

OCTOBER DIGITAL BULLETIN BOARD

Keep students engaged during checkout

Printable Activities

Celebrate 11 October Holidays & National Days

Grades 2-5

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Are pumpkins fruits or vegetables?

(answer on next slide)



RECOMMENDED READS
"October Celebrations"

NATIONAL PIZZA MONTH
Pizza! A Slice of History (Pizzoli)
The First Cat in Space: Ate Pizza (Ba)
Pizza: The Cool Stories and Facts B
Every Slice (Towler)
Pizza and Taco series (Shaskan)

WORLD SLOTH DAY
Anteaters, Eats & Boss: The Amaz
Rainforest from the Forest Floor
Treatops (Munro)
A Little Book of Sloth (Cooke)
Happy Sloth Day (Sayre)
The Adventures of Dr. Sloth: Peds
and Her Quest to Protect Sloth
(Eslerthas)

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK & M
The Littlest Drop (Aper)
Once Upon a Forest (Fong)
Hummingbird Season (Luciano)
Spark and Creatures (Lorentz)
Wayne and Creatures (Davis)
Partly Cloudy (Baro)
Wildfire (Baro)
The Burning Season (Rose)
When Giants Burn (Nobel)

NATIONAL DESSERT DAY
Pie (Bardhan-Quale)
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LET'S TALK ABOUT...OCTOBER!
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Here are some ways to celebrate October at home...

October Quiz

October Picture Books

- Pizza! A Slice of History by Greg Pizzoli
- Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert
- If You Go Down to the Woods Today by Rachel Piercy
- The Tale of Mandarin Duck by Bette Midler

Sign Language - "Apple"

- Close your right hand.
- Touch your cheek with your index finger knuckle.

SCAVENGER HUNT
Color the images as you see them in the presentation. Can you find them all?

SCAVENGER HUNT
How many of these pictures and facts can you find in the October slides?

About how many years do owls live in the wild?

What is the flower of October?

The second week of October is _____ Prevention Week

When is National Dessert Day?

Who was Pablo Picasso?

Let's draw a scarecrow!

1. _____
2. _____

Birthdays

- ndhi - October 2, 1869
- Tyson - October 5, 19
- October 8, 1985
- velt - October 11
- October 25, 18

Dates

- free Day - October 1

Mrs. READER PANTS

ENGAGE STUDENTS DURING CHECKOUT

Got checkout chaos? You're not alone!

My Digital Bulletin Boards keep students engaged and entertained during checkout. Students and staff love watching the slideshow, and a fun scavenger hunt activity is included!

TRIVIA QUESTION



Italian flag

Which country's flag looks very similar to the Italian flag?

- a. Mexico
- b. Canada
- c. Spain
- d. Japan

(answer on next slide)

OCTOBER IDIOM

"skeleton key"

