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Poetry in the Classroom Calendar

2016-2017

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- links to a related resource on poets.org
- denotes a field trip opportunity to a historic site



Welcome to our new interactive Poetry in the Classroom Calendar, designed to inspire ideas for bringing poetry into your classroom throughout the 2016–2017 academic year. Click the linked icons and text to discover related resources.

For more than five decades, we've been dedicated to serving K-12 teachers through our programs and resources. Today, we're the only poetry organization that offers materials for teachers produced by an education expert. Our Educator in Residence, Dr. Madeleine Holzer, ensures that our education content is of the highest quality.

Visit our website, Poets.org, and find over 2,000 biographies of poets, over 6,000 poems discoverable by theme and occasion, plus lesson plans, short essays on poetic terms, guides to poetic schools and movements, and more...

- Watch Our Video Guide to Poets.org, with a Special Introduction by Our Education Ambassador, Richard Blanco
- ❖ Browse Our Lesson Plans
- Read Essays on Teaching Poetry
- Sign Up for Teach This Poem
- Create a Poetry Anthology to Share with Students
- Participate in the Dear Poet Project
- Celebrate National Poetry Month
- Sign Up for Poem-a-Day
- Find Poetry Near You

We hope you have a great school year. And we're sincerely grateful for all that you do! Here's hoping our calendar makes it a little easier.

THEMES: * Back to School

National Hispanic Heritage Month

News from the Academy of American Poets 2016 American Poets Prizes Announced

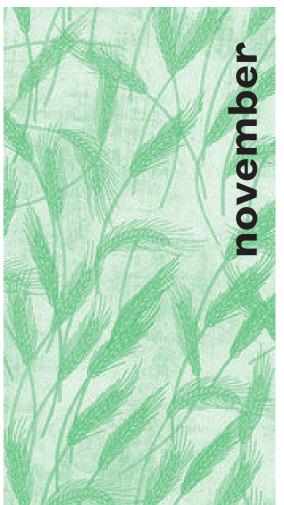
- 9 BIRTHDAY Sonia Sanchez (b. 1934) International Literacy Day
- 10 **BIRTHDAY** H. D. (b. 1886)
- 11 National Arts in Education Week Begins
- 15 BIRTHDAY Claude McKay (b. 1889)
- 17 BIRTHDAY William Carlos Williams (b. 1883)
- ❖ 22 First Day of Autumn
- ❖ 24 National Punctuation Day
 - 25 **BIRTHDAY** Shel Silverstein (b. 1930)
- ❖ Banned Books Week Begins
- ❖ 26 BIRTHDAY T. S. Eliot (b. 1888)



THEMES: * American Archives Month * Halloween

News from the Academy of American Poets
Fall-Winter American Poets Magazine Released
Poets Forum takes place at Dodge Poetry Festival 10/20-10/23

- ❖ 2 BIRTHDAY Wallace Stevens (b. 1879)
 - 5 World Teachers' Day—Thank you for all you do!
- ❖ 7 BIRTHDAY Amiri Baraka (b. 1934)
- 9 Teen Read Week Begins
- 10 Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day
- ♦ 14 BIRTHDAY E. E. Cummings (b. 1894)
 - 17 BIRTHDAY Jupiter Hammon (b. 1711)
- Black Poetry Day
- ❖ 25 **BIRTHDAY** John Berryman (b. 1914)
- ❖ 27 BIRTHDAY Sylvia Plath (b. 1932)
- ❖ 28 Statue of Liberty Dedicated, 1886
- ❖ 30 BIRTHDAY Ezra Pound (b. 1885)
- → 31 Halloween



THEMES: * Native American Heritage Month * Thanksgiving

- 1 **BIRTHDAY** Stephen Crane (b. 1871)
- 4 BIRTHDAY C. K. Williams (b. 1936)
- ► 8 Election Day
- ❖ 9 BIRTHDAY Anne Sexton (b. 1928)
- → 11 Veterans Day
 - 13 **BIRTHDAY** Robert Louis Stevenson (b. 1850)
 - 15 **BIRTHDAY** Marianne Moore (b. 1887) **BIRTHDAY** Ted Berrigan (b. 1934)
 - 23 BIRTHDAY Paul Celan (b. 1920)
- → 24 Thanksgiving
 - 28 **BIRTHDAY** William Blake (b. 1757)



