



With its simple plot and use of picture communication symbols, *Jay and Ben*, by Katherine Swanson, illustrated by Lulu DeLacre, allows children with autism and other disabilities to practice sequencing - and reading - in an engaging and playful way.

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sun	mon	tues	wed	thurs	fri	sat
New Years Day 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day/ National Day of Service 16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Tip of the Month

Looking for a way to engage your students? Try having them create book trailers (similar to movie trailers) for their favorite books. Students can work individually or as a team and the results will surprise you.

Link of the Month

Readwritethink.org combines lesson plans with standards to create a treasure trove for educators and school librarians.

Activity of the Month

Make your New Year's resolution a reading one. Resolve to help students create a literacy service project, set up a reading corner, or partner with younger students. For more ideas, go to www.readingrockets.org

JANUARY DATES

- ▶ January 1 New Year's Day
- ▶ January 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day/
National Day of Service www.mlkday.org

www.nea.org/readacross



NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH