# Youth Activities September 2024 Immuncements

September is here which means one thing.. school is back in session. During the month of September we celebrate National Read a Book Day on the 6th.

Also an FYI- when submitting your reports please be sure to have all sections filled out. If the section is left blank it will be counted as a zero or a no.

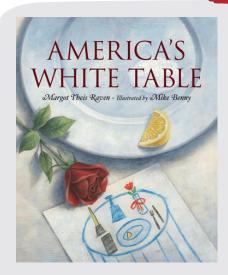
And a blank report or no information to report is not a report that counts. Please only submit reports when you work with youth.

### Dates to remember

National Suicide Prevention Month - Month of September National Service Dog Month- Month of September Labor Day 9/2 National Read a Book Day- 9/6 Patriot Day- 9/11 Constitution Week- 9/17 -9/23 Hispanic Heritage Month 9/15 - 10/15 REPORTS DUE 9/15 Air Force (USAF) Birthday 9/18 Air National Guard Birthday 9/18 National POW/MIA Recognition Day 9/20 Gold Star Mother's Day 9/29 VFW Day 9/29



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Suggested reading

In honor of National POW/MIA Recognition Day please consider sharing this book with youth.

"The White Table is set in many mess halls as a symbol for and remembrance to service members fallen, missing, or held captive in the line of duty. Solitary and solemn, it is the table where no one will ever sit. As a special gift to her Uncle John, Katie and her sisters are asked to help set the white table for dinner. As their mother explains the significance of each item placed on the table Katie comes to understand and appreciate the depth of sacrifice that her uncle, and each member of the Armed Forces and their families, may be called to give. It was just a little white table... but it felt as big as America when we helped Mama put each item on it and she told us why it was so important."

#### **Information from National**

#### Important Illustrating America Art Contest Update:

For the latest contest, we learned that a Department submitted one student's entry form with another student's art for National judging.

As a result, National received art without the correct student's entry form and a K-2 entry form without art.

Therefore, we will now require that the student's name and grade are written on the back every art entry. Both students affected will receive awards of commendation for their entries.

Also a new entry form has been added to MALTA and the Department of Maryland VFW Auxiliary website.

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