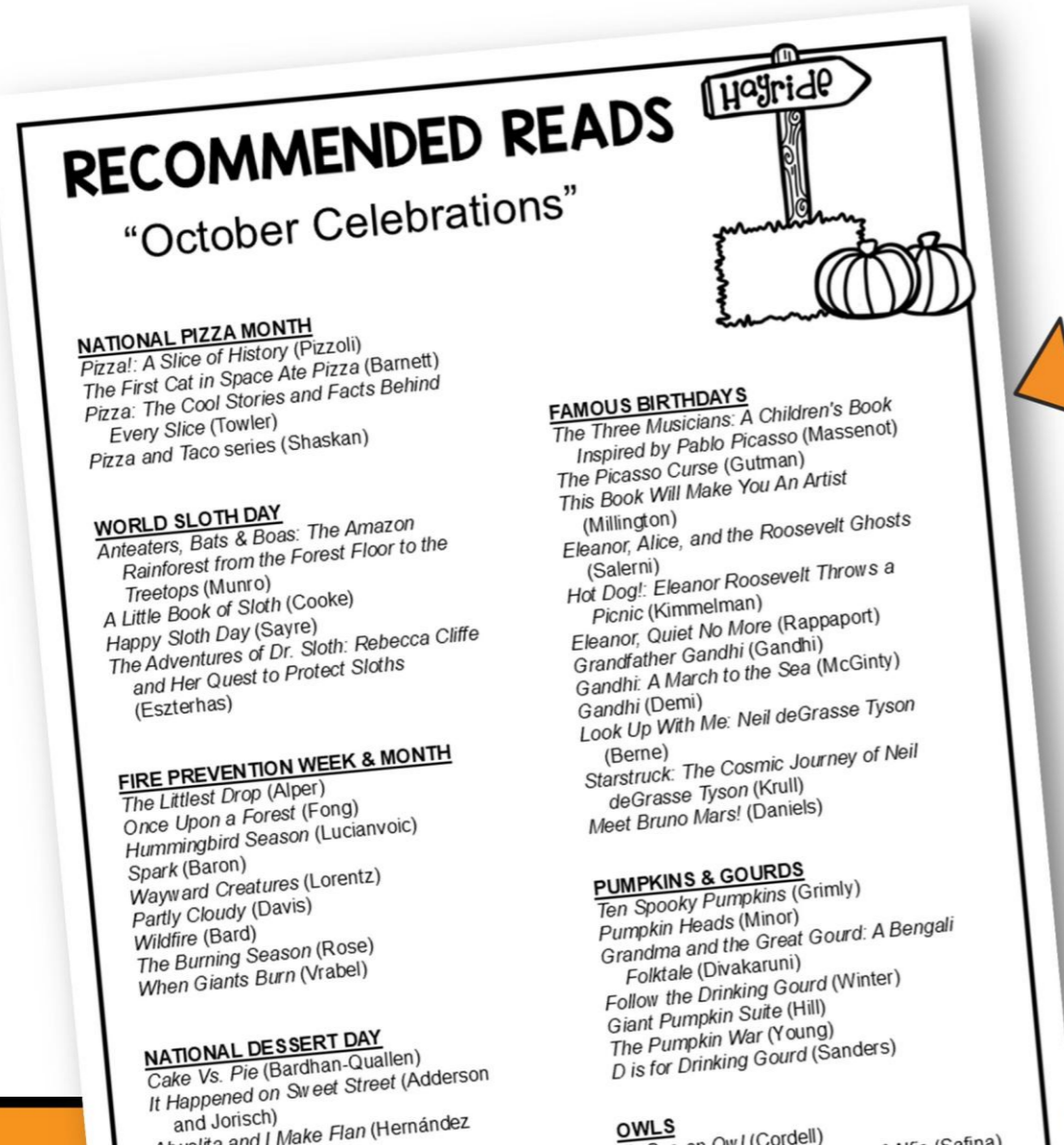
A **skeleton key** is a special key that can open many locks.

We can also use it to mean something that helps you solve lots of problems.

Example: Reading every day can be a **skeleton key** to learning new things.



HERE'S WHAT YOU'LL GET



Editable slideshow (51 student slides)



List of 48 Recommended Reads for Grades 2-5



2 Differentiated Scavenger Hunt activities



Take-Home Extension Activities (2 pages)



October Calendar of Dates

INCLUDES 11 CELEBRATIONS

- National Pizza Month
- World Vegetarian Month
- Fire Prevention Month and Week
- Oktoberfest (last 2 weeks of September, but it goes into early October)
- Sukkot (dates vary, but at least partially in October)
- International Coffee Day (1st)
- Thanksgiving in Canada
- National Dessert Day (14th)
- World Sloth Day (20th)
- Orionid Meteor Shower (around 20th – 22nd)
- Halloween (31st)
- Plus 5 famous October birthdays!

WOULD YOU RATHER...



Sip a cup of hot chocolate
on a chilly October day

OR



Sip a cold milkshake
on a hot July day

TRIVIA ANSWER

How many days are in October?

