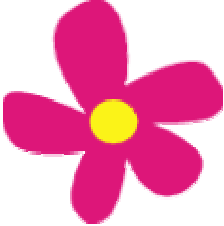
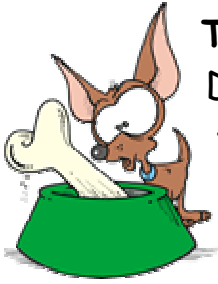


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The first week in May is Pet Week

Do you have any pets? Tell a story about your pet or about a pet you would like to have.

Draw a picture to go with your story.

Name _____

The first Tuesday in May is Teacher Day



In 1953, Congress passed "National Teacher Day", honoring American teachers who "through their dedication to children, work millions of small miracles every day."*



Do you think Teacher Day is a good idea? Why or why not? How will you observe the day?

*<http://www.nea.org>

Draw a picture of your teacher.

Name _____



The first Friday in May is Tuba Day

Can you play a musical instrument? Would you like to play the tuba? The tuba is an important piece of an orchestra, but it is very difficult to carry. Imagine that you are a tubist. What are the best and worst parts of your life? Write a story (be creative!) about tubas.

Draw a picture of yourself playing the tuba.

Name _____

**Happy
Mother's
Day!**



The second Sunday in May is Mother's Day

Mother's Day has been an official U.S. holiday since 1914. Of course, you should be grateful for your mother all the time, but Mother's Day is a special day to honor mothers.

What will you do for your mother today? Maybe you could write her a nice poem or a letter. Use this space to write a rough draft, or to write about Mother's Day in general.

Draw a picture of your mother.

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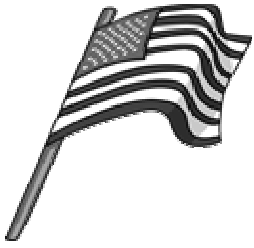
The third Saturday in May is Armed Forces Day

This is a day to honor all the members of the U.S. military, who serve the United States in war and peacetime.

What would be a good way to observe Armed Forces Day?

Draw a picture of a great Armed Forces Day celebration.

Name _____



The last Monday in May is Memorial Day

For many people, Memorial Day is part of a three day weekend marking the beginning of summer.

Memorial Day was originally intended as a day to honor all of the soldiers who had died in wars.

How will you observe Memorial Day this year?

Draw a picture of a Memorial Day celebration.

Name _____



May 1st is May Day

In some countries, May Day is a time for recognizing workers. In many countries throughout the world, May Day is a day for welcoming spring. The tradition of a Maypole dates back well over 400 years. Do you think playing around a Maypole would be fun?

Draw a picture of kids playing around a Maypole.

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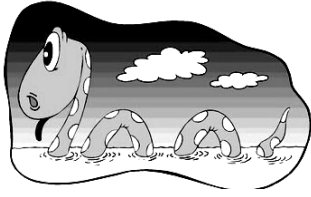
May 1st is Mother Goose Day

What do you know about Mother Goose? What is your favorite Mother Goose rhyme? Why?

learn more about Mother Goose Day at <http://www.librarysupport.net/mothergoosesociety>

Draw a picture of Mother Goose

Name _____



May 2nd - Loch Ness monster sighted

In 1933, some people believed that they saw a "monster" in Loch Ness, in Scotland. Early legends of the monster date back to 500 A.D.

As late as the 1990s, scientists were still investigating the possibility that there is or was something large and strange moving under the water. Many people believed there was a monster in the lake, or maybe a dinosaur that had survived the Ice Age.

Other people think it was all an elaborate trick, just designed to get people excited.

Have you ever seen a monster? What would you do if you saw one?

Draw a picture of "Nessie" or another monster.

Name _____



May 5th is Cinco de Mayo

What do you know about Cinco de Mayo? Learn something about this day and write about it here.

Draw a picture of a Cinco de Mayo celebration.

Name _____



May 6th is National Nurses Day

There are over 2.5 million Registered Nurses in the United States. When was the last time you saw a nurse? Did you feel better afterwards? Write a true or an imaginary story about a nurse.

Draw a picture of a nurse.

