

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h2>April 2009</h2>			1 “We do not laugh because we are happy. Rather we are happy because we laugh.” — <i>William James</i>	2 Celebrate National Poetry Month by sharing favorite poems during circle time.	3 Have students create acrostics using the letters in their names.	4 Learn to say <i>no</i> —and mean it.
5 Look for some favorite music to keep in your classroom. Listen while you’re working after school.	6 Sometimes, allow students to decide how to practice the day’s learning.	7 Teach your students to say <i>please</i> and <i>thank you</i> in several languages.	8 Use an egg timer to motivate students to complete a task quickly.	9 Hang a clothesline across a corner to display student work.	10 Have students write a paragraph about a perfect day at school. Then make it happen.	11 Enjoy some time with nature to help you relax.
12 Do you keep a journal? It’s a great way to sort out your thoughts.	13 Create a Safekeeping Box for those “treasures” that distract students during class.	14 Create math problems using names of students in your classroom.	15 To stimulate thinking, try a “quickwrite”—five minutes for students to jot their thoughts.	16 Write a word of praise on a sticky note and attach it to a student’s desk.	17 Have students find as many words as they can within their first, middle, and last names.	18 Call a friend on the phone. Schedule a time to meet.
19 Plan a day trip to a nearby point of interest.	20 Have students create sentences that use as many letters of the alphabet as possible (using real words).	21 Invite students to make their own word search puzzle using vocabulary words.	22 Have students make recycling pledges. “We pledge to recycle paper.”	23 Turn students into water watchers. Check out faucets and fountains for drips or leaks.	24 Let students make a “brag” call to their parents when they do something great.	25 Teaching is a high-energy job. Schedule time for a catnap today.
26 The way you act teaches students how to act toward you, one another and other adults.	27 Move a student who lacks motivation to a seat close to you.	28 Have students write a “ticket out the door”—one thing they learned today.	29 Jazz great Duke Ellington was born on this day in 1899. Listen to some of his music with your students.	30 Allow students to demonstrate mastery of a subject in different ways.		