention will be used.



Name _____

Date _____

August Acrostic

Write an acrostic poem about the month of August. Begin each line with a word or phrase that starts with the letter on that line.

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September Bulletin Board Project

"What a Grape Bunch of Kids!" Back to School Bulletin Board



The Theme:

Includes the Back to School play on words: "What a Grape Bunch of Kids!" - the layout shows the pre-K through Kindergarten options. The main theme of this bulletin board is meeting each other/introducing the class.

Courtesy of [dltk-teach.com](http://www.dltk-teach.com)

For directions on making this bulleting board, follow the link below.

<http://www.dltk-teach.com/boards/msept1.htm>

A variety of back to school projects are found at:

<http://www.dltk-kids.com/school/index.htm>



Learning Activities for the month of **September**



September 1

On this day in 1830, "Mary had a Little Lamb" was published.

Writing Activity: Create your own rhyme using the same tune.

Coloring book pages with words to the nursery rhyme are found at: http://www.dltk-teach.com/rhymes/mary_had_a_little_lamb_dltk.htm

September 2

On September 2, 1789, the U.S. Treasury Department was established.

Writing Activity: If you could design a new \$1.00 bill, what famous American would you choose to picture on the front? Explain why.



September 2-8

Child Safety Week

For safety activities for elementary school children go to:

<http://www.dltk-kids.com/safety/index.htm>

September 3

On September 3, 1929, author Aki Kaurismäki was born. Who is your favorite author, and what is your favorite book by that author?

Writing Activity: Write a letter to the author explaining why you like that specific book.



September 4

On the first Monday of each September, we celebrate Labor Day. This holiday was first celebrated in 1882, in honor of American workers and their achievements.

Writing Activity: List all of the different community jobs in your town and then select the one you feel is most important. Explain why you choose that particular job.

September 5

September 5th is "National Cheese Pizza Day."



Writing Activity: What is your favorite kind of pizza? Explain to your readers how they would make your favorite kind of pizza.

On September 5, 1774, the first Continental Congress convened in Philadelphia. One objective of the Congress was to compose a statement of colonial rights.

Writing Activity: If you had been a delegate representing your colony, what right would you have been fighting for, and why?

September 6



On September 6, 1620, the Pilgrims set sail for America from Plymouth, England.

Writing Activity: If you had been a Pilgrim on the Mayflower, explain what some of your joys and fears might have been.



September 6 Read a Book Day

Children Book Breaks

<http://www.dltk-teach.com/books/index.htm>



http://www.istockphoto.com/user_view.php?id=56909

September 11

September 11th is a Day of Remembrance.

Writing Activity: As we honor those who lost their lives on this day in 2001, make a list of everything in your life that you are thankful for.

United We Stand

An idea to remember September 11: Place a medium-sized US flag in the middle of the board. Cut out handprints in red, white and blue construction paper. Have the kids write their names and possibly why they are proud to be American on their handprints. Put the prints around the flag as if supporting it. Put the words "United We Stand" or "One Nation under God" at the bottom of the board. (Use red, white and blue for the letters).

Variation: Make the flag the size of the bulletin board, and have the children write on the stars. Then use those stars to complete the flag.

Idea by: Michele Adelaar madelaar

September 12

On September 12, 1913, Olympian Jesse Owens was born.

Owens won a number of medals in track and field events.



Writing Activity: If you could invent a new Olympic event, what would it be, and why?

September 12th is "National Chocolate Milkshake Day."

Writing Activity: Write a letter to your school's principal persuading him or her to serve milkshakes at your school.

September 13

September 13th is "Positive Thinking Day."

Writing Activity: Create a "Top 10" list of ways that students can stay positive when things get tough.



September 14

On this day in 1814, Francis Scott Key wrote "The Star Spangled Banner." As you may know, this song is the national anthem of the United States.

Writing Activity: Explain what it means to you to be an American.

Audio clip of song:

<http://memory.loc.gov/cocoon/ihas/loc.natlib.ihas.100010361/default.html>

September 15

September 15th- Oct. 15 is

"Hispanic Heritage Month"



Websites With
Hispanic Heritage Month Activities

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/hispanic/>

http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/lesson/lesson023.shtml

<http://www.teachervision.fen.com/hispanic-heritage-month/south-america/6629.html>

<http://www.colorincolorado.org/celebrations/hhm.php>

Webquest

http://www.educationworld.com/a_tech/webquest_orig/webquest_orig002.shtml



September 16

September 16th is Independence Day in Mexico.

Writing Activity: Using resources in the classroom, learn five (5) facts about this country and summarize them in your own words.

Mexican Activities for Kids

Many recipes and crafts can be found at DLTk for kids:

<http://www.dltk-kids.com/world/mexico/index.htm>



September 17

September 17th is "Citizenship Day."