Name _____

May 8th is V.E. Day

In 1945, Germany surrendered and the Allied Forces claimed "Victory in Europe". (The Soviet Union observed this day on May 9th, but now most countries observe it on May 8th.)

How did people celebrate V.E. Day?

Draw a picture of the V.E. celebration you wrote about.

Name _____

May 8th is World Red Cross Day

Henry Dunant, who won the Nobel Peace Prize for his establishment of the International Red Cross, was born on May 8th, 1828.

The Red Cross and Red Crescent movement helps some of the poorest people in the world through blood donations, disaster management, and promoting health.

Have you ever donated blood to the Red Cross, or do you know someone who has? Would you ever do it? Why or why not?

for more information, see <http://www.ifrc.org/>

Draw a picture to go with your writing.

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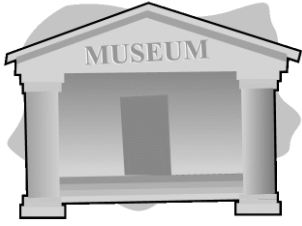


May 12th is "Yogi" Berra's Birthday

"Yogi" Berra was a baseball player and later a team owner. He was a famous baseball player, winning Most Valuable Player league awards three times, and a baseball "All Star" fifteen times. Do you like baseball? Why or why not?

Draw a picture of friends playing baseball.

Name _____



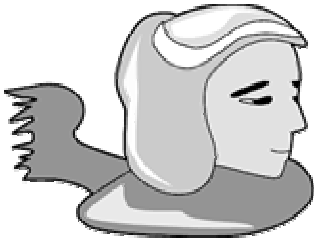
May 18th is International Museum Day

Museums make it possible for people to learn a lot about the world. We visit art museums to see paintings, sculptures, and other works of art. We can also visit science museums, history museums...

What kinds of museums do you like to visit? If you were going to design the perfect museum, what would you include?

Draw a floor design for one room in the perfect museum.

Name _____



May 21st - Lindbergh and Earhart

In 1927, Charles Lindbergh completed the first solo, non-stop, transatlantic flight.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart became the second pilot to complete this flight, and the first woman.

Use your research skills to learn more about one of these early flight pioneers, and write about what you learn.

Draw a portrait of the pilot you chose to write about

Name _____



May 25th *Star Wars* released

All of the movies in the *Star Wars* have been released in May; two of them were released on May 25th.

Have you seen any (or all) of the *Star Wars* movies? What did you think? Write a review of one (or all) of the films in the series that you have seen.

Draw a picture of a particularly memorable scene.

Name _____



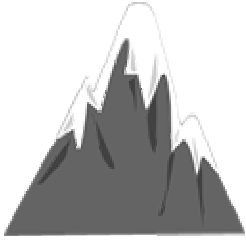
May 26th -Bram Stoker's *Dracula* published

Have you ever read *Dracula*? It was published in 1897, and it's still considered one of the best horror novels ever.

Do you like scary novels or scary films? Why or why not?

Draw a picture to go with your writing.

Name _____



May 29th -Everest summit reached

In 1953, Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay were the first people to reach the top of Mount Everest.

Mount Everest is 29,035 feet above sea level. It is the highest point on Earth.

Would you like to climb Mount Everest? Why or why not?

Draw a picture of yourself reaching the summit of Mount Everest.

Name _____



May 31st is World "No Tobacco" Day

Every year, about 3.5 million people die from tobacco related illnesses.

Imagine that you are in charge of creating an ad for World No Tobacco Day. How will you persuade people to avoid tobacco? Describe your ideas here.

for more information, see: <http://www.who.int/tobacco/en/>

Draw a poster to go with your ad.

Name _____

May 31st {Reflection}

Think about the last month. Write about all the things you enjoyed learning. Think about a few little things that you would like to keep as memories and write them down now, so that even years later you can look back and remember.

Glue or attach an article of any kind. Maybe you have a picture you would like to save. Maybe you had a really funny haircut this month and would like to save a piece of your hair. What about a really good piece of candy? Here is a great place to save the wrapper. Did you get any awards this month? Think of any simple thing you would like to keep, to remember later.