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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>June 30 Word of the week is: Perspire</p> <p>When it's very hot, people perspire or sweat.</p>	<p>1 READ</p> <p>Hot Dog by Doug Salati</p>	<p>2 WRITE</p> <p>Practice writing with wet chalk or water outside. Does it dry up in the sun?</p>	<p>3 SING</p> <p>"Mr. Sun" by Raffi</p>	<p>4 PLAY</p> <p>in the sun and in the shade. Can you feel the difference?</p>	<p>5 TALK</p> <p>about temperatures. Do you like hot weather? How do you feel when it's hot outside?</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Bring it all together and play with shadows outside.</p>
<p>7 Word of the week is : Resilient</p> <p>To keep going even after you fail or hit an obstacle.</p>	<p>8 READ</p> <p>Don't worry little crab by Chris Haughton</p>	<p>9 WRITE</p> <p>Sketch a picture or draft a story. Take a break, then go back and work on it some more!</p>	<p>10 SING</p> <p>Sing along with Pete the Cat and his four groovy buttons by Eric Litwin.</p>	<p>11 PLAY</p> <p>Borrow a board game from the library and learn to play it with a friend or family.</p>	<p>12 TALK</p> <p>about a time you tried again after you failed. What did you do to keep yourself going?</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Bring it all together and finish your story, then share it with your friends and family.</p>
<p>14 Word of the week is: Vehicle</p> <p>Any kind of transportation.</p>	<p>15 READ</p> <p>McToad Mows Tiny Island: A transportation tale by Tom Angleberger</p>	<p>16 WRITE</p> <p>Draw pictures of the vehicles you see every day.</p>	<p>17 SING</p> <p>The classic "Wheels on the Bus" with Raffi.</p>	<p>18 PLAY</p> <p>with cars and trucks. Use tape to make roads or a town.</p>	<p>19 TALK</p> <p>about how different vehicles work. Ask if you can look under the hood of a vehicle and see the engine!</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Bring it all together and take a trip in a vehicle.</p>
<p>21 Word of the week is: Empathy</p> <p>Understanding and sharing others' feelings.</p>	<p>22 READ</p> <p>The rabbit listened by Cori Doerrfeld</p>	<p>23 WRITE</p> <p>or draw a story about how you could help a friend who was feeling sad.</p>	<p>24 SING</p> <p>"I feel better" by Caspar Babypants</p>	<p>25 PLAY</p> <p>together with friends and invite someone new to join you.</p>	<p>26 TALK</p> <p>about dealing with feelings. What things make you feel better? What things make your friends feel better?</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Bring it all together and help someone in your family or community.</p>
<p>28 Word of the week is: Exuberant</p> <p>Excited, active, and lively.</p>	<p>29 READ</p> <p>Play like an animal by Maria Gianferrari</p>	<p>30 WRITE</p> <p>Use chalk or watercolors to make big, swirly drawings.</p>	<p>31 SING</p> <p>"The animal inside you" with Frances England</p>	<p>Summer is a great time to enjoy lots of free play, reading, and interaction with your kids and students. Take walks and talk about what you see, read books and draw pictures of what you learned, make up silly songs and sing and dance together. Enjoy free play time and let kids explore and use their imaginations.</p> <p>Don't forget to visit the library for books, kits, programs, and more!</p>		

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<p>4 Word of the week is : Determination</p> <p>Being determined means to keep moving towards your goal, no matter what!</p>	<p>5 READ</p> <p>All the way to the top by Annette Bay Pimentel</p>	<p>6 WRITE</p> <p>Learn to write a new letter or word.</p>	<p>7 SING</p> <p>“Keep on the sunny side” with Elizabeth Mitchell</p>	<p>8 PLAY</p> <p>Challenge yourself to finish a project or activity that is hard for you.</p>	<p>9 TALK</p> <p>about how you can keep going when you’re tired or discouraged. What are some ways you can stay determined to finish?</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Bring it all together and work on a challenge with friends or family. Can you all work together to finish a big project like cleaning up your neighborhood?</p>
<p>11 Word of the week is: Celebrate</p> <p>People most often celebrate holidays and special events but you can celebrate anything!</p>	<p>12 READ</p> <p>Magnificent homespun brown by Samara Cole Doyon</p>	<p>13 WRITE</p> <p>Draw a picture of something special about you that you can celebrate.</p>	<p>14 SING</p> <p>Join Dan Zanes for “House Party Time”</p>	<p>15 PLAY</p> <p>a party game.</p>	<p>16 TALK</p> <p>about the holidays you and your family celebrate. What do other families celebrate?</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Bring it all together and have a party!</p>
<p>18 Word of the week is: Cooperation</p> <p>Cooperation means to work together.</p>	<p>19 READ</p> <p>Bad Drawer by Seth Fishman</p>	<p>20 WRITE</p> <p>Work together with a friend to write and illustrate a story.</p>	<p>21 SING</p> <p>a song with a friend. Try singing a round if you have a group!</p>	<p>22 PLAY</p> <p>a game that requires cooperation. Check out a HABA game from the library!</p>	<p>23 TALK</p> <p>about the ways you can cooperate with your friends, siblings, and family. Pick a project to work on and make a plan together.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Bring it all together and complete your project. Maybe you can help a neighbor or your community.</p>
<p>25 Word of the week is: Rhythm</p> <p>A rhythm is a pattern of sounds.</p>	<p>26 READ</p> <p>and sing Hen in the Bed by Katrina Charman</p>	<p>27 WRITE</p> <p>Tape or tie ribbons to a stick. Practice making lots of swirling movements.</p>	<p>28 SING</p> <p>“Head and Shoulders Knees and Toes”</p>	<p>29 PLAY</p> <p>Sing and dance along to Jim Gill’s “List of Dances”</p>	<p>30 TALK</p> <p>about what movements you can make and create your own list of dances.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Bring it all together and have a dance party! Swirl your ribbons, sing along to the music, and make up your own dance moves.</p>