



EVENTS THIS MONTH

Black History Month

**National Children's
Dental Health Month**

2/1

**Chinese New Year/
Lunar New Year**

2/2

Groundhog Day

2/3

100th Day of School

2/14

Valentine's Day

2/21

SCHOOL CLOSED

President's Day

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Our shortest month of the year is jam packed with exciting holidays & events. From Black History Month to Lunar New Year and Dental Health Month among other celebrations, we all have numerous opportunities for rich learning experiences, and we are so thrilled!



Welcome to the year of the Tiger, 2022! Specifically, the Water Tiger. In addition to the 12-year cycle of zodiac animal signs, there's also a cycle of 5 elements: Wood, Fire, Earth, Metal & Water. All together creating a 60-year cycle. The water tiger is action-oriented and represents strength, clearing away evil and bravery.

Cultures celebrating Lunar New Year have different ways of greeting each other during the holiday. In Mandarin, a common way to wish family and close friends a happy New Year is "Xīnnián hǎo," meaning "New Year Goodness" or "Good New Year." Another greeting is "Xīnnián kuàilè," meaning "Happy New Year."

Birth years of the Tiger: 2022, 2010, 1998, 1986, 1974, 1962, 1950, 1938

Source: [history.com/topics/holidays/chinese-new-year](https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/chinese-new-year)



LOOK WHO'S TURNING

3! – Imogen L., Nolan B., Grayson C., Darywn S.

4! – Luxe M., Elise & Vesper C., Beckett S., Jagger W.L.

5! – Parker F., Skye S.

OVERHEARD IN THE CLASSROOM:

Teacher passes out bunny crackers...

Child: "I've never had rabbits before!"

LATE STARTS

Don't forget your child's late start day for this month, they may arrive **no earlier than 9am** on that day. This is when your child's teachers have their monthly meeting.

2's: Tuesday, February 8th

3's: Tuesday, February 15th

4's: Tuesday, February 22nd



Black History Month

“Black Health & Wellness”

This year the theme explores “the legacy of not only Black scholars and medical practitioners in Western medicine, but also other ways of knowing (e.g., birth workers, doulas, midwives, naturopaths, herbalists, etc.) throughout the African Diaspora. The 2022 theme considers activities, rituals and initiatives that Black communities have done to be well.”

[Asalh.org/black-history-themes/](https://asalh.org/black-history-themes/)

<https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month>

ARTIST FEATURE: BASQUIAT

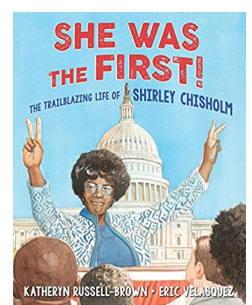
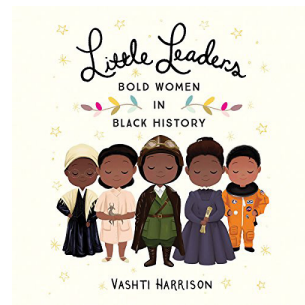
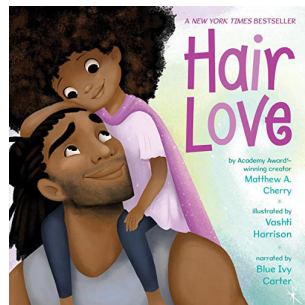
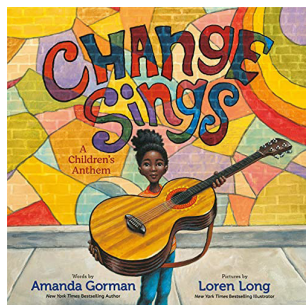
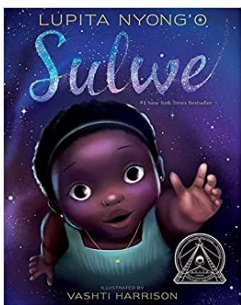
Born December 22, 1960 in Brooklyn, NY, Jean-Michel Basquiat would show his artistic leanings by age 4. At 8 years old after getting hit by a car and a month-long hospital stay, he found a deep inspiration in the book “Gray’s Anatomy.”

1980 marks the first time his art is publicly displayed in the “Times Square Show.” After high recognition, he leaves his band Gray and goes on to be featured in numerous exhibitions with his first solo exhibition in the US taking place in 1982. The next several years were a creative explosion and he achieved worldwide fame with his use of color, marks, form and text.



Sources: <https://www.basquiat.com/about/> <https://www.moma.org/artists/370>

RECOMMENDED CHILDREN’S READS FROM BLACK AUTHORS:



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