

Parent & Child Activity Calendar



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| | 1 It's National Pig Day. If your child hasn't read <i>Charlotte's Web</i> , start it today. If you've read it, read it again! | 2 Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday by reading one of his books aloud. Have your child make up his own fantastic rhymes. | 3 It's the birthday of Alexander Bell, inventor of the telephone. Teach your child how to take a message. | 4 Talk with your child about a choice you have made. Then talk about the consequence. | 5 Does your child know your state bird? If not, look it up. | 6 Go to a nearby park or running trail. Have family members run like the March wind! |
| 7 Create a word search. Hide words in a grid and surround with random letters. Challenge your child to solve it! | 8 Visit the library. Help your child check out a book about a famous woman. | 9 It's the birthday of Amerigo Vespucci. Have your child find out what continent was named for him. | 10 Challenge your child to do a secret good deed for a friend or neighbor. | 11 Talk about the <i>best</i> and <i>worst</i> of your day. Give everyone a chance to share. | 12 Have a family dinner tonight by candlelight. | 13 Start a family scrapbook. Collect souvenirs, photos, certificates and other mementoes. Look through it often. |
| 14 Fill a dishpan with water. Help your child test an assortment of objects. Which will float? Which will sink? | 15 Celebrate Nutrition Month by having your child check out a library book about nutrition. | 16 Plan a No TV night. Read, play games or listen to music together instead. | 17 Pick a new word out of the dictionary. Everyone try to use that word at least three times today! | 18 Watch the news with your child. Choose a "Person of the Week." Read more about him or her. | 19 Have a reading dinner. Plan a nutritious menu—and make sure everyone pitches in. | 20 Today is the first day of spring. Make a list of spring words. Then put them together to make a poem. |
| 21 It's Clutter Awareness Week. Brainstorm about ways to reduce the clutter in your house. | 22 Celebrate National Noodle Month. Fix pasta for dinner! | 23 Review vocabulary or spelling words at dinner tonight. | 24 Today is the birthday of magician Harry Houdini. Learn a magic trick with your child. | 25 George Washington planted pecan trees at Mt. Vernon—a gift from Jefferson. Enjoy some pecans today. | 26 Use a toothpick dipped in lemon juice & milk to write a message. To decipher, hold paper up to light bulb! | 27 Fly a kite with your child. |
| 28 Have your child write a list of the approved TV shows she will watch next week. Stick to the list! | 29 When you read aloud, stop at an exciting place. Then ask, "What do you think will happen next?" | 30 Does your child know your state flower? Have her look it up if she doesn't. | 31 Have your child place a piece of paper on a tree trunk and rub with a crayon. See the tree's unique bark pattern. | <h2>March 2010</h2> | | |

