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# NEWS FROM The NEST

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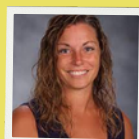
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Happy Snow Day Families!

Snow days bring opportunities for many things; sledding, building snowman or forts, curling up with a book by the fire, or family game time. Or...feeling your last nerve fraying while the kids have "I am bored" on repeat.

While not always ideal, Snow Days provide a bonus day of working on task management, catching up on late or missing work or even getting the chance to do some inquiry learning to dive into passions or interests personal to your child.

Today in the Heard house, we have cleaning in full effect...backpack, desk drawers, dresser junk drawer...pretty much anywhere that 'stuff' can be stashed. It is mindboggling to me sometimes the random collection of 'things' that can accumulate and trying to reason with why it was so important to keep or why the garbage can seemed too far away to throw something away!



## UGH!!!!!! I DON'T GET IT!

This phrase can come from either side of the kitchen counter. Parents want to help their children with their homework, but often hear "That's not how we learned it at school" or "My teacher does it differently". There are some fantastic resources to help with those homework challenges. Some are linked to the left.

## SNOW DAYS CAN BE "SNOW" FUN

60 Indoor and Outdoor Activities

18 Fun Winter Activities

## SWALLOW FUN FRIDAY SCHEDULE

February 24: Swallow Gear



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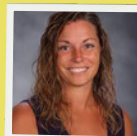
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## OTHER ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
			<b>World Read Aloud Day:</b> Authors and illustrators volunteer to read aloud to classrooms on this day. Sign up to have a volunteer visit your school at <a href="#">Kate Messner's blog</a> .	<b>Pura Belpré's Birthday:</b> Acknowledge the first Latina librarian at the New York Public Library by displaying Pura Belpré award winners, and read aloud <i>Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré</i> by Anika Denise.	<b>Wild Bird Feeding Month:</b> Winter can be a difficult time for birds to find food. Help our feathered friends with <a href="#">easy DIY bird feeders</a> from Fabulessly Frugal.	<b>Sweater Day:</b> Have students wear sweaters and read <i>Lester's Dreadful Sweater</i> by K.G. Campbell. <a href="#">Design your own sweater</a> for Lester.
		<b>“There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you.” — Maya Angel, <i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i></b>				
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>National Weatherperson's Day:</b> Can it rain cats and dogs? Have students make up wacky weather events, use green screen technology, and create their own weather forecast.	<b>Children's Authors and Illustrators Week:</b> Get inspired by <a href="#">children's book displays</a> from the Provo City Library.	<b>Happy Book Birthday to <i>Woven of the World</i></b> by Kasey Howes, illustrated by Dinara Mintalipova. This picture book explores the global artform of weaving.	<b>Black History Month:</b> Read February's Read Across America choice, <i>Because Claude</i> by Tracey Baptiste, a biography of the young activist whose arrest ultimately led to the Montgomery bus boycott.	<b>Matt de la Peña's Birthday:</b> Matt reads <i>Lost Stop on Market Street</i> aloud. Watch this video, complete with butterflies in a jar and a guitar.	<b>Tomorrow is Mo'Willems' Birthday:</b> Wish Mo a happy birthday by emailing him at <a href="#">MoMail@PigeonPresents.com</a> or by sending pictures of cards from students and patrons to his Instagram and Twitter pages.	<b>Inventor's Day:</b> Share Vivian Kirkfield's <i>From Here to There: Inventions That Changed the Way the World Moves</i> and host some of the activities from the accompanying <a href="#">teacher guide</a> .
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Super Bowl Sunday:</b> The Greenblade Snackers and the Redscakes are off to play football in Lisa Wheeler's <i>Dino-Football</i> . Who will win on Mega Bowl Sunday?	<b>Get a Different Name Day:</b> How fun would it be to have a secret agent name for a day? A magical name? Try a <a href="#">variety of name generators</a> and find out!	<b>Valentine's Day:</b> Bring a bit of creativity to this day with <a href="#">LEGO® Valentine's Day Ideas</a> for Little Hands or <a href="#">origami hearts</a> for family and friends.	<b>Library Lovers Month:</b> On paper hearts, have students write why they love the library. Form the hearts into a large heart on a bulletin board.	<b>Haiku Writing Month:</b> Let's all write Haiku! It is so much fun to do! Share with me and you.	<b>Random Acts of Kindness Day:</b> Bring awareness to your school or library with ideas from the <a href="#">Random Acts of Kindness Foundation</a> .	<b>Thumb Appreciation Day:</b> Read about the classic fairy tale <i>Tom Thumb</i> and have students make pictures with just their thumb prints.
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Great Backyard Bird Count (Feb 17-20):</b> Bring this program to your young learners with tips from <a href="#">Count Birds</a> .	<b>Presidents' Day:</b> Share an <a href="#">amazing choice board</a> from librarian Shannon McClintock Miller. Students will have fun learning about presidents, first ladies, and vice presidents.	<b>Happy Book Birthday to <i>Bravo, Little Bird!</i></b> by Annie Silvestro, illustrated by Ramon Kaulitzi. It's a story of friendship between an old man and a bird who share a love of music.	<b>George Washington's Birthday:</b> After reading a book about the first U.S. president, make a <a href="#">paper bag George Washington puppet</a> from <i>Surviving a Teacher's Salary</i> .	<b>Digital Learning Day:</b> Check out ABE's <a href="#">Digital Learning Day Resources</a> for a day packed with innovative and inspiring ideas to engage students.	<b>Tortilla Chip Day:</b> Share <i>Round is a Tortilla</i> by Roseanne Greenfield Thong, illustrated by John Parra, and host a tortilla chip taste test.	<b>Adopt a Rescued Rabbit Month:</b> Author Cynthia Lord fosters homeless bunnies. Teach kids about how she cares for them by sharing more from <a href="#">Borrowing Bunnies</a> .
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<b>Tell a Fairy Tale Day:</b> Have students act out a favorite fairy tale or fracture it for a silly retelling. Write a fairy tale using a storyboard program like <a href="#">Storyboard or Canva</a> .	<b>Happy Book Birthday tomorrow to <i>Something Wild</i></b> by Molly Ruttan. It's a story about a little girl, her violin, and overcoming stage fright.	<b>Happy Book Birthday to <i>The Fire of Stars: The Life and Brilliance of the Woman Who Discovered What Stars Are Made Of</i></b> by Kirsten Larson, illustrated by Katherine Roy.				

February 2023  
Children's Activity Calendar

# More Fun Family Ideas

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