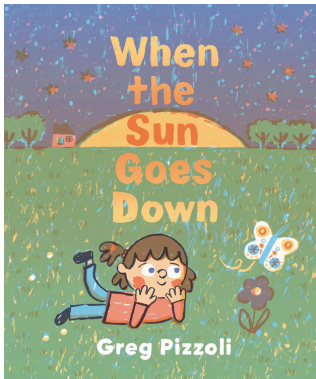


# MAY

Happy May! Celebrate National Story Month and Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in May. You can read a book for Mother's Day, Frog Jumping Day, and World Bee Day this month as well!



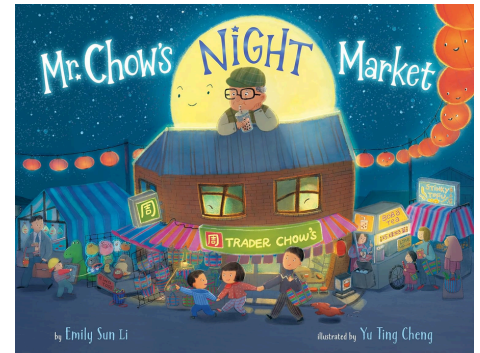
***When the Sun Goes Down***  
by Greg Pizzoli

The sun is going down and creatures outside and inside the house are ready for sleep. But where do they go? Find out in this new story that's perfect for bedtime.



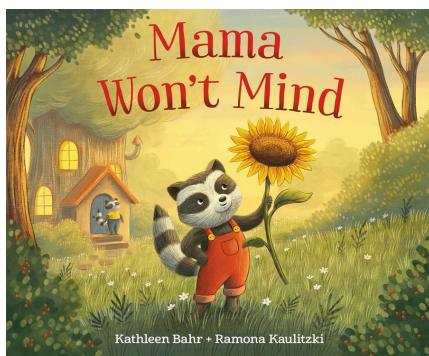
***Let's Be Bees***  
by Shawn Harris

Try this fun-filled read for World Bee Day on May 20<sup>th</sup>! Playing pretend is the best, especially with your favorite grown up! See what else you can be throughout this fun story.



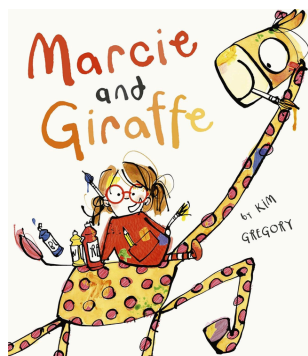
***Mr. Chow's Night Market***  
by Emily Sun Li

Mr. Chow lives for the night! Too bad he owns a supermarket and has to wake up very, very early. Mr. Chow hates mornings and so does his store!



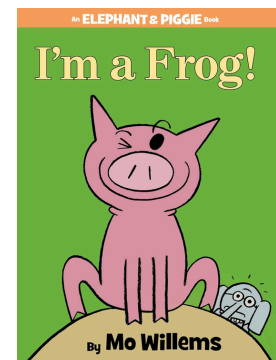
***Mama Won't Mind***  
by Kathleen Bahr

Celebrate Mother's Day with this sweet story about picking a gift for Mom. Mama won't mind if we share some of her gift with friends, will she?



***Marcie and Giraffe***  
by Kim Gregory

Marcie has painted a picture of Giraffe. At first, she loves it! But when Giraffe paints a picture of Marcie, she's not so sure. Can Marcie and Giraffe figure out a way to enjoy making art together?



***I'm a Frog!***  
by Mo Willems

Celebrate Frog Jumping Day on May 13<sup>th</sup> with this fun story about playing pretend. Pretend to be a frog along with Elephant and Piggy!

# Daily Fun with Your Little One!

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MONDAY

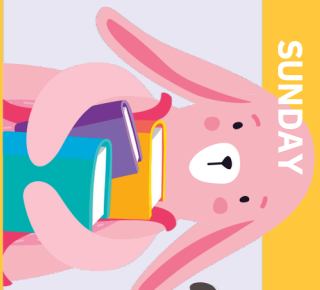
TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



**Help your child get ready to read!**  
Each day features a fun activity that will help your child build pre-reading skills. Activities are color-coded by skill. Ask your children's librarian for more ideas on how to promote early literacy skills with daily activities at home.



