



RIVER HOUSES CALENDAR

2020–2021

THIS calendar of anniversaries and educational events will help to give a light structure to your homeschool year. Visit the River Houses website (riverhouses.org) for details on these and many other events all through the year. (Our monthly Dewey Decimal classes and featured stars are shown after each heading.)

WEEKLY & MONTHLY EVENTS

Sundays: Quick Freshes · States & Countries

Tuesdays: Books & Libraries (1st: Discovering Dewey)

Wednesdays: Weekly World Heritage

Fridays: Birds & Natural History

Saturdays: Astronomy (1st: Preview · 2nd: Star Bright)

Weekly Poems (four per month): 1 · 8 · 15 · 22

Full Moons: Lunar Society (Student Projects)

FALL TERM (Cygnus Term)

September 2020 · Dewey Introduction · Deneb

1 (Tu): The River Houses Year Begins (Let the river run!)

7 (M): *Labor Day* (Whether they work together or apart.)

17 (Th): Constitution Day & Citizenship Day (We the People.)

22 (Tu): September (Autumnal) Equinox (Her light escape.)

October 2020 · The General 000s · Alpheratz

12 (M): *Columbus Day* (To sail beyond the sunset.)

14 (W): National Fossil Day (Dragons of the prime.)

25 (Su): St. Crispin's Day, 1415 (We happy few.)

31 (Sa): Halloween (Double, double toil and trouble.)

November 2020 · The Philosophical 100s · Algol

3 (Tu): Election Day (America's choosing day.)

7 (Sa): Marie Skłodowska Curie's Birthday, 1867

11 (W): *Veterans Day* (Armistice Day, 1918)

16–18 (M–W): Leonid Meteor Shower (No star is lost at all.)

19 (Th): Gettysburg Address, 1863 (Conceived in liberty.)

26 (Th): *Thanksgiving Day* (I like magic made by cooks!)

29–30 (Su–M): Partial Lunar Eclipse (North America)

WINTER TERM (Orion Term)

December 2020 · The Religious 200s · Aldebaran

Holiday Music Month (Good morrow, masters all!)

10 (Th): Emily Dickinson's Birthday, 1830 (Like the wren.)

21 (M): December (Winter) Solstice (Out through the fields.)

24 (Th): Festival of Carols at King's College, Cambridge

25 (F): *Christmas Day* · Isaac Newton's Birthday, 1642

31 (Th): New Year's Eve (For auld lang syne.)

January 2021 · The Social 300s · Capella

1 (F): *New Year's Day* (What so soon will wake and grow.)

5 (Tu): Twelfth Night (Hey, ho, the wind and the rain.)

18 (M): *Martin Luther King Jr. Day* (Lift every voice.)

27 (W): Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Birthday, 1756

February 2021 · The Linguistic 400s · Betelgeuse

1–5 (M–F): Color Our Collections Week (To paint the rose.)

8 (M): Dmitri Mendeleev's Birthday, 1834 (H, He, Li, Be, B, C)

12 (F): Lincoln's Birthday, 1809 · Darwin's Birthday, 1809

14 (Su): Valentine's Day (Awake, ye muses nine!)

12–15 (F–M): Great Backyard Bird Count (Rarae aves in terris.)

15 (M): Galileo's Birthday, 1564 · *George Washington's Birthday* (observed), 1732 · Susan B. Anthony's Birthday, 1820

SPRING TERM (Leo Term)

March 2021 · The Scientific 500s · Sirius

14 (Su): Albert Einstein's Birthday, 1879 ($E=mc^2$)

15 (M): The Ides of March, 44 B.C. (Beware!)

20 (Sa): March (Vernal) Equinox (Her hardest hue to hold.)

21 (Su): Johann Sebastian Bach's Birthday, 1685

26 (F): Housman's Birthday, 1859 · Frost's Birthday, 1874

April 2021 · The Technological 600s · Regulus

1 (Th): Annual Swiss Spaghetti Harvest (Buon appetito!)

15 (Th): Leonardo da Vinci's Birthday, 1452 (Uomo universale.)

19 (M): Lexington & Concord, 1775 (Listen, my children.)

23 (F): William Shakespeare's Birthday (more or less), 1564

30 (F): National Arbor Day (Loveliest of trees, the cherry now.)

May 2021 · The Artistic 700s · Polaris

Bird Migration Month (Find us in the fields together.)

9 (Su): Mother's Day (I happy am, if well with you.)

25–26 (Tu–W): Partial Lunar Eclipse (North America)

31 (M): *Memorial Day* (Rest, comrades.) · The River Houses Academic Year Ends (Set me free to find my calling.)

SUMMER TERM (Hercules Term)

June 2021 · The Literary 800s · Spica

10 (Th): Partial Solar Eclipse (North America)

14 (M): Flag Day (O! say can you see?)

20 (Su): June (Summer) Solstice (In June amid the golden fields.) · Father's Day (Forever and a day.)

July 2021 · The Historical 900s · Arcturus

4 (Su): *Independence Day* (A people great and strong.)

20 (Tu): Gregor Mendel's Birthday, 1822 · Moon Landing, 1969

August 2021 · On Beyond Dewey · Vega

11–13 (W–F): Perseid Meteor Shower (I never lift my eye.)