

# May Optional Challenges

## Social Studies

May is a month packed with interesting international holidays. Do some research to find out the history behind one of these holidays and how it is celebrated.

May 6- Space Day

May 5- Children's Day in Japan, Cinco de Mayo in Mexico

May 10- Mothers' Day

May 12-Kite Day

May 25-Memorial Day

## Cooking

May is National Salad month and National Asparagus month. Look up some salad and asparagus recipes to try with your family. Invent your own recipe for a delicious salad or asparagus dish that you think other children will love.

## Science

[www.weatherwizkids.com](http://www.weatherwizkids.com) and [www.theweatherchannelkids.com/](http://www.theweatherchannelkids.com/) are great websites for learning about weather. You can find out facts about different types of weather, find out how to set up weather experiments, learn about weather safety and read weather jokes. You can also type in your city and get a local weather forecast. Make sure to ask your parents' permission before going online.

May is national Strawberry month. Strawberries taste delicious when you buy them from the store, but imagine planting and growing your own! Why not do some research and find out how to grow your own, and then start a strawberry patch at home.

## Reading

Willie Mays was born on May 6, 1931. Why was this man important in our local history? Read a biography of Mays' life and share what you find out with your classmates.

## Art

Salvador Dali was a famous Spanish artist born on May 11, 1904. Dali was one of the most famous artists using surrealism. Do some research into Dali's art and life. Find out more about surrealism. Try your own hand at a piece of art in the style of Salvador Dali.

## Writing

May is a great month to write some poetry. Find out more about one of these forms of poetry and try writing some poems of your own.

Haiku, Cinquain, Diamante or Limerick

Try using alliteration or onomatopoeia in one of your poems. If you don't know what these terms mean, look them up and then try them out.

## Math

May is a month when our daily temperatures start to warm up. Keep track of the daily high and low temperatures for a few weeks. Make a graph charting your results. Find out what last May's temperatures were and include that on your graph in a different color. Share your results with the class.