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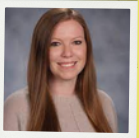
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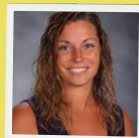
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May the 4th be with you!

I am so excited to be at a conference in the Dells gathering information and research to share with you, the staff, and the students.

This conference has a strong emphasis on student behavior and pushing the thinking of both the student and those supporting them through behavioral experiences.

I look forward to sharing resources to you all as well.



SAVE YOUR CHILD FROM THE 'SUMMER SLIDE'

The 'Summer Slide' is something that we see from a high number of students when they come back to us in the Fall. We as parents have the best of intentions as we either fill the schedule with activity after activity or on the flip side, clear the schedule for free-flowing, 'in the moment' activities and experiences. There are some easy, low-commitment ways to change that 'summer slide' to more of a 'summer slip' that is easier and faster to recover from.



SWALLOW FUN FRIDAY SCHEDULE

- May 5: Cinco de Mayo....do you have a shirt, outfit, or accessory that celebrates the Mexican culture? Please keep the sombreros at home though.
- May 12: Hat Day...if it becomes a distraction, students will be asked to put them in their backpacks.
- May 19: Wacky Wear (mismatched, backwards)

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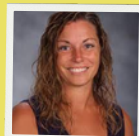
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MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 U.S. School Principals' Day: Celebrate the leader of your school by reading aloud <i>Principal Tate Is Running Late</i> . Write a letter to your principal telling them how you would run the school in their absence.	2 Happy Book Birthday to Her Eyes on the Stars: <i>Maria Mitchell, Astronomer</i> by Laurie Wallmark, a picture book biography about the first American to discover a comet.	3 Share I'll Go and Come Back by Rajani LaRocca, NEA's Read Across America May picture book suggestion.	4 Star Wars Day: May the Fourth Be With You! Check out this Star Wars choice board from Shannon McClintock Miller.	5 Cinco de Mayo: Share an educational PBS video and a holiday craft from STEAMstational to bring awareness to others about this important Mexican historical event.	6 The Eta Aquarids meteor shower peaks tonight and can be seen in both the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. Share Meteor Showers 101 from National Geographic.
7 Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month: Celebrate the history, culture, and achievements of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Check out <i>Colorin Colorado</i> for booklists, activities, and resources.	8 Nurses Week (May 6-12): Read aloud <i>The School Nurse From the Black Lagoon</i> by Mike Thaler. Have kids write thank you notes on a bandaid coloring page from Coloring Home.	9 Teacher Appreciation Week (May 8-12): Encourage kids to show their teachers how much they're appreciated this week with 15 DIY Teacher Gifts from Fun Loving Families.	10 Christopher Paul Curtis' Birthday: Listen to this acclaimed children's author speak to <i>AdLit</i> about the success and meaning of <i>The Watsons Go to Birmingham</i> .	11 Eat What You Want Day: Have kids create a menu of what they would eat today using hands-on craft supplies or their favorite digital tool.	12 Want to learn about book festivals in your area for the month of May? Check out <i>Bookreporter.com</i> for book events all year long.	13 Windmill Day: Also known as wind turbines, these machines date back more than 1,000 years. Create a Moving Windmill from STEM Activities for Kids.
14 Mother's Day: Make a display of books with memorable mom characters. Design an award to present to the most popular book mom!	15 On this day in 1940, brothers Richard and Maurice McDonald open the 1st McDonald's restaurant in San Bernardino, CA. Have kids research facts like how many McDonald's restaurants are operating in your state today.	16 Happy Book Birthday to Stinkbird Has a Superpower by Jill Esbaum, illustrated by Bob Shea. Readers will get a laugh learning about this Amazonian bird with a stinky superpower.	17 Dinosaur Day: After reading a dinosaur-themed book, add some STEM and make Salt Dough Dinosaur Fossils from Little Bins for Little Hands.	18 On this day in 1980, Mount St. Helens erupted. Author Laura Tarshis discusses the event (as written in <i>I Survived the Eruption of Mount St. Helens</i>) in her video for Storyworks.	19 Endangered Species Day: Introduce students to the 10 Most Endangered Animals in 2023 from Earth.Org. Compare current numbers to those from 10-20 years ago.	20 Mary Pope Osborne's Birthday: Check out the full list of Magic Tree House books. Invite kids to brainstorm new titles to send to the author on Twitter using #magictreehouse or @Marypopeosborne.
21 National Photography Month: Set up a photo booth in your space for students to take pictures of their favorite summertime activities. Display the photos on a bulletin board.	22 Victoria Day in Canada: This day is celebrated in Canada in honor of the birthday of their former sovereign, Queen Victoria.	23 Happy Book Birthday to A Dive into the Blue by Ellie Huiyh, illustrated by Bao Luu. This delightful lyrical picture book is about facing fears and believing in yourself.	24 Escargot Day: Share this Get Epic reading of Kevin McCloskey's <i>Snails Are Just My Speed</i> . Pair it with a fun snail craft.	25 Geek Pride Day: This holiday celebrates the evolution of geek culture worldwide. Create displays of traditionally geeky interests like robotics, tabletop games, or comic books.	26 Paper Airplane Day: Paper airplanes are becoming a lost pastime. Teach kids how to design and make them, then host an exciting race with fun prizes!	27 Is your space summer-ready? Check out some library summer reading bulletin board ideas from Pinterest.
28 Andrew Clements' Birthday (May 29): Ask kids to write stories based on a Clements title, like what happened at their <i>Lost Holiday Concert</i> or what they discovered in the <i>Lost and Found</i> .	29 Memorial Day: Share a video of Arlington National Cemetery's Changing of the Guard. Pair it with Jeff Gottesfeld's <i>Twenty-One Steps</i> to commemorate this honorable day.	30 Physical Fitness and Sports Month: Show kids that exercise can be fun with 30 Old-School Recess Games from We Are Teachers.	31 World Otter Day: Listen to The Yarn Podcast's episode with Katherine Applegate, author of <i>Odder</i> , and learn about her conservation efforts on her website.	<p><i>"So many things are possible just as long as you don't know they're impossible."</i> — The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Justeron</p>		

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