



Refrozen meltwater ponds in northeast Greenland seen during an April 2013 IceBridge flight.

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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Read a New Book Month.
If you haven't read it yet,
"Lucy's Planet Hunt" is a
real page turner.
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On this calendar

means
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Pioneer 10 flew past Jupiter in
1973. Play "JunoQuest" to
explore the mysteries of Jupiter!
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FIRST QUARTER

The **Galileo spacecraft** became
the first to orbit Jupiter in 1995.
Read about Jupiter at
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FULL MOON

Geminids meteor shower at
maximum early this morning.
What causes a meteor shower?
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LAST QUARTER

Winter Solstice (first day of
winter). What causes the seasons,
anyway?
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NEW MOON

Christmas Day.
If you get an iPad or iPhone for
Christmas, we have some more
gifts for you.
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