THEMES: Winter

- → 1 Rosa Parks Begins the Montgomery Bus Boycott, 1955 World AIDS Day
 - 4 BIRTHDAY Rainer Maria Rilke (b. 1875)
 - 5 BIRTHDAY Christina Rossetti (b. 1830)
 - Attack on Pearl Harbor, 1941
- ❖ 8 BIRTHDAY James Tate (b. 1943)
- 9 BIRTHDAY John Milton (b. 1608)
- → 10 BIRTHDAY Emily Dickinson (b. 1830)

 Human Rights Day
 - 13 **BIRTHDAY** James Wright (b. 1927)
 - 15 **BIRTHDAY** Muriel Rukeyser (b. 1913)
 - → 21 First Day of Winter
 - 25 George Washington Crosses the Delaware River, 1776
 - 26 **BIRTHDAY** Jean Toomer (b. 1894)
 - ❖ 27 BIRTHDAY U.S. Poet Laureate Juan Felipe Herrera (b. 1948)
 - 30 **BIRTHDAY** Rudyard Kipling (b. 1865)



THEMES: New Year, Handwriting

News from the Academy of American Poets National Poetry Month Poster Request Form Opens on Poets.org

- 1 New Year's Day
- **3** 6 **BIRTHDAY** Carl Sandburg (b. 1878)
- ❖ 7 BIRTHDAY Robert Duncan (b. 1919)
- ❖ 10 BIRTHDAY Philip Levine (b. 1928)
- BIRTHDAY Robinson Jeffers (b. 1887)
- Dear Poet Project Opens on Poets.org
- ❖ 16 BIRTHDAY Laura Riding Jackson (b. 1901)
- **❖** Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 - 17 **BIRTHDAY** William Stafford (b. 1914)
- ► 18 Thesaurus Day
- **□ ♦** 19 **BIRTHDAY** Edgar Allan Poe (b. 1809)
 - 22 BIRTHDAY Lord Byron (b. 1788)
 - ❖ 23 National Handwriting Day
 - 25 BIRTHDAY Robert Burns (b. 1759)
 - 27 BIRTHDAY Lewis Carroll (b. 1832)



THEMES: ❖→Black History Month ❖Valentine's Day

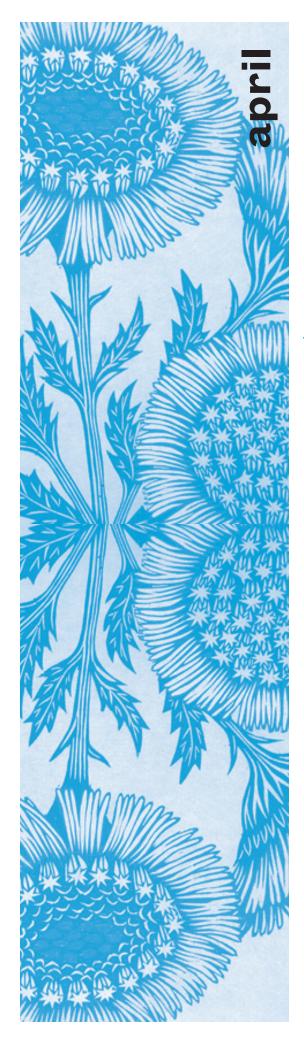
- 🖨 💠 1 BIRTHDAY Langston Hughes (b. 1902)
 - 2 BIRTHDAY James Joyce (b. 1882)
- ❖ ❖ 3 BIRTHDAY Gertrude Stein (b. 1874)
 - 8 **BIRTHDAY** Elizabeth Bishop (b. 1911)
 - → 14 Valentine's Day

 - ♦ 18 BIRTHDAY Audre Lorde (b. 1934)
- - Presidents Day
 - **21 BIRTHDAY** W. H. Auden (b. 1907)
 - 22 BIRTHDAY Edna St. Vincent Millay (b. 1892)
 - ❖ 26 Tell a Fairy Tale Day
 - **BIRTHDAY** Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (b. 1807)



