

## Did You Know?

### Families and Reading Month






The **Keystone State Literacy Association** has proclaimed April as **Families and Reading Month!**



**KEYSTONE STATE LITERACY ASSOCIATION**

Providing Leadership in Literacy and Education for the Commonwealth

Visit the [KSLA website](http://ksla.org) to download the resources. You will find letters for teachers and families explaining the purpose of Families and Reading Month; recommended books; websites and apps for preschool, primary, intermediate, and middle school students; calendars full of fun literacy ideas; and certificates for families who participate. The family letter and calendars are available in Spanish. Feel free to share paper copies of the documents or post them electronically to your website or family communication platform. Below are some ideas for implementation in your school:

-  During morning announcements in April, share a short message each day about a different staff member and his/her favorite childhood book. Older students could interview the staff members and write the messages.
-  Create a bulletin board or webpage featuring staff members reading with their families or ask students to bring in photographs of them reading with their families for a bulletin board.
-  Ask students' family members to create videos of themselves reading their child's favorite book and share them with the class.
-  In May, announce the names of students who completed the Families and Reading Month calendars during the morning announcements or display their names on a bulletin board that families will see when they enter the school or in a message on your family communication platform.
-  Distribute the Families and Reading Month certificates at an end-of-the-year awards ceremony.

| Families and Reading Month  |     |     |     |     |     |     |
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| Primary Grades  |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| April 2021  |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <p>*Ensure your child completes the suggested activity or reads for 15 minutes each day. Initial the box for that day. If you skip a day, read for 30 minutes the following day and initial 2 days. At the end of the month, sign this calendar and return it to your child's teacher. Activities listed are not required for the Certificate of Achievement.</p> |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| SUN   | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
| 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   |
| 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  |
| 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21  |
| 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  |
| 29  | 30  |     |     |     |     |     |

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A Roadmap for Education Leaders



As LEAs plan for the school year and beyond, it is critical that educators use the planning process to reflect on successes and challenges of the school year and learn how to make instruction and assessment more engaging and effective for all students. A Roadmap is available to ensure flexibility and responsiveness to the needs of students.

[Access the recorded webinars via a playlist on PDE's YouTube channel.](#)

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National Poetry Month is the largest literary celebration in the world, with tens of millions of readers, students, K-12 teachers, librarians, booksellers, literary events curators, publishers, bloggers, and, of course, poets marking poetry's important place in our culture and our lives every April. In 2021, the Academy of American Poets looks forward to celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of this annual celebration!

**national poetry month**



-  [30 ways to celebrate National Poetry Month](#)
-  [Virtual Poetry & the Creative Mind gala on April 29](#)
-  [Poetry Near You](#)
-  [2021 Dear Poet Project](#)
-  [Sign up for Poem-a-Day](#)
-  [#NationalPoetryMonth Twitter @POETSorg](#)
-  [Poem in Your Pocket Day -- April 29](#)

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