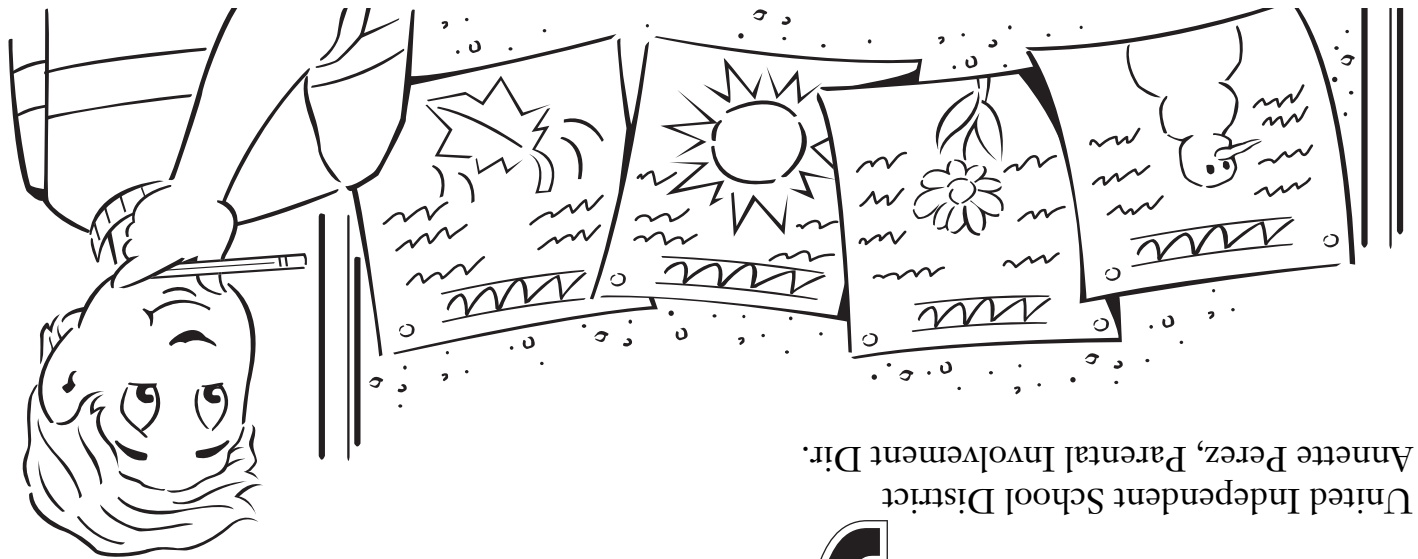
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| <h2>April 2010</h2> | | | | 1 Celebrate April Fool's Day. Do something silly with your child. | 2 Have your child read to you as you are making dinner tonight. Or read to him while he prepares dinner! | 3 In 1860, the Pony Express made its first trip. Have your child write or email a letter to someone far away. |
| 4 Review math facts with your child. | 5 Visit the library. Help your child check out a book about horses. | 6 Open an atlas and point to a page at random. Ask your child what people in that country might eat. | 7 Have your child design a new cover for a much-loved book. | 8 Help your child start a collection. Provide a place to keep it—a box, a drawer, a shelf. | 9 Cut out newspaper pictures. Have your child write stories about what she thinks happened before or after the picture. | 10 The safety pin was patented on this day in 1849. Have your child look at one carefully and try to draw it. |
| 11 Find a new way to say "I love you"—in a foreign language, in sign language or in secret code. | 12 Today is the anniversary of the first man in space. If your child were going into space, what would he take? | 13 Read a newspaper article with your child. Help her learn what's <i>fact</i> and what's <i>opinion</i> . | 14 Make a list of words that came from other languages. Here's a start: <i>vamoso, taco, pasta</i> . | 15 Have your child go through her toys. Are there any she could donate to a day care, school or favorite charity? | 16 Brainstorm how your family could help beautify your neighborhood. | 17 Take your child out for breakfast or make his favorite food at home! |
| 18 At bedtime tonight, tell your child a story about yourself at her age. | 19 It's Turn Off the TV Week. Can your family switch off the set for seven days? | 20 Celebrate National Coin Week. Help your child start a coin collection. | 21 At bedtime, allow a few minutes after the light is off for quiet conversation with your child. | 22 Celebrate Earth Day by planting a tree or a flower as a family. | 23 Visit the library. Help your child check out a book about plants. | 24 Have everyone in the family spend a 1/2 hour picking up the house. Many hands make light work. |
| 25 Help your child write a family newsletter. Have him interview family members and write up the news. | 26 Have a family rhyming dinner. Invent rhyming names for the food you serve. | 27 It's the birthday of Samuel Morse (b. 1791). Learn about Morse Code with your child. | 28 Learn a tongue twister. At dinner, everyone has to repeat it three times fast. | 29 If your family doesn't have time to read at night, consider reading at breakfast. | 30 Plan a late bedtime so everyone can read in bed. Serve a healthy snack if you wish. | |

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| May 2010 | | | | | | 1 Have your child pick some flowers (with permission) or pretty weeds to give a bouquet to someone special. |
| 2 Build math skills with a family game night. Play a board game that teaches counting and strategy. | 3 Visit the library. Help your child check out a book about animals. | 4 It's National Weather Observer's Day. Have your child make a chart to keep track of the weather. | 5 Celebrate Be Kind to Animals Week. Have your child do something nice for a family pet ... or feed the birds in a park. | 6 Good report card? High grade on a test? Make your achiever "King or Queen for a Day." | 7 Have your child share something she has learned about an animal. | 8 Take an early morning walk with your child. Look for signs of spring. |
| 9 Create a family joke book. Write one or two jokes per page. Staple pages together. | 10 Celebrate Children's Book Week. Check out a library book you enjoyed when you were your child's age. | 11 Have each family member make a list of their strengths. Read them aloud. Add to each other's lists. | 12 To celebrate the birthday of Edward Lear, help your child write a limerick. | 13 Ask the school about the schedule of year-end tests. Make sure your child gets enough sleep the night before. | 14 Celebrate National Bike Month by having your child review the "rules of the road." | 15 It's Physical Fitness and Sports Month. Enjoy some new physical activity you can do together as a family. |
| 16 Have your child make a collage of features taken from pictures of people in magazines. | 17 Visit the library. Help your child check out a detective book. | 18 Start a list of places you'd like to visit. Have your child write letters to obtain information about these places. | 19 Go through your pantry. Have your child make a list of foods grown in other countries and find them on a map. | 20 Talk with your child about families. Who is in your family? Where are they originally from? | 21 In 1881, Clara Barton founded the Red Cross. Teach your child basic first aid. | 22 Take your child out for breakfast or make something special at home. |
| 23 Communicate without words today. | 24 Together, watch and learn about a sport today. | 25 Help your child make a list of his goals for the next school year. Did he accomplish what he wanted this year? | 26 With your child, enjoy an imaginary trip to another planet. Write a story about your adventure. | 27 Use old coffee cans to set up a family golf course in your living room or yard. | 28 Plan a late bedtime so everyone can read in bed. Serve a healthy snack if you wish. | 29 Have your child think of "what if" questions: What if we walked on our hands? What if dogs could talk? |
| 30 Have a no TV night. | 31 Together, read a book about your town. | | | | | |