

## Activity Calendar

- **Teacher Resources for *A Family Apart***  
by Joan Lowery Nixon  
[www.randomhouse.com/teachers/resource/orphan-train-adventures](http://www.randomhouse.com/teachers/resource/orphan-train-adventures)
- **Discussion Guide for *Mr. Wuffles!***  
by David Wiesner  
[www.hmhbooks.com/wiesner/wiesner\\_dg.pdf](http://www.hmhbooks.com/wiesner/wiesner_dg.pdf)
- **National Inventors Hall of Fame**  
<http://invent.org>
- **DeColores: La Raza Experience in Children's Literature**  
<http://decoloresreviews.blogspot.com>
- **Chinese New Year Bookmarks for Year of the Goat**  
[www.activityvillage.co.uk/sites/default/files/downloads/year\\_of\\_the\\_goat\\_bookmark.pdf](http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/sites/default/files/downloads/year_of_the_goat_bookmark.pdf)
- **Activities for Babymouse and Squish Series**  
[www.randomhousekids.com/brand/babymouse-squish/activities](http://www.randomhousekids.com/brand/babymouse-squish/activities)
- **ReadWriteThink: Lesson plan on voting for grades 3–5**  
[www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/lesson-plans/voting-what-about-396.html](http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/lesson-plans/voting-what-about-396.html)
- **No Time for Flashcards: Picture Books about Presidents & Elections**  
[www.notimeforflashcards.com/2012/09/picture-books-about-presidents-and-elections.html](http://www.notimeforflashcards.com/2012/09/picture-books-about-presidents-and-elections.html)

## Character Ed

- **Wikipedia: List of languages by number of native speakers**  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_languages\\_by\\_number\\_of\\_native\\_speakers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_languages_by_number_of_native_speakers)

## The Connected Librarian

- **Flipgrid**  
<http://flipgrid.com/info>
- **Smore**  
[www.smores.com/app](http://www.smores.com/app)

- **Who Should Be on the Next US Postage Stamp? Smore**  
[www.smores.com/17bq3-who-should-be](http://www.smores.com/17bq3-who-should-be)

## Core Focus

- **Kids Music Corner: Jazz Artists**  
[http://kidsmusiccorner.co.uk/composers/jazz/#choose\\_artist](http://kidsmusiccorner.co.uk/composers/jazz/#choose_artist)
- **Ella Fitzgerald Biography**  
[www.ellafitzgerald.com/about/biography.html](http://www.ellafitzgerald.com/about/biography.html)

## Curriculum Connections

- **Beat by Beat Press**  
[www.bbbpress.com](http://www.bbbpress.com)
- **Free ESL Materials: Drama**  
<http://freeeslmaterials.com/drama.html>
- **Kids' Vid**  
<http://kidsvid.4teachers.org/index.shtml>
- **PBS Kids: Zoom**  
<http://pbskids.org/zoom/activities/playhouse>
- **Extending Readers Theatre: A Powerful and Purposeful Match with Podcasting**  
[www.readingrockets.org/article/extending-readers-theatre-powerful-and-purposeful-match-podcasting](http://www.readingrockets.org/article/extending-readers-theatre-powerful-and-purposeful-match-podcasting)
- **Science Kids: Movie Maker Digital Storytelling**  
[www.sciencekids.co.nz/studentpagesmovies.html](http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/studentpagesmovies.html)
- **TeAch-nology.com**  
[www.teach-nology.com](http://www.teach-nology.com)
- **Anatomy of a Film Script**  
[www.shortlist.com/entertainment/script-competition/the-anatomy-of-a-film-script](http://www.shortlist.com/entertainment/script-competition/the-anatomy-of-a-film-script)
- **CBBC Newsround: How Do Movies Make Money?**  
[http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/hi/find\\_out/guides/showbiz/film\\_industry/newsid\\_3523000/3523233.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/hi/find_out/guides/showbiz/film_industry/newsid_3523000/3523233.stm)
- **How Movie Distribution Works**  
<http://entertainment.howstuffworks.com/movie-distribution.htm>

- **The Film Industry Is Big Business (infographic)**  
<http://bitshare.cm/post/2082365481/the-film-industry-is-big-business-infograph>

### Freebies

- **Scholastic: History Mystery: Presidents**  
[www.scholastic.com/teachers/activity/presidents-game-1-history-mystery-activity](http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/activity/presidents-game-1-history-mystery-activity)
- **“The Dentist and the Crocodile” by Roald Dahl**  
[www.rainydaypoems.com/poems-for-kids/Roald-Dahl-Dentist-and-the-Crocodile.html](http://www.rainydaypoems.com/poems-for-kids/Roald-Dahl-Dentist-and-the-Crocodile.html)
- **Tooth Fairy Tributes**  
[www.toothfairys.net/toothfairytributes.htm](http://www.toothfairys.net/toothfairytributes.htm)
- **David Zeltser (author site)**  
[davidzeltser.com](http://davidzeltser.com)