**1 Rhymes**  
Happy May Day! How many words can your child rhyme with the word "May"?

**2 Writing**  
Look at a map and see where you live. Have your child draw a picture of your home.

**3 Stories**

Read half of a story to your child, then ask her to make up the ending.

**4 Reading**

Children's Book Week starts today. Celebrate by reading your child's favorite book together.

**5 Play**

Hop, flutter, or wiggle! Have your child pretend to be a springtime animal. Ask him how he would move and what hewould sound like.

**6 Math**

Help your child create color patterns with blocks or paper strips: red, orange, yellow. What comes next? Let her design her own repeating pattern.

**7 Writing**

Pick a letter and have your child draw or list three things that start with that letter.

**8 Reading**

Visit your library and check out books about birds, bugs, or spring that you can read aloud together!

**9 Stories**

Read the classic picture book by Margaret Wise Brown, *Two Little Trains*. Ask your child to tell you a story about where he wants to take a train trip.

**10 Sounds**

There are so many sounds of spring. Go on a listening walk. Ask your child about what she hears and to describe the sounds.

**11 Writing**

What's the weather like outside? Have your child draw what he sees: sunshine, rain, rainbows, clouds, etc.

**12 Rhymes**

Say: "I planted a cat in my garden!" Replace cat with rhyming words: *hat, bat, mat*. Giggles welcome.

**13 Stories**

Read spring-themed stories to your child and ask her to share her thoughts.

**14 Play**

For Dance Like a Chicken Day, play Chicken Dance and Freeze with your child! Flap and waddle to music, then freeze into a letter shape when the music stops.

**15 Sounds**

Stomp out a simple beat. Invite your child to copy it. Try patterns like stomp-stomp-pause or stomp-pause-stomp. Switch roles and let your child lead.

**16 Reading**

It's Love a Tree Day. Read *Trees Make Perfect Pets* by Paul Czajak and Cathy Genpron with your child. Or listen to the read-aloud on YouTube @ danareadsforliteracy.

**17 Math**

Take a color or shape walk. Show your child pictures of a shape or color and then go on a hunt around your yard or neighborhood to find items that are that shape or color!

**18 Play**

Pick a sunny day to head outside and look at your shadows. Ask your child to make their shadow jump, wiggle, or stretch. Try stepping on each other's shadows for a game of shadow tag.

**19 Songs**

Sing The Green Grass Grew All Around: "A Bird in the egg, in the nest, on the branch, on the limb, on the tree, in the hole in the ground." Can you remember the growing list?

**20 Science**

For World Bee Day, head outside to spot bees. Talk about what the bees are doing, where they land, and how they move.

**21 Rhymes**

It's Pet Month. Name pets like cat, dog, or fish. Ask your child to think of words that rhyme (cat-hat, dog-log, fish-wish). Silly words count!

**22 Math**

Arrange the shoes in your house from smallest to biggest.

**23 Writing**

For World Turtle Day, draw a turtle and help your child label parts like the shell and legs.

**24 Play**

It's Scavenger Hunt Day. Print out some pictures of bugs. Go outside with your child to find them.

**25 Songs**

Sing a short line like, "Hello sunshine, warm and bright," and have your child echo it back.

**26 Math**

Talk (and count) May numbers with your child: May is the fifth month of the year, the second month of spring, and has 31 days.

**27 Reading**

It's World Otter Day. Talk about how otters move: *slide, splash, dive, float*. Have your child act out the words. Can he think of another movement word?

**28 Sounds**

Say words and clap the syllables together: flower (2), garden (2), sun-shine (2), base-ball (2).

**29 Science**

Let your child draw outside using sidewalk chalk. Give her a spray bottle to mist the chalk with water, making it like paint! Watch it dry in the sun!

