



Open The Door

Do you want to watch me fly?
Would you like to see me soar?
Then, read books to me
And open the door.

The ideas you plant
While I'm still a seed,
Will blossom like flowers
And I'll read, read, read.

The earlier you start,
The smarter I'll grow.
My friends will be books,
And their secrets I'll know.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 New Year's Day Kwanzaa Ends Emancipation Proclamation 1863 African Benevolent Society Education 1808	2 St. Clair Drake, distinguished anthropologist, born 1911 William Lloyd Garrison began publishing the LIBERATOR, an abolitionist newspaper, in Boston, 1831 John Hope Franklin, historian, born 1915
3 William Tucker, first Black child born in America, baptized in Jamestown, 1624	4 The first Black baseball league, National Negro Baseball League, organized in 1920 by Andrew "Rube" Foster 1971—Congressional Black Caucus formed	5 George Washington Carver, scientist, died 1943 Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity is chartered as a national organization, 1911	6 Harold R. Perry becomes the sec- ond African American Roman Catholic bishop in U.S. history, 1966	7 W.B. Purvis, patented the fountain pen, 1890 Marian Anderson, first Black person to appear with the Metropolitan Opera, debuts in Verdi's Masked Ball, 1955	8 Fannie M. Jackson Coppin, pioneer, educator, and first Black woman college graduate in U.S., born 1836	9 Fisk Univ. is founded in Nashville, Tenn., 1866 The fraternity Phi Beta Sigma, Inc., is founded at Howard Univ., 1914
10 James Varicick, 1st A.M.E. Zion Bishop, born 1768 Edward Brooke, Mass. Senator, takes office 1967 Lincoln declared Blacks should be educated in Washington, D.C.	11 Reuben V. Anderson, 1st Black appointed to Mississippi Supreme Court, 1985	12 Congressional Black Caucus organized in 1971 Mordecai W. Johnson, educator, born 1890 1948—U.S. Supreme Court ruled Blacks have right to study law at state institutions	13 Convention of the Colored National Labor Union, the first Black labor convention, 1869 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is founded at Howard University, 1913 Robert C. Weaver nominated Secretary of HUD, 1966 L. Douglas Wilder became 1st Black governor since Recon- struction, 1990	14 John Oliver Killens, novelist, born 1916 Ernest Just, biologist, served as V.P. of American Society of Zoologists, 1930	15 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is founded at Howard Univ. by Ethel Hedgeman Lyle, 1908 Martin Luther King, Jr., civil rights leader, born 1929	16 Lucius D. Amerson sworn in as first Black sheriff of the South in the 20th Century (Macon County, Ala.) Zeta Phi Beta Sorority is founded, 1920
17 Paul Cuffee, merchant, shipbuilder and Black nationalist, born 1759	18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Dr. Daniel H. William, performed first successful open heart operation, born 1856 Robert C. Weaver became first Black presidential cabinet member when sworn in as Secretary of Housing and Urban Affairs, 1966 (Johnson Administration)	19 Barack H. Obama first African America inaugurated 44th President of the United States, 2009 Andrew Bryan, 1st Black pastor, ordained, 1788 Patricia Roberts Harris became 1st Black woman to hold Cabinet position, 1977	20 Barack H. Obama first African America inaugurated 44th President of the United States, 2009 Andrew Bryan, 1st Black pastor, ordained, 1788 Patricia Roberts Harris became 1st Black woman to hold Cabinet position, 1977	21 Freedom Journal, first Black paper, 1827 Phyllis Wheatley freed, 1773	22 Nat Turner born, 1800	23 Dr. Daniel Hale Williams founded Provident Hospital in Chicago, 1889 Paul Robeson, athlete, lawyer, singer, died in Philadelphia, 1976 24th Amendment abolished Poll Tax in federal elections, 1964
24 Martin Delaney, ethnologist, died 1885 Jackie Robinson, first Black elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame, 1962	25 Sojourner Truth, addressed the 1st Black Women's Rights Conv., Akron, Ohio, 1851 Constance Baker Motley is the first African American woman to be appointed to a federal judge- ship, 1966	26 54th Regiment (Black) infantry formed, 1863 Executive Order 9981, to end segregation in U.S. Armed Forces signed by President Harry Truman, 1948	27 Leontyne Price debuted with Metropolitan Opera, 1961	28 John Brown organized raid on Arsenal at Harper's Ferry, 1858 Philadelphia's Free Africa Society organized, 1787 Matthew Henson receives a joint medal from Congress as codis- coverer of the North Pole, 1944	29 Francis L. Cardoza elected State Treasurer of South Carolina, 1872 Violette Neatley Anderson is the first African American woman ad- mitted to practice before the Supreme Court, 1926. Andrew Young's U.N. appoint- ment confirmed by Senate, 1977	30 William Wells Brown published first Black drama, Leap to Freedom, 1858 Richard Theodore Greener is the first African American to graduate from Harvard Univ., 1849
31 Thurgood Marshall, Supreme Court Justice, died 1993 Congress passed 13th Amendment, 1865						