



February 2023 - Go Fly A Kite!

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Kite Flying Day - February 8th

Activities:

<u>Making a Kite Using Recycled Materials</u> – School Ages <u>How to Make a Kite for Kids</u> - K - 3 <u>Sled Kite by NASA</u> - k - 4

Books to Read:

<u>Kites: Flying Skills & Techniques</u>, by Cobb, Rosanne <u>Tiger Moth and the Dragon Kite Contest</u>, by Reynolds, Aaron <u>Dragonfly Kites</u>, by Highway, Tomson

How To Celebrate Kite Flying Day:

- If the weather is okay in your area, go fly a kite.
- · Make a handmade kite.
- Give a kite to a young child. Then, go fly it with him / her.
- · Watch the movie, Mary Poppins.



Random Acts of Kindness Day - February 17th

Activities:

<u>Dancing Hearts Science Activity</u> - School Aged <u>Kind Words Sensory Lesson Friendship Activity</u> - K - 3 <u>100 Random Acts of Kindness for Kids</u> - School Aged

Books to Read:

<u>The Kindness Book</u>, by Parr, Todd <u>Kindness Makes Us Strong</u>, by Beer, Sophie <u>Forgotten Tales of Kindness and Courage</u>, by Sebag-Montefiore, Mary

How To Celebrate Random Acts of Kindness Day

- Say nice, complimentary things to people. Spend some time with the elderly or people who are shun-in.
- Go out of your way to help someone.
- Be hospitable.
- Send a greeting card to someone who is depressed and in need of cheering up.
- Forgive others for their errors and shortcomings.
- Prepare and deliver a meal or baked goods to someone...anyone.
- Help a neighbor or friend with a chore or task.



Love Your Pet Day - February 20th

Activities:

<u>Pet Activities and Centres</u> – Preschool <u>How Do Arctic Animals Stay Warm?</u> - Elementary <u>Candy Camouflage</u> - Middle School

Books to Read:

<u>Sir Tony Robinson's Weird World of Wonders – Pets</u>, by Robinson, Tony <u>Learn to Draw Pets</u> – Lerner Pub. <u>The World's Worst Pets</u>, by Walliams, David

Winter Solstice:

- Spend time with your pet.
- Take your pet to the groomer.
- Teach your pet a new trick.
- Give your pet special treats.
- Take your pet for a walk.
- If your pet is a dog, take him to the dog park.
- Buy an article of clothes for your pet, if appropriate.
- Take a selfie with your pet.



Polar Bear Day - February 27th

Activities:

<u>Polar Bear Science Experiment</u> - Preschool <u>Polar Bear Math and Science</u> - Middle School <u>Polar Bears in Trouble</u> - Middle School

Books to Read:

<u>The World of the Polar Bear</u>, by Rosing, Norbert <u>Polar Bear's Underwear</u>, by Tupera, Tupera and Kameyama, Tatsuya <u>If Polar Bears Disappeared</u>, by Williams, Lily

Interesting Facts about Polar Bears:

- Polar Bears are considered marine mammals because they spend a lot of time in the ocean.
- Polar bears are the world's largest carnivores.
- They survive in one of the harshest environments in the world.
- A heavy layer of blubber under their skin keeps them warm.
- They are excellent swimmers.
- The skin under their fur is black.
- Seals are the majority of their diet.
- They have a great sense of smell. They can smell a seal from over 16 kilometers away.

