

Daily Holidays & Observances Calendar



2026

JANUARY

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1 2 **January 2026 Daily Holidays & Observances Calendar**
 Refer to this calendar for inspiration and themed activity ideas for your program! Find ideas below and click the link to find related items to support your activities.

Date	Observance/Holiday	Activity Ideas
January 1st	New Years Day Global Family Day	Make a list of New Years resolutions if you haven't already! Encourage families to join together this week with our Family Engagement Night Kits .
January 2nd	National Motivation & Inspiration Day National Science Fiction Day	Plan several inspirational crafts for your group to complete and discuss the meaning behind them Host a Science Fiction Day with related books, educational activities, and alien crafts .
January 3rd	J.R.R. Tolkien Day	Choose your favorite J.R.R. Tolkein book or movie and create a lesson plan around it
January 4th	National Trivia Day	Play trivia games with your group to challenge their knowledge on various topics!
January 5th	National Bird Day	Celebrate with a bird themed craft, puzzle, or by creating a birdhouse!
January 6th	National Technology Day	Plan a few STEM activities to celebrate the importance of technology in the classroom
January 7th	International Programmer's Day Old Rock Day	Have students experiment with coding and programming activities Explore realistic and tactile fossil stones with this educational set!
January 8th	Bubble Bath Day	We have some great spa day party kits to celebrate!
January 9th	International Choreographer's Day National Static Electricity Day	Divide students into groups and challenge them to choreograph a dance routine with props like scarves ! Plan an experiment as you explain how static electricity works, like getting a balloon to stick to the wall
January 10th	Houseplant Appreciation Day Save the Eagles Day National Vision Board Day	Plan a gardening activity with your group, like growing seeds or a flower garden Have your group create a watercolor painting of a bald eagle as a fun craft activity Your group can work on goal setting and inspiration with a Vision Board project .
January 11th	National Milk Day	Check out this Color Changing Milk Experiment with milk, food coloring, and just a few other materials
January 12th	National Hot Tea Day	Celebrate the benefits of hot tea today while decorating your own ceramic mug !
January 13th	National Sticker Day	Jazz up your craft project or create a scrapbook using fun seasonal stickers !
January 14th	National Dress Up Your Pet Day International Kite Day National Take the Stairs Day	Kids can make Party Animals using a photo of their pet and other craft supplies Your group can decorate their own plastic kite and fly them together! Use this day to motivate your group to exercise and be mindful of health and wellness .
January 15th	National Hat Day	We love this hat craft kit that allows you to decorate a hat for every season!
January 16th	Appreciate a Dragon Day	Plan a fun dragon craft that kids can color and assemble, then use for active play
January 17th	Ben Franklin Day Kid Inventor's Day	Create a list of trivia facts about Ben Franklin and his inventions and discoveries to share with your group Learn how kids can help the community, plus some featured activities to encourage problem solving and creativity!
January 18th	Winnie the Pooh Day National Thesaurus Day World Snow Day	Kids can make DIY Winnie the Pooh crafts using paper plates, mason jars, or a simple coloring project Teach your group how to use the thesuarus to enhance their writing Use these fleece snowballs to create fun games that celebrate the snowy season.

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January 19th	National Popcorn Day Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Play this fun popcorn game where you toss the squishy popcorn balls into cups - includes fun trivia questions! Be sure to honor Martin Luther King Jr's legacy today, and provide your group with knowledge of his achievements
January 20th	Penguin Awareness Day Take a Walk Outdoors Day	Learn how to make these adorable paper penguins as part of a lesson plan on arctic animals Plan an outdoor walk through your local park or nature center
January 21st	Squirrel Appreciation Day National Granola Day	This flexible wooden squirrel craft kit is perfect for celebrating this day Stock up on bulk snacks for your next Family Engagement event or program event!
January 22nd	National Polka Dot Day National Clashing Clothes Day	There are so many fun crafts you can make using a polka dot pattern with these dot markers! A popular spirit week theme also known as Mismatch Day! Have your group wear silly outfits. Award prizes to the fav
January 23rd	National Handwriting Day National Pie Day	Assist your students in practicing their handwriting skills , or teach them a new style like cursive or calligraphy How fun is this classic Pie Face game! A super silly game that brings lots of laughs.
January 24th	National Compliment Day International Day of Education Visit Your Local Quilt Shop Day	Set up a similar concept to the Bucket Filler bulletin board , where kids are rewarded for positive behavior Celebrate the history of education today. Inspire togetherness with a peace or kindness activity Provide your group with a collaborative quilt craft where they work together to create one finished piece
January 25th	National Bible Day	Celebrate with a fun and educational game of Bible Trivia!
January 26th	Toad Hollow Day of Encouragement	A great day to encourage students to share kind words and inspiration .
January 27th	National Speak Up and Succeed Day	Create a lesson plan that challenges students to practice public speaking skills on a topic they're passionate about
January 28th	National LEGO Day National Kazoo Day Library Shelfie Day	Have your group use building blocks to create something unique! Plan a fun DIY activity for your group to create their own personal musical kazoos using craft sticks! Show off your selection of library books and get creative with photos for #LibraryShelfieDay .
January 29th	National Puzzle Day	Puzzles are great for building fine motor skills, cognitive skills, shape recognition and more!
January 30th	National Draw a Dinosaur Day National Preschool Health & Fitness Day	Combine literacy and arts and crafts with this dinosaur themed construction paper activity . Use fitness dice as a simple beginner activity to get your group active!
January 31st	Inspire Your Heart With Art Day	We love Velvet Art and have some inspiring designs, positive posters, and more!

Monthly Observances/Holidays

[National Hobby Month](#)
[National Mentoring Month](#)
[Walk Your Pet Month](#)
[National Thank You Month](#)
[Celebration of Life Month](#)
[Get Organized Month](#)
[International Brain Teaser Month](#)
[International Creativity Month](#)
[Little Things Mental Health Campaign Month](#)
[Self-Love Month](#)

Weekly Observances/Holidays

January 1st-7th [New Year's Resolutions Week](#)
January 1st-7th [Celebration of Life Week](#)
January 11th-17th [National Pizza Week](#)
January 11th-17th [Universal Letter Writing Week](#)
January 19th-23rd [No Name Calling Week](#)
January 18th-24th [Hunt for Happiness Week](#)
January 26th-30th [National Activity Professionals Week](#)
January 25th-31st [National School Choice Week](#)