**30 Play**

Go outside for scarf toss fun! Gently toss lightweight scarves up into the air and watch them swirl and float like butterflies. Can your child catch one before it lands?

**31 Reading**

Today is May's second full moon. Read Cynthia Rylant's *Long Night Moon*

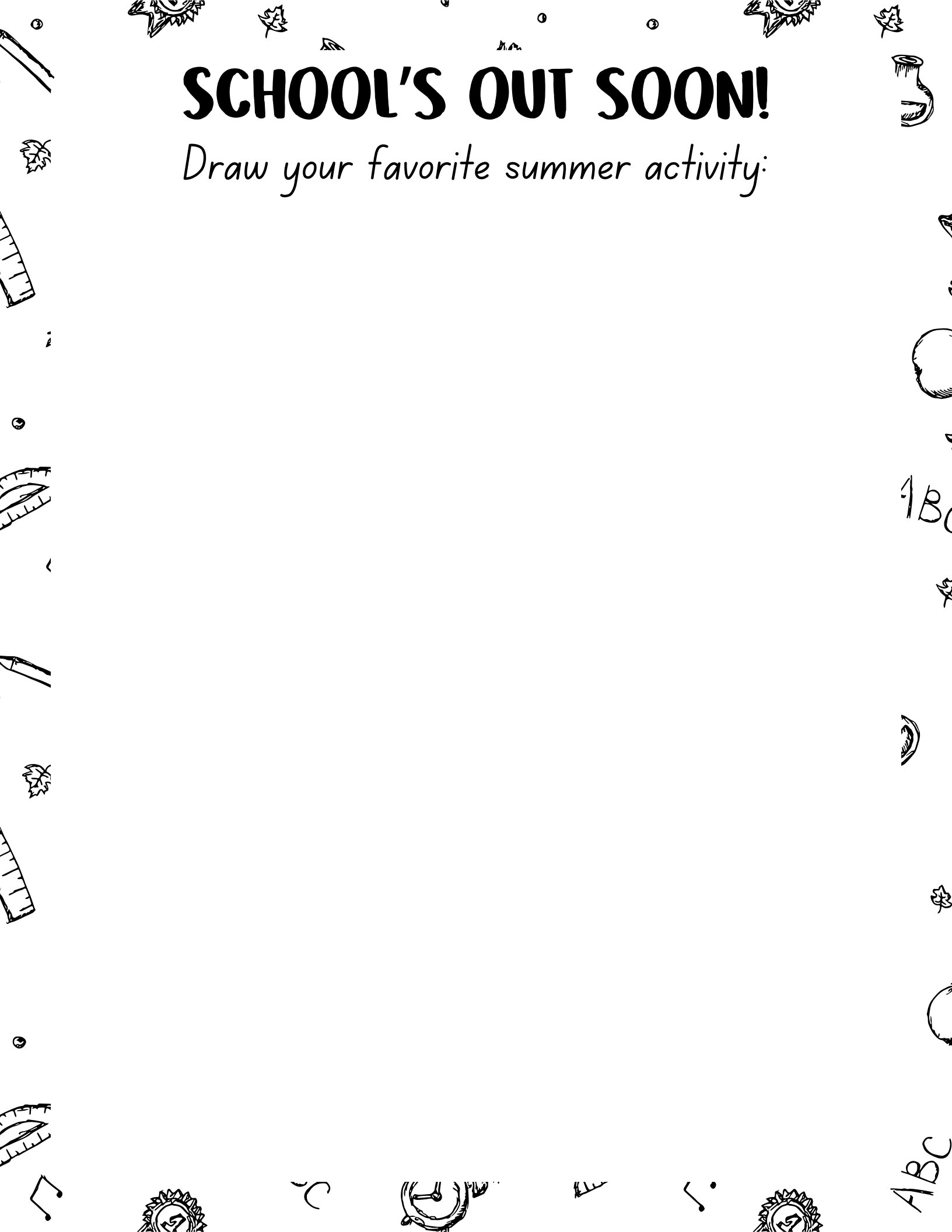
