

April- Celebrate Spring

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Find A Rainbow Day - April 3rd

Activities:

Rainbow Water - All Ages

Shaving Cream Rainbow Clouds - All Ages

Rainbow Waking Water - All Ages

Books to Read:

Rainbows- Whitfield, David

It's Not All About Rainbows - Von Innerebner, Jessika

Rainbow - A First Book of Pride - Genhart, Michael

Find a Rainbow Day:

The month of April brings spring showers. After those showers, the sun comes out and a rainbow often appears. This makes today, the perfect time to celebrate Find a Rainbow Day. We don't always hope for rain in an already rainy month. But, to truly enjoy this day, you need rain to see a rainbow. And, if you are really lucky, you may see an uncommon double one. Make sure you have your camera ready, so you can capture the moment.

National Pet Day – April 11th

Activities:

[Dog Sled STEM Challenge](#) – School Aged

[Harry the Dirty Dog Thaumatrope Printable](#) – School Aged

[Make a Miniature Animal Habitat](#) – PreK – 2

Books to Read:

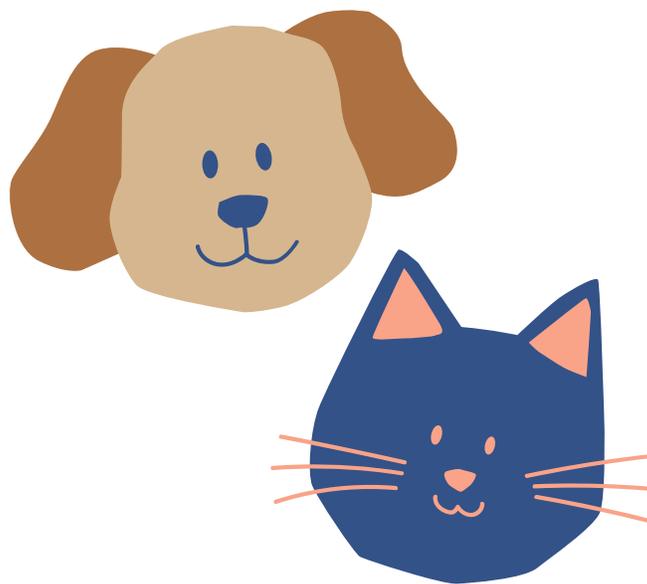
[Pets](#) – Berger, Melvin

[Sir Tony Robinson’s Weird World of Wonders](#) - Pets – Robinson, Tony

[Penelope Rex and the Problem with Pets](#) – Higgins, Ryan T.

National Pet Day

According to Colleen Paige, the creator of National Pet Day, this April 11 holiday event celebrates “the special relationship between humans and pets, and the joy pets bring to our lives”. It also raises awareness, of the plight of all types of animal pets awaiting rescue and/or a permanent home. Maybe, that home will be yours!



Bat Appreciation Day – April 17th

Activities:

[Flying Bats STEM Activity](#) – PreK

[The Science of Flight - Bats](#) – School Aged

[Flying Bat Straw Rockets](#) – School Aged

Books to Read:

[Bats – Biggest! Littlest!](#) – Markle, Sandra

[The Bat](#) – Gravel, Elise

[Night of the Bats!](#)– Eliopoulos, Nick

International Bat Appreciation Day

Let's celebrate bats today!! No, we are not going batty. We just think that bats deserve a little respect. There are many varieties of bats, some as small as your thumb. Counter to what horror movies lead us to believe, these night flyers won't bother you, if you don't bother them. However, if you've got bats in your belfry, that's a different matter altogether. So, head on outdoors after dark on this April 17 holiday, and enjoy Bat Appreciation Day.



Morse Code Day - April 27th

Activities:

[Morse Code - School Aged](#)

[Morse Code for Kids - School Aged](#)

[Crack the Morse Code - School Aged](#)

Books to Read:

[Morse Code: SOS](#)

[Super Simple Telegraph Projects - Kuskowski, Alex](#)

[Samuel Morse - Davis, Lynn](#)

Morse Code Day:

This special day centers around Samuel Morse, the communications code he created, and the magnetic telegraph machine that was first used to transmit this revolutionary means of communication from one distant location to another.

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