

MIDDLE GATE SUMMER LITERACY CALENDAR

JULY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Students & Families: Please mark/shade the activities you complete. Challenge yourself to complete as many as possible. Activities can be completed out of order.</p> <p>*Note: The Summer Literacy Calendar is an optional activity for MG Students.</p>						<p>1 The first US zoo opened in Philadelphia in 1874. Plan a trip to the library to read about new animals.</p>
<p>2 Look up the word independence in the dictionary and share the meaning with your family.</p>	<p>3 Write a review of a movie you watched recently.</p>	<p>4 Independence Day Find a recording of a patriotic song ("America the Beautiful" or "The Star-Spangled Banner"). Print the lyrics to sing along.</p>	<p>5 Find a wordless picture book and use the illustrations to write a fictional story.</p>	<p>6 Children's publisher John Newberry was born in 1713. Read a book that won the Newberry Award.</p>	<p>7 Chocolate Day Find, read & follow a recipe to make a chocolate treat.</p>	<p>8 Visit the library and take a walk around. Look at the book collections and find something new to read.</p>
<p>9 Have a book picnic with your family. Pack food, drinks and plenty of <u>books!</u></p>	<p>10 Write a joke. Practice it several times. See how many people you can make laugh.</p>	<p>11 Author EB White was born in 1899. Choose one of his famous stories to read with your family.</p>	<p>12 How many words can you make using the letters from CELEBRATION. Make a list.</p>	<p>13 Read a book about insects then spend some time outdoors listening for insect sounds.</p>	<p>14 If you could be in any cold place, where would you be? Write a paragraph convincing your family to go there.</p>	<p>15 Draw a flower and label all the parts.</p>
<p>16 Read a book of riddles. Try a few out on a friend or relative.</p>	<p>17 Interview your parents and ask them what they liked to read at your age.</p>	<p>18 Make a card and give it to a friend or family member.</p>	<p>19 Swap a favorite book with a neighbor or a friend.</p>	<p>20 Minute to Win It! In one minute name as many animals as you can beginning with the letter f. Repeat with other topics and letters.</p>	<p>21 What is your favorite summer sport? Write a "How-To" to someone who has never heard of it before.</p>	<p>22 Write a rhyming poem about today's weather.</p>
<p>23 Create a cozy reading nook where you can read in private.</p>	<p>24 Read a magazine article today.</p>	<p>25 Make up a story with your favorite place, favorite animal and favorite ice cream cone.</p>	<p>26 Learn to say "Hello" in two <u>NEW</u> languages.</p>	<p>27 List 10 items you would include on your family's grocery list this week.</p>	<p>28 Look up the word <i>smorgasboard</i> in the dictionary and use it in a sentence when speaking to a friend.</p>	<p>29 Read a bedtime story to a family member.</p>

AUGUST 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 It's the first day of August! Research where August gets its name.	2 Write down all the summer words you can think of (beachball, popsicles, etc.)	3 Happy Watermelon Day! How many words can you make using the letters from WATERMELON. Make a list.	4 Snuggle up with a favorite stuffed animal. Read aloud using great expression.	5 Fill your tub, add some bubble bath and read a book as you relax.
6 The word "kayak" is a palindrome - a word or phrase that reads the same backward as forward. Can you think of others?	7 Visit the library today. Ask the librarian to show you where new releases are kept.	8 Make up your own August holiday, one that kids everywhere would want to celebrate. What would you call this holiday? Write a short story about it.	9 Turn a page of a book into a song by singing the words.	10 National S'Mores Day Make S'Mores and tell "campfire" stories (have everyone share an outdoor memory)	11 Can you think of at least five synonyms for the word "amazing".	12 What book makes you smile? Sit down and read it again.
13 Read/Listen to a story online. Then retell the story in your own words to someone in your family.	14 What is your favorite summer sport? Write a "How-To" to someone who has never heard of it before.	15 I Spy! Sit on your steps outside and play I Spy. Notice something, give a clue and have someone guess. Switch turns.	16 Make two bookmarks today. Keep one and give one to a friend.	17 Play the alphabet game in your house. Can you find something that starts with a? b? c? etc. Make a list.	18 Go outside and draw what you see.	19 Find the Kids section in the Newtown Bee. Read an article and try the puzzle.
20 National Lemonade Day Sip some lemonade while having a book chat with friends.	21 Create a secret code and use it to write a message. Challenge someone to crack the code.	22 National Tooth Fairy Day If you were the tooth fairy, what would YOU do with all the teeth you collect? Make up a story.	23 What does the word <i>hullabaloo</i> mean? Look it up and use it in a sentence when speaking to your family.	24 Partner read with a friend and talk about your favorite part.	25 Find the lyrics to <i>Take Me Out to the Ballgame</i> . Read the lyrics out loud so you can learn the words. Then sing it!	26 Read a non-fiction book. Tell someone three interesting facts about the subject.
27 Re-read the summer welcome letter from your new teacher. See you tomorrow!	28 First Day of School					