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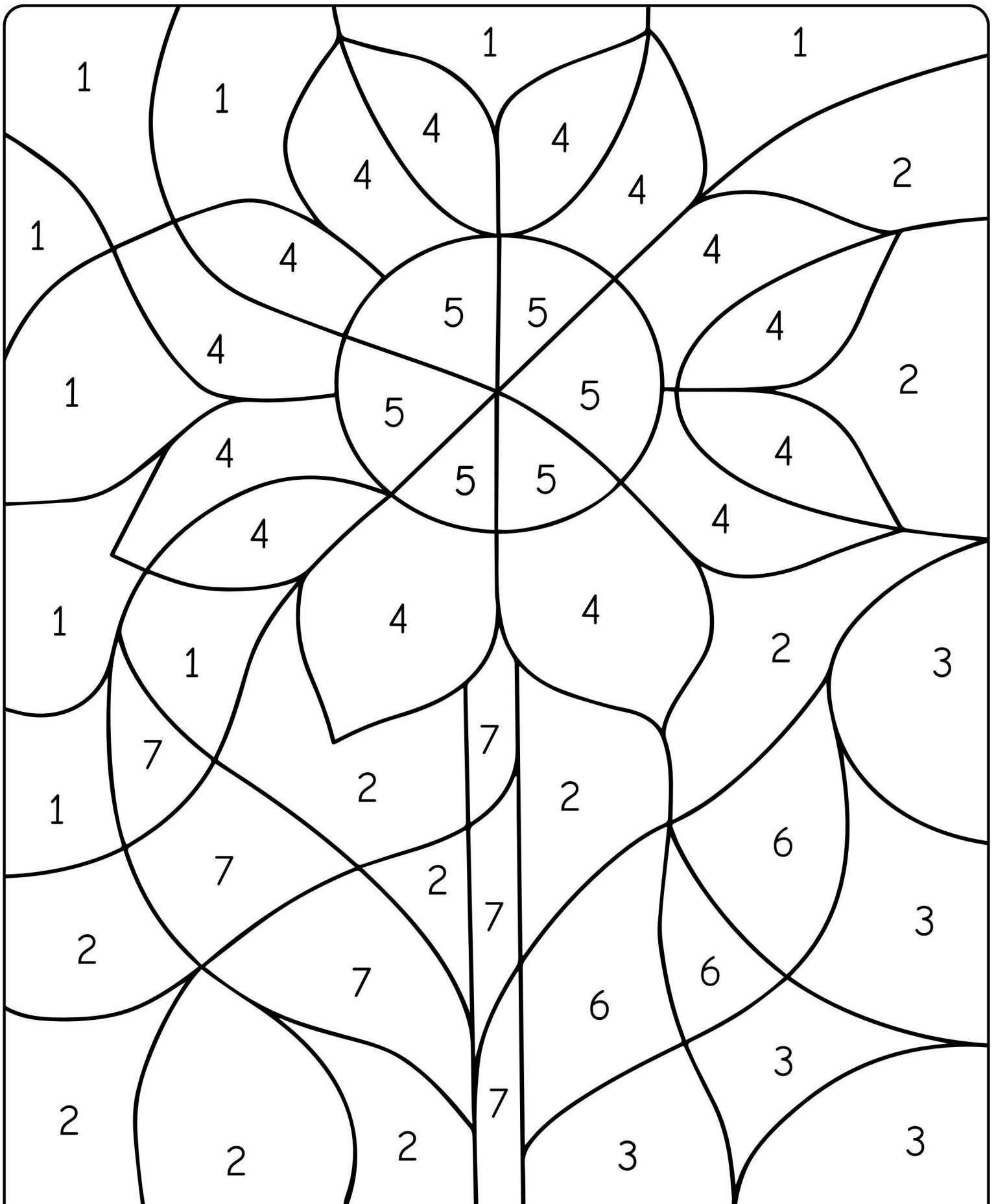
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# SCHOOL'S OUT SOON!

*Draw your favorite summer activity:*





1=Light Blue 2=Blue 3=Dark Blue 4=Yellow 5=Orange  
6=Light Green 7=Dark Green