



BOOKS TO READ!

- Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin Jr.
- A Color of His Own* by Leo Lionni
- The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt
- Elmer* by David McKee
- Freight Train* by Donald Crews
- Go Away, Big Green Monster* by Ed Emberley
- I Ain't Gonna Paint No More!* by Karen Beaumont
- Kitten's First Full Moon* by Kevin Henkes
- Little Black Crow* by Chris Raschka
- Mr. Tiger Goes Wild* by Peter Brown
- One* by Kathryn Otoshi
- The Pink House* by Kate Salley Palmer
- Pinkalicious* by Victoria Kann
- The Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister
- You Can't Take a Balloon into the Metropolitan Museum* by Jacqueline Preiss Weitzman

The Gullah Culture

The term Gullah describes communities of people who live on the Sea Islands of South Carolina and Georgia. The unique blend of the West African culture, combined with European and Native American influences resulted in the distinct culture and language that is known as Gullah. Gullah traditions are the custom, beliefs and ways of life that have been passed down among Sea Island families. Making sweetgrass baskets, quilting and knitting fishing nets are a few of the crafts that parents and grandparents teach children. Folklore, stories, and songs were handed over the generations.

February: Colors

South Carolina Spotlight: Ron and Natalie Daise

Storyteller and author Ron Daise and his wife Natalie perform around the country with their Sea Island Montage performances, which include singing, dancing, and storytelling focused on Gullah heritage. Ron and Natalie also starred in the award winning Nick Jr. show, *Gullah Gullah Island* and continue to share the joy of learning about the Gullah culture through books, music, and crafts. They live in Beaufort, South Carolina with their children.

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

<p>Science Day! Do you know the colors that make the rainbow? R- Red O- Orange Y- Yellow G- Green B- Blue I- Indigo V- Violet Also known as the Color Spectrum! Draw a rainbow using those colors.</p>	<p>Make a giant heart for your library or librarian. Take it to them the next time you visit and tell them why you love your library!</p>	<p>Today's color is red. Get your heart rate up by doing jumping jacks! Have your child spell their name or count while they jump.</p>	<p>Today's color is yellow. Think of all the flowers that might be yellow or have yellow in them. Did you know the state flower of South Carolina is a Yellow Jessamine? Have you ever seen one?</p>	<p>The color of the day is gray. Castles are often gray and made of stone. Can you draw a castle and then make up a story about the family that lives in the castle?"</p>	<p>The color of the day is blue like the sea. Sing <i>A Sailor Went to Sea</i> and use hand motions. A sailor went to sea sea sea To see what he could see see see. But all that he could see see see Was the bottom of the deep blue sea sea sea.</p>	<p>Visit Your Library! Check out some books from this month's booklist. If possible, get <i>I Ain't Gonna Paint No More!</i>, <i>Kitten's First Full Moon</i>, <i>Little Black Crow</i> and <i>Mr. Tiger Goes Wild</i>.</p>
<p>Make some paint from yogurt and food coloring! If you don't have yogurt, use shaving cream. If you have a copy, read <i>I Ain't Gonna Paint No More!</i></p>	<p>The color of the day is white. Make little snowmen out of cotton balls and practice your counting. What are your favorite things that are white?</p>	<p>Make Valentine cards together. Give them to people in your family or to your friends.</p>	<p>Today you get to pick the color of the day! Point out things that are your color. Help your child write their name using their color. Cut it out and hang it up!</p>	<p>Today's color is plum. Little Jack Horner Sat in a corner Eating his Christmas pie. He put in his thumb And pulled out a plum And said "what a good boy am I!"</p>	<p>Today's colors are black and white. Some books are illustrated in only black and white. Look through your books to find one. If you have a copy, read <i>Kitten's First Full Moon</i>. Ask your child to tell you the story.</p>	<p>Color Storytime! Pretend you're a librarian and have a story time for your family and stuffed animals.</p>
<p>Today's color is brown. Make up a teddy bear action rhyme! For young ones, try bouncing them up and down and clapping hands.</p>	<p>Today's color is tan. Try saying this tongue twister five times: She sells sea shells by the sea shore!</p>	<p>The color for the day is navy blue. Spend some time looking through magazines or books and seeing all the things that are navy blue. What is your favorite? Talk about how this shade of blue is called navy blue.</p>	<p>The color of the day is lime green. Talk about all the things that grow! How many are lime green?</p>	<p>Today's color is gold. Let's make a baggy fish! Take a brown paper bag and fill it with newspaper. Tie the end of the bag with a twist tie or rubber band. Cut the end part into two fins. Decorate your fish using gold and your other favorite colors!</p>	<p>Make bubbles with dish soap and water. What colors are your bubbles? Sing a song about bubbles while you pop them!</p>	<p>Today's color is pink. Do <i>This Little Piggie</i> on your child's fingers or toes.</p>
<p>Today's color is black. Go outside or look out your window and see what kinds of birds you can see. Do you see any birds that are black? If you have a copy, read <i>Little Black Crow</i>.</p>	<p>Today's colors are pastels. Rose, peach and lavender are examples of pastels. If you want to make your own pastel eggs: Boil the eggs and once they are cool dip them in a cup with vinegar and a few drops of food coloring.</p>	<p>The colors for today are silver and gold. Do you know the friendship song? Make new friends but keep the old. Some are silver, the other are gold. If you have several people, try singing the song in a round.</p>	<p>Today's color is orange. Read <i>Mr. Tiger Goes Wild</i>. Talk about his feelings throughout the book. How did the book make you feel?</p>	<p>Multi-color day! Can you think of an animal that has many colors? If one doesn't come to mind, create your own animal and make up a story about where it lives. Draw the animal and all the colors that make it beautiful.</p>	<p>Spend time cutting up a newspaper or magazine looking for the letters in your name. Try to find all different color letters. Glue them onto paper for your very own name plate.</p>	<p>Gather all the books and magazines around your house and pretend that it's a library. Sign up family and friends for library cards and let them check out books.</p>
<p>Today's colors are neon- which are very bright shades. Can you think when you might see neon colors? Can you make up a rhyme about neon colors? For little ones, try bouncing them on your knees to the rhythm of all the neon colors you can think of!</p>	<p>Use your yogurt paint from earlier this month and place it in zip lock bags. Seal them with as little air as possible. Your child can practice writing their letters on the bag.</p>	<p>Write out the names of different colors. Have your child trace the words in the matching color. For little ones, use specific colors when talking about objects today, like green tree, red ball, or blue shirt.</p>	<p>Can you make a butterfly out of shades of purple? Try making different shades and then paint some butterflies.</p>	<p>Primary colors The three basic colors that make up every other color are: red, yellow, and blue. Mix the paint of two primary colors to create secondary colors!</p>	<p>Flip through the calendar and ask your child to point out their favorite colors. Throughout the day look for those colors!</p>	<p>An Alphabet of Colors! Starting with A, go through the alphabet and see if you and your child can name a color for every letter!</p>