ANSWER: 31 days!

Remember the rhyme...

30 days hath September,
April, June, and November
All the rest have 31
(except February, which has 28)



WHAT TO DO AFTER CHECKOUT

Printable activities give students something to do after they finish checking out.

Name _____ Teacher _____

SCAVENGER HUNT

Color the images as you see in the presentation. Can you find _____



stop sign



fire

Name _____ Teacher _____

SCAVENGER HUNT

How many of these pictures and facts can you find _____

About how many years do owls live in the wild? _____



What is the flower of October? _____



Name two favorite _____

ANSWER KEY

Name _____ Teacher _____

SCAVENGER HUNT

How many of these pictures and facts can you find _____

About how many years do owls live in the wild? _____



Fire

5-12 years

The second week of October is _____ Prevention Week.

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October Quiz

- Was Johnny Appleseed a real person?
- Name four colors traditionally associated with October.
- Pumpkins, squashes, and cucurbits are all types of _____.
- Are pumpkins fruits or vegetables?
- What animal is the slowest in the world?



(answers)

Homemade Apple Pie

- You will need:
- Apples
 - Cinnamon
 - sugar

October Picture Books

Let's draw a scarecrow!

1	2
3	4
5	6
7	

October Birthdays

KEEP TRACK WITH CALENDARS

Calendars are pre-filled with the featured celebrations and are editable.



PUMPKIN PATCH

OCTOBER 2025

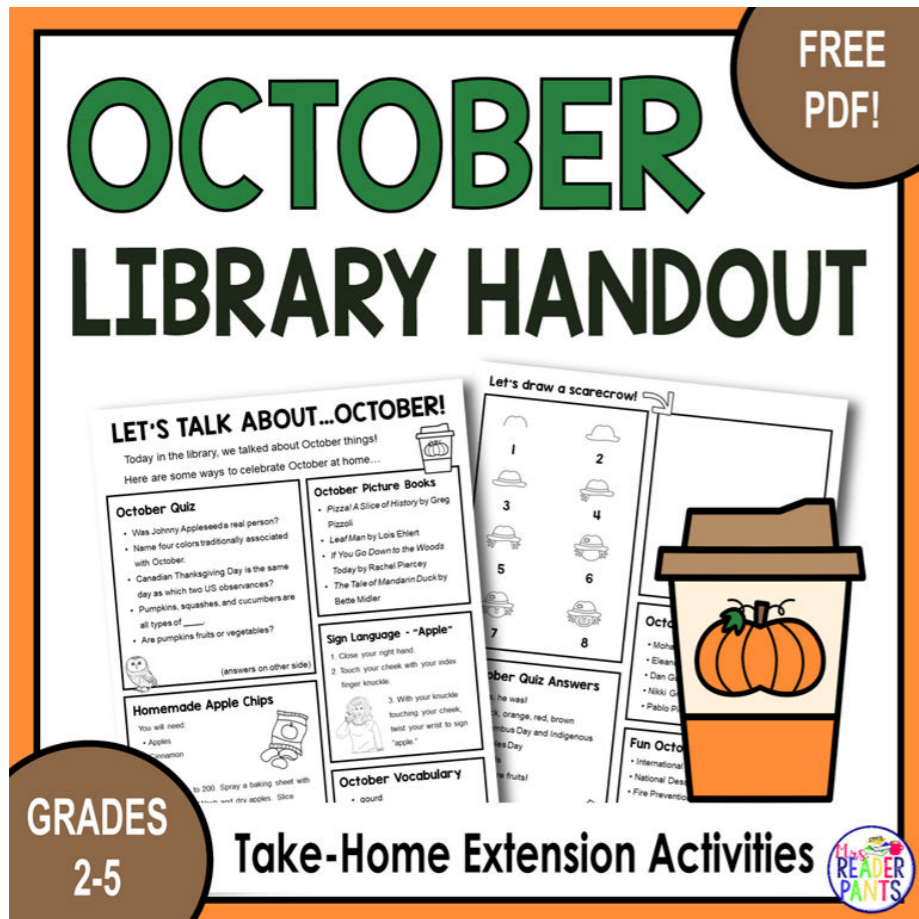
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
National Pizza Month Fire Prevention Month World Vegetarian Month Oktoberfest (Sep 20 – Oct 5)			1 International Coffee Day	2 Mohandas Gandhi's birthday (1869)	3	4
5 Fire Prevention Week Neil deGrasse Tyson's birthday (1958)	6 Sukkot begins	7	8 Bruno Mars' birthday (1985)	9	10	11 Eleanor Roosevelt's birthday (1884)
12	13 Thanksgiving in Canada	14 National Dessert Day	15	16	17	18
19	20 World Sloth Day	21	22	23	24	25 Pablo Picasso's birthday (1881)
26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	