THEMES: > * Women's History Month

- ❖ 1 **BIRTHDAY** Robert Lowell (b. 1917)
 - 2 BIRTHDAY Dr. Seuss (b. 1904)
- National Read Across America Day
 - 3 **BIRTHDAY** James Merrill (b. 1926)
 - 4 National Grammar Day
 - 6 BIRTHDAY Elizabeth Barrett Browning (b. 1806)
 - 8 International Women's Day
- ❖ 12 BIRTHDAY Jack Kerouac (b. 1922)
- **→ 14** Pi Day
- ❖ 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 20 First Day of Spring
- 21 World Poetry Day
- □ ❖ 26 BIRTHDAY Robert Frost (b. 1874)
- ❖ ❖ 27 BIRTHDAY Frank O'Hara (b. 1926)
 - ❖ 31 BIRTHDAY Octavio Paz (b. 1914)



THEMES: *National Poetry Month!

News from the Academy of American Poets Spring-Summer American Poets Released

- ❖ 3 **BIRTHDAY** George Herbert (b. 1593)
- 4 BIRTHDAY Maya Angelou (b. 1928)
- ❖ 7 **BIRTHDAY** William Wordsworth (b. 1770)
- 9 BIRTHDAY Charles Baudelaire (b. 1821) National Library Week Begins
 - 13 BIRTHDAY Seamus Heaney (b. 1939)
- ❖ 15 Abraham Lincoln Dies, 1865
- ❖ 18 Paul Revere's Ride, 1775
- 22 Earth Day
- 🖴 💠 23 BIRTHDAY William Shakespeare (b. 1564)

Featured Resources for National Poetry Month

- ❖ Visit Poets.org for More Ways to Celebrate
- ❖ Have your class participate in our multimedia project Dear Poet.
- Download our guide to celebrating Poem in Your Pocket Day.
- Post the new National Poetry Month poster.
- Read "How to Read a Poem" by Edward Hirsch.
- ❖ Host a student spoken word event at your school.
- ❖ Have your students read and write sonnets.
- Read an except of *The Life of Poetry* by Muriel Rukeyser.
- Sign up for Poem-a-Day to keep reading all year long.
- ❖ Share your activities with us on social media #npm17.
- ► Featured Lesson Plan: Dear Poet
- ► Featured Lesson Plan: Word Karaoke
- ► Featured Lesson Plan: Get Your Haiku On
- → Featured Lesson Plan: Guerilla Poetry
- Featured Lesson Plan: Poems about Poetry



THEMES: → Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, Get Caught Reading Month

- ❖ ❖ 1 Children's Book Week Begins
 - 2 National Teacher Appreciation Week Begins
 - 7 BIRTHDAY Robert Browning (b. 1812)
 - 9 BIRTHDAY Mona Van Duyn (b. 1921)
 - ❖ 10 BIRTHDAY Jayne Cortez (b. 1934)
 - ★ 12 Limerick Day BIRTHDAY Edward Lear (b. 1812)
 - 4 14 Mother's Day
- ❖ ❖ 16 BIRTHDAY Adrienne Rich (b. 1929)
- - **SIRTHDAY** Robert Creeley (b. 1926)
 - 24 Brooklyn Bridge Opened, 1883
 - 25 BIRTHDAY Ralph Waldo Emerson (b. 1803)
 - 28 BIRTHDAY May Swenson (b. 1913)
- ❖ 30 BIRTHDAY Countee Cullen (b. 1903)
- → ❖ 31 BIRTHDAY Walt Whitman (b. 1819)



THEMES: *LGBTQ Pride Month *Graduation

- ❖ 2 **BIRTHDAY** Thomas Hardy (b. 1840)
- ❖ ❖ 3 BIRTHDAY Allen Ginsberg (b. 1926)
 - 5 BIRTHDAY Federico García Lorca (b. 1898)
 - 7 BIRTHDAY Gwendolyn Brooks (b. 1917)
 - Gwendolyn Brooks's Centennial
 - **❖** 13 **BIRTHDAY** W. B. Yeats (b. 1865)
 - 18 Father's Day
 - 27 **BIRTHDAY** Lucille Clifton (b. 1936)
 - BIRTHDAY Paul Laurence Dunbar (b. 1872)