



RIVER HOUSES CALENDAR

2019–2020

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 great stars are shown after each month's heading.)

WEEKLY & MONTHLY EVENTS

Sundays: Quick Freshes / States & Countries

Tuesdays: Books & Libraries (1st: Monthly Dewey Class)

Wednesdays: Weekly World Heritage

Fridays: Birds & Natural History

Saturdays: Astronomy (1st: Preview / 2nd: Monthly Star)

Full Moons: Lunar Society (Student Projects)

FALL TERM (Cygnus Term)

September 2019 • Dewey Introduction • Deneb

- 1 (Su): The River Houses year begins (Let the river run!)
- 2 (M): *Labor Day* (Whether they work together or apart.)
- 12 (Th): Battle of Marathon, 490 B.C. (What are years?)
- 17 (Tu): Constitution Day / Citizenship Day
- 19 (Th): International Talk-Like-a-Pirate Day (Arrr!)
- 23 (M): September (Autumnal) Equinox (Her light escape.)

October 2019 • The General 000s • Alpheratz

- 14 (M): *Columbus Day* / Battle of Hastings, 1066
- 16 (W): National Fossil Day (The dark abysm of time.)
- 25 (F): St. Crispin's Day, 1415 (This story shall the good man teach his son.)
- 31 (Th): Halloween (Double, double, toil and trouble.)

November 2019 • The Philosophical 100s • Algol

- 7 (Th): Marie Skłodowska Curie's Birthday, 1867
- 11 (M): *Veterans Day* / 2019 Transit of Mercury
- 17–18 (Su–M): Leonid Meteor Shower (No star is lost at all.)
- 19 (Tu): Gettysburg Address, 1863 (Conceived in liberty.)
- 28 (Th): *Thanksgiving Day* (I like magic made by cooks!)

WINTER TERM (Orion Term)

December 2019 • The Religious 200s • Aldebaran

- Holiday Music Month (Good morrow, masters all!)
- 10 (Tu): Emily Dickinson's Birthday, 1830 (Like the wren.)
- 21 (Sa): December (Winter) Solstice (Out through the fields.)
- 24 (Tu): Festival of Carols at King's College, Cambridge
- 25 (W): *Christmas Day* / Isaac Newton's Birthday, 1642
- 31 (Tu): New Year's Eve (For auld lang syne.)

January 2020 • The Social 300s • Capella

- 1 (W): *New Year's Day* (What so soon will wake and grow.)
- 5 (Su): Twelfth Night (Hey, ho, the wind and the rain.)
- 20 (M): *Martin Luther King Jr. Day* (Lift every voice.)
- 27 (M): Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Birthday, 1756

February 2020 • The Linguistic 400s • Betelgeuse

- 3–7 (M–F): Color Our Collections Week
- 8 (Sa): Dmitri Mendeleev's Birthday, 1834
- 12 (W): Lincoln's Birthday / Darwin's Birthday, 1809
- 14 (F): Valentine's Day (Awake ye muses nine!)
- 14–17 (F–M): Great Backyard Bird Count
- 17 (M): *George Washington's Birthday* (observed), 1732
- 29 (Sa): Leap Day! (Thirty days hath September.)

SPRING TERM (Leo Term)

March 2020 • The Scientific 500s • Sirius

- 14 (Sa): Albert Einstein's Birthday, 1879
- 15 (Su): The Ides of March, 44 B.C. (Beware!)
- 19 (Th): March (Vernal) Equinox (Her hardest hue to hold.)
- 21 (Sa): Johann Sebastian Bach's Birthday, 1685
- 26 (Th): Housman's Birthday, 1859 / Frost's Birthday, 1874

April 2020 • The Technological 600s • Regulus

- 1 (W): Annual Swiss Spaghetti Harvest
- 15 (W): Leonardo da Vinci's Birthday, 1452
- 19 (Su): Lexington & Concord, 1775 (Listen, my children.)
- 23 (Th): William Shakespeare's Birthday (more or less), 1564
- 24 (F): National Arbor Day (Loveliest of trees, the cherry now.)

May 2020 • The Artistic 700s • Polaris

- Bird Migration Month (Find us in the fields together.)
- 10 (Su): Mother's Day (I happy am, if well with you.)
- 25 (M): *Memorial Day* (Rest, comrades, rest and sleep.)
- 31 (Su): The River Houses academic year ends (Set me free to find my calling.)

SUMMER TERM (Hercules Term)

June 2020 • The Literary 800s • Spica

- 14 (Su): Flag Day (O! say can you see?)
- 20 (Sa): June (Summer) Solstice (In June amid the golden fields.)
- 21 (Su): Father's Day (Forever and a day.)

July 2020 • The Historical 900s • Arcturus

- 4 (Sa): *Independence Day* (A people great and strong.)
- 4–5 (Sa–Su): Partial Lunar Eclipse (North America)
- 20 (M): Gregor Mendel's Birthday, 1822 / Moon Landing, 1969

August 2020 • Beyond Dewey • Vega

- 12–13 (W–Th): Perseid Meteor Shower (I never lift my eye.)