Editable in PPT and Google Slides. Easy to add your own holidays and celebrations!

Includes October pre-filled calendars through 2028, plus a blank template for any year.

NOT SURE? TRY A FREEBIE?

You can assess the quality of this resource by downloading one of the printable activities!



FREE PDF!

OCTOBER LIBRARY HANDOUT

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October Quiz

- Was Johnny Appleseed a real person?
- Name four colors traditionally associated with October.
- Canadian Thanksgiving Day is the same day as which two US observances?
- Pumpkins, squashes, and cucumbers are all types of _____.
- Are pumpkins fruits or vegetables?

October Picture Books

- Pizza! A Slice of History by Greg Pizzoli
- Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert
- If You Go Down to the Woods Today by Rachel Pierce
- The Tale of Mandarin Duck by Belle Miller

Sign Language - "Apple"

- Close your right hand.
- Touch your cheek with your index finger knuckle.
- With your knuckle touching your cheek, bend your wrist to sign "apple".

Homemade Apple Chips

You will need:

- Apples
- Oil

Preheat oven to 200°. Spray a baking sheet with oil. Slice apples into thin slices. Dry apples. Slice.

October Vocabulary

- acorn

Let's draw a scarecrow!

1. Draw a head.
2. Draw a body.
3. Draw a neck.
4. Draw a hat.
5. Draw a shirt.
6. Draw a pair of pants.
7. Draw a pair of shoes.
8. Draw a face.

October Quiz Answers

1. He was!
2. orange, red, brown
3. Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples Day
4. fruits!

Fun October

- International Day of the Girl
- National Day of the Girl
- Fire Prevention Week

GRADES 2-5

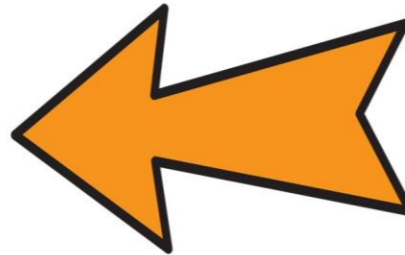
Take-Home Extension Activities

THE READER PANTS

The Take-Home Extension Activities are designed to send home with students after the lesson.

They are editable in the paid version of this resource.

The Freebie version is not editable.



**Click here to
download the
freebie!**

WHAT OTHER LIBRARIANS ARE SAYING...



“I love her Digital Bulletin boards and I am so thankful for them! We have them going on the TV's in the library. The students and staff love them. Thank you!”

~Julie A. (used with Grades 2-5)



“My students and staff at the school really enjoy reading and learning new information from these digital boards.”

~Tracy C. (used with Grades 1-6)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Does this resource include lots of Halloween slides?

No – Halloween is only mentioned on two slides. The focus is on other October celebrations. I have a separate [Halloween Digital Bulletin Board for Grades 3-6.](#)

Can I use this with middle schoolers?

You can! These slides are also engaging for middle school. However, the Recommended Reads only includes titles for Grades 2-5.

Is this resource editable?

Yes – all text is editable in PPT and Google Slides.