### Gaining STEAM

- **Wonderopolis: How Are Sound Effects Made?**  
<http://wonderopolis.org/home/wonder/how-are-sound-effects-made>
- **Wonderopolis: Do Actors Do Their Own Stunts in Movies?**  
<http://wonderopolis.org/home/wonder/do-actors-do-their-own-stunts-in-movies>
- **Action Movie Creator**  
[www.action-movie-creator.com](http://www.action-movie-creator.com)
- **Animoto**  
<http://animoto.com>
- **iMovie**  
[www.apple.com/mac/imovie](http://www.apple.com/mac/imovie)
- **Movie Maker**  
<http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-live/movie-maker>

### Keep ‘Em Reading

- **List of Careers in the Film Industry**  
[www.ehow.com/list\\_6787476\\_list-careers-film-industry.html](http://www.ehow.com/list_6787476_list-careers-film-industry.html)

- **Get in Media: Film & TV Careers**  
<http://getinmedia.com/industry/film-tv>
- **Alice in Wonderland Script**  
[www.joblo.com/scripts/Alice%20in%20Wonderland.pdf](http://www.joblo.com/scripts/Alice%20in%20Wonderland.pdf)
- **Screenwriting Glossary**  
[www.screenwriting.info/glossary.php#abbreviations](http://www.screenwriting.info/glossary.php#abbreviations)
- **Simply Scripts: Movie Scripts**  
[www.simplyscripts.com/movie.html](http://www.simplyscripts.com/movie.html)

### Strengthen Your Core

- **Reader’s Theater Scripts and Plays**  
[www.teachingheart.net/readerstheater.htm](http://www.teachingheart.net/readerstheater.htm)
- **AASL Learning Standards & Common Core State Standards Crosswalk**  
[www.ala.org/aasl/standards-guidelines/crosswalk](http://www.ala.org/aasl/standards-guidelines/crosswalk)
- **Common Core State Standards**  
[www.corestandards.org](http://www.corestandards.org)
- **National Association of Colleges and Employers**  
[naceweb.org](http://naceweb.org)

### Technology

- **SuperLame!**  
[www.superlame.com](http://www.superlame.com)
- **ThingLink Education**  
[www.thinglink.com/edu](http://www.thinglink.com/edu)
- **Animoto**  
<http://animoto.com/pro/education>
- **Powtoon Education**  
[www.powtoon.com/edu-home](http://www.powtoon.com/edu-home)
- **Common Craft**  
[www.commoncraft.com](http://www.commoncraft.com)
- **Stupeflix**  
<http://studio.stupeflix.com/en/education>
- **Making Stopmotion Movies**  
<http://stopmotionmovies.yolasite.com>

- **Langwitches: Storyboarding: Pre-writing Activity**  
<http://langwitches.org/blog/2011/04/03/storyboarding-pre-writing-activity>
- **Edtechteacher**  
<http://edtechteacher.org/apps/video>
- **PBS Learning Media**  
[www.pbslearningmedia.org](http://www.pbslearningmedia.org)
- **Weavly**  
<http://weavly.com/education>
- **WeVideo**  
[www.wevideo.com](http://www.wevideo.com)
- **Kids' Vid**  
<http://kidsvid.4teachers.org>
- **Kids' Vid: Scripting**  
<http://kidsvid.4teachers.org/scripting.shtml>
- **Reederama: Making Videos on Science Topics**  
<http://reederama.blogspot.com/2014/05/we-are-creation-station-making-videos.html>

### Tips from the Trenches

- **Digital Storytime**  
<http://digital-storytime.com>
- **Little eLit**  
<http://littleelit.com/app-lists-reviews>
- **Smart Apps for Kids**  
[www.smartappsforkids.com](http://www.smartappsforkids.com)
- **AppStar Picks**  
[www.appstarpicks.com](http://www.appstarpicks.com)
- **LM\_NET**  
[www.lm-net.info](http://www.lm-net.info)
- **Through the Looking Glass: Author and Illustrator Birthdays**  
<http://lookingglassreview.com/books/authors-illustrators/birthdays>
- **Book Release Calendar**  
<https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=5n3m4522bidf16damifeio1g7k%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/Chicago>

- **Mindfulness, Work, and You!**  
<http://www.mindful.org/at-work/in-the-workplace/mindfulness-work-and-you>