Jacob Grimm, one of the Grimm brothers, was born on January 4.

Lewis Carroll, author of Alice in Wonderland, was born on January 27.

January 23 is Chinese New Year.

February 7 is Charles Dickens’ 200th birth anniversary.

February 14 is St Valentine’s Day.

March 1 is World Literacy Day.


World Poetry Day is celebrated on March 21.

British artist and illustrator Randolph Caldecott was born on March 22, 1846.

March 22 is World Water Day. March 31 is Earth Hour.

April 2 is International Children’s Book Day. Hans Christian Andersen was born on this day in 1805.

William Shakespeare was baptized on April 4, 1564.

In May 1963 Maurice Sendak changed the title for his new book again!

May 5 is Leo Lionni’s birthday.

May 12 is Limerick Day in honour of Edward Lear.

June 5 is World Environment Day.

On June 12 Anne Frank received her famous diary.

Caldecott Medal winner Chris Van Allsburg was born on June 18.

Children’s book author Eric Carle was born on June 25.

Children’s publisher John Newbery was born on July 21 in 1713.

Olympic Games are held July 27 - August 12.

Emily Brontë was born in Yorkshire on July 30, 1818.

Charlotte Brontë, age 8, was sent to boarding school on August 10, an experience that would inspire her novel Jane Eyre.

First English printer John Caxton was born on August 13, 1422.

Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley was born in London on August 30 in 1796.

International Literacy Day is celebrated on September 8.

World acclaimed children’s author Roald Dahl was born on September 13 in 1916.

Multi-faceted artist Shel Silverstein was born on September 25, 1930.

October 2 is International Day of Non-Violence.

October 5 is UN World Teacher’s Day.

Poet William Blake was born on November 28 in 1757.

International Children’s Day is celebrated on November 20.

December 3 is International Day of People with Disabilities.

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