

# Calendar

March!





- 1<sup>ST</sup>** The first **NATIONAL PARK** in the United States was established on this day in 1872. (Ask the students to find out which park was selected.)
- 2<sup>ND</sup>** Today marks the birthdate of **THEODORE GEISEL**, who we know as **DR. SEUSS**. (Ask your students to list as many of his books as they can.)
- 3<sup>RD</sup>** Today is **DOLLS' FESTIVAL DAY** in Japan. (Ask all of your students to bring favorite dolls or stuffed toys from home to share with other members of the class.)
- 4<sup>TH</sup>** On this day in 1789, the **UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION** was put into effect. (Have students find out who was president at the time.)
- 5<sup>TH</sup>** **THE BOSTON MASSACRE**, an attack by British troops on American colonists, took place on this day in 1770. Crispus Attucks, a black adventurer, was the first to be killed. (Students might like to find out more about Attucks.)
- 6<sup>TH</sup>** "**REMEMBER THE ALAMO!**" This Texas fort in San Antonio, Texas, fell on this day in 1836 to General Santa Anna and his Mexican troops. (Ask students to find San Antonio on the classroom map.)
- 7<sup>TH</sup>** American horticulturist **LUTHER BURBANK** was born on this day in 1849. (Ask students to find out what a horticulturist does and what Burbank discovered.)
- 8<sup>TH</sup>** Today is **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY!** (Ask each student to research a famous woman that they admire.)
- 9<sup>TH</sup>** **AMERIGO VESPUCCI**, Italian navigator and explorer, was born on this day in 1454. (Encourage your students to find out what was named after this famous adventurer.)
- 10<sup>TH</sup>** **HARRIET TUBMAN**, an escaped slave that helped free more than 300 blacks, died on this day in 1913. (Ask your students to find out more about this great lady.)
- 11<sup>TH</sup>** **JOHN CHAPMAN**, better known as **JOHNNY APPLESEED**, died on this day in 1847. (If you didn't celebrate his birthday in September, celebrate today by eating an apple with your class.)

- 12<sup>TH</sup>** The GIRL SCOUTS was founded on this day in 1912. (Ask students to find out more about the organization's founder Juliet Lowe, .)
- 13<sup>TH</sup>** The planet URANUS was discovered on this day in 1781 by the German-English astronomer SIR WILLIAM HERSCHEL. (Ask students to locate Uranus on a map of our solar system.)
- 14<sup>TH</sup>** ALBERT EINSTEIN, Nobel Prize winner and father of atomic energy, was born on this day in 1879. (Have students find the meaning of the equation  $E=mc^2$ .)
- 15<sup>TH</sup>** Today is known as the IDES OF MARCH, commemorating the assassination of Roman emperor Julius Caesar in 44 B.C. (Have students locate Rome, Italy on the classroom map.)
- 16<sup>TH</sup>** JAMES MADISON, fourth president of the United States, was born on this day in 1751. (Instruct your students to find out about this president and his accomplishments in office.)
- 17<sup>TH</sup>** Today is SAINT PATRICK'S DAY! (Wear green on this day to honor the Irish gentleman who drove the snakes from Ireland.)
- 18<sup>TH</sup>** The first person to walk in space was Soviet cosmonaut ALEXEI LEONOV on this day in 1965. (Ask students to find out which American was the first to walk in space.)
- 19<sup>TH</sup>** Today marks the return of the SWALLOWS to Capsitrano, California. For more than 200 years, these birds have returned to the same location on this day, each year. (Have students find a picture of a swallow in a book at your school library.)
- 20<sup>TH</sup>** SPRING officially begins today in the Northern Hemisphere. (Have students find out which season begins in the Southern Hemisphere.)
- 21<sup>ST</sup>** Today marks the birthday of the German composer JOHANN SEBASTION BACH in 1685. (In celebration, play one of Bach's many symphonies.)
- 22<sup>ND</sup>** The famous French mime MARCEL MARCEAU was born on this day in 1923. (Encourage your students to perform their own mime acts for the class.)
- 23<sup>RD</sup>** "GIVE ME LIBERTY OR GIVE ME DEATH!" was said on this day in 1771, in a speech to the Continental Congress. (Have students find out who gave this famous speech.)
- 24<sup>TH</sup>** Today is AGRICULTURE DAY in the United States. (Ask students to list all of the essential foods that come directly from the American farmer.)

- 25<sup>TH</sup>** Today marks the birthdate of American sculptor **BUTZON BORGLUM** in 1871. He was the wonderful craftsman who created the presidential faces on Mt. Rushmore. (Ask students to find out which presidents are represented.)
- 26<sup>TH</sup>** Happy Birthday to Supreme Court Justice **SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR!** She was born on this day in 1930. (Ask students what changes they would like to make if they were to become a Supreme Court Justice.)
- 27<sup>TH</sup>** A major **EARTHQUAKE** struck the state of Alaska on this day in 1964. (Practice "duck and cover" exercises with your students.)
- 28<sup>TH</sup>** A nuclear power accident happened on this day in 1979 at **THREE MILE ISLAND**, Pennsylvania. (Ask students to list the advantages and disadvantages of nuclear power.)
- 29<sup>TH</sup>** **VIETNAM VETERAN'S DAY** is celebrated on this day by many veterans of the Vietnam War. (Ask students to locate the country of Vietnam on the classroom map.)
- 30<sup>TH</sup>** Dutch artist **VINCENT VAN GOGH** was born on this day in 1853. (Locate several prints of Van Gogh's paintings and display them on the class bulletin board.)
- 31<sup>ST</sup>** The **EIFFEL TOWER** was officially opened on this day in 1889 during the World's Fair. (Ask students to find out which European city is home to the Eiffel Tower.)

**MARCH IS ALSO.....**

**NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH**

**YOUTH ART MONTH**

**AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH**

**MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH**

**RETURN THOSE BORROWED BOOKS WEEK** (first week of March)

**NATIONAL WILDLIFE WEEK** (third week of March)