Writing Activity: Explain what you think it means to be a good citizen of the World, the United States, your state, your town, and your school.

September 18

On this day in 1851, the *New York Times* newspaper was first published.



Writing Activity: Do you think it's important for students your age to keep up with current events? Why or why not?



September 19

On this date in 1819, poet John Keats wrote a poem entitled "To Autumn."

Writing Activity: In just a few days, autumn will begin. Write a poem that describes the change in seasons.

September 20

On this date in 1519, Ferdinand Magellan began his search for the Spice Islands. Magellan led the first successful attempt to sail around the entire Earth.

Writing Activity: Compare sailing today to how it probably was in 1519.

September 21

September 21st is "International Peace Day."

Writing Activity: What can you do to help keep peace in: your school, your classroom, and your family?



September 22

Autumn begins today.

Writing Activity: What is your favorite season? Explain why you enjoy that particular season.



September 23

Rosh Hashanah begins today. This event is commonly known as the Jewish New Year.



Writing Activity: Using resources in the classroom, learn five (5) facts about this holiday. Summarize the facts in your own words. Craft Activities for Rosh Hashanah: <http://www.dltk-kids.com/world/jewish/>

September 24

September 24th is "Good Neighbor Day."

Writing Activity: Make a list of everything you can do to be a good neighbor to those who live around you.

September 24

On this day in 1789, the Supreme Court of the United States was established.

Writing Activity: Using resources in the classroom, learn five (5) facts about the Supreme Court's role in our nation's government. Summarize them in your own words.



September 25

On September 25, 1513, Balboa discovered the Pacific Ocean.

Writing Activity: What types of things do you think we still have to discover about the ocean?

September 26

On September 26, 1774, John Chapman was born. Later in life, he became better known as Johnny Appleseed. Johnny performed a "community service" as he traveled west spreading apple seeds.



Writing Activity: Write about some types of community service that you could possibly perform.



Johnny Appleseed Crafts



For projects, explore the following link:

<http://www.dltk-kids.com/crafts/miscellaneous/apple.html>

September 27

September is "National Classical Music Month."

Writing Activity: Using resources in the classroom learn five (5)

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facts about a classical musician, and summarize your information in your own words.



September 28

Today is "Native American Day."

Writing Activity: Using resources in the classroom, learn five (5) facts about a Native American tribe that used to live in or near your area.

Summarize your information in your own words.

Native American Activities

<http://www.dltk-kids.com/world/native/index.htm>

September 29

On September 29, 1789, the United States Army was established.

Writing Activity: Write a letter to a serviceman or servicewoman who is currently serving our country overseas.



September 30

In 1849, Walter Hunt invented the safety pin.

Writing Activity: Write a poem to commemorate the invention of this handy device.

Ideas from: Teacherscorner.net



Name _____

Date _____

September Acrostic

Write an acrostic poem about the month of September. Begin each line with a word or phrase that starts with the letter on that line.

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Autum Crafts

Autumn Tree Craft

Directions for this craft are found at:

<http://www.dltk-holidays.com/fall/mfalltree.html>



Pumpkin Carving Patterns

Directions for this craft are found at:

<http://www.dltk-holidays.com/halloween/mpatterns.htm>





Name: _____

LABOR DAY

Directions: What do you know about Labor Day? Use the information you find at the Web site below to answer the questions on this page.

Web Resources:

Why Do We Celebrate Labor Day?

<http://www.howstuffworks.com/question459.htm>



1. Whom do we honor on Labor Day?

2. In what year was Labor Day declared a national holiday?

3. Where was the first Labor Day parade held?

4. Why did labor unions decide to celebrate Labor Day at the beginning of September?

5. Which U.S. president signed the law making Labor Day a national holiday?

Something to Think About: How will you celebrate Labor Day?

Learn More: Visit the Community Club at <http://teacher.scholastic.com/commclub> and read about some community workers. Then list some of the workers in your community, and write a sentence describing what each worker does.



Labor Day!

Answer Key

1. On Labor Day, we honor **working men and women**.
2. Labor Day was declared a national holiday in **1894**.
3. The first Labor Day parade was held in **New York City**.
4. Labor unions chose the beginning of September because **it was halfway between the Fourth of July and Thanksgiving**.
5. **Grover Cleveland** signed the law making Labor Day a national holiday.

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Autumn Time is Coming

Author Unknown

(Sung to the tune of Frere Jacques)

Red leaves are falling
Red leaves are falling
On the ground
On the ground
Autumn time is coming
Autumn time is coming
All around
All around.



Orange leaves are falling
Orange leaves are falling
On the ground
On the ground
Autumn time is coming
Autumn time is coming
All around
All around.

Brown leaves scattered
Brown leaves scattered
On the ground
On the ground
Autumn time is now here
Autumn time is now here
All around
All around.