**International Joke Day** Have students share a "teacher-approved" joke with the class.

*Music for Life Week* is celebrated during the first full week in July. Share various types of music such as classical, pop, rock, etc., with the class. Make a class graph titled Our Favorite

Types of Music.

**Read an Almanac Month** Place several children's almanacs in a reading center. Encourage students to read them and share the facts they learn with the class.

Stephen Foster's Birthday The songwriter was born on this day in 1826. Sing Oh! Susanna, one of his most popular songs, in his honor.

Anti-Boredom Month Have students brainstorm a list of things to do during this month. Then, create a bulletin board listing those activities.

**Beatrix Potter's Birthday** This children's author was born today in 1866. Read Peter Rabbit to the class. Then, see if students can remember all of the characters in the story. Help them make a list.

**The Adventures of Pinocchio** by Carlo Collodi was published today in 1882. Share a chapter from this book with the class.

Day-by-Day Calendar

The *first ice cream sundae* was *sold* on this day in 1881. Have the children make construction paper sundaes depicting their favorite flavors.

**National Baked Bean Month** Have students make a list of foods that go well with baked beans.

> It was a record 134Yin Death **Valley, California** on this day in 1913. Have students imagine they were in Death Valley on that day in 1913. Then, have them complete this sentence: "It was so hot you could...." Have students illustrate their sentences.

**E.B.** White's Birthday The famous author was born on this day in 1899. Read or watch Charlotte's Web in his honor.

The *Etch-A-Sketch*® toy *went on sale* on this day in 1960. Bring in an Etch-A-Sketch and let students examine it. Then, have them draw straight line Etch-A-Sketch illustrations using rulers and colored markers.

**Tennis Month** Teach students some basic tennis terms—how to keep score (love, twenty, thirty, forty, deuce, game), what it means to ace a serve, etc.

The **tape measure** was **patented** on this day in 1868. Bring in a tape measure and have students measure different classroom objects.

**Respect Canada Day** Have students research facts about Canada, such as its average temperature, size, etc., and share with the class.



- The District of Columbia was established on this day in 1790. Provide each student with a construction paper cutout of the U.S. Have them locate Washington, D.C. on a map and place a star there.
- Karla Kuskin's Birthday This children's author was born today in 1932. Share her story The Upstairs Cat with the class. Then, have students brainstorm a list of positive ways to solve problems.
- National Recreation and Parks
  Month Visit a local parks and
  recreation facility or show pictures
  of a national park.
- Susan Montgomery Williams blew a bubble gum bubble with a 23-inch diameter on this day in 1994. Blow up a balloon with a 23-inch diameter to show students the size of this recordbreaking bubble.
- Edmund Hillary's Birthday He was the first person to successfully climb Mount Everest and was born on this day in 1919. Share pictures of Mount Everest with the class.
- The **National Women's Hall of Fame** was **founded** on this day in 1979. Have students write or tell about women they admire.
- Alexander Calder's Birthday The creator of the mobile was born on this day in 1848. Have the class make mobiles by decorating sun shapes and tying them to beach pail shapes.
- National Hot Dog Month Provide a hot dog lunch for students complete with chili, mustard,

ketchup, cheese, etc. Amelia Earhart's Birthday The first woman to cross the Atlantic in an airplane was born on this day in 1898. Have students make paper airplanes and see how far they can fly.

- Puerto Rico became a commonwealth of the United States on this day in 1952. Enlarge the flag of Puerto Rico for students to color.
- Apollo 15 was launched on this day in 1971. The passengers stayed on the moon for almost three days. Have students make a list of things they would pack if they were visiting the moon for three days.
- Bugs Bunny made his debut on this day in 1940. Have students draw cartoon rabbits and share them with the class.
- Bananas first arrived in the U.S. on this date in 1871. Have students write a journal as if they were giving their first reactions to the fruit.
- **July Belongs to Blueberries Month**Treat the class to blueberry muffins to celebrate.
- Henry Ford's Birthday The inventor of the Model T car was born on this day in 1863. Have students cut out pictures of cars from the newspaper to create a car collage.
- National Barbecue Month Bring in paper plates and art materials. Have students cut out construction paper shapes of their favorite barbecue dishes, such as ribs, coleslaw, etc., to glue to the paper plates. Display on a bulletin board or wall.



