









Early Childhood

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR

Have fun with your family & support your children's learning!

November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>1 Family Literacy Day Take the kids to the library.</p>	<p>2 Look for pretty leaves on the way home from school.</p> 	<p>3 Cuddle up together with your child and read. (Turn off the TV.)</p> 	<p>4 Take your kids to the grocery store. Help them make a list and find the items on it.</p>	<p>5 Fabulous Friday – watch a favorite TV show together with subtitles on.</p>
<p>6 Teach your child a nursery rhyme.</p> 	<p>7 Take the kids to the park and play soccer.</p> 	<p>8 Cuddle up with hot chocolate and read books for a half hour.</p>	<p>9 Draw silly portraits together.</p> 	<p>10 Make dinner with the kids - mac and cheese with veggies is simple and nutritious.</p>	<p>11 Veteran's Day! Go to a parade with your child and talk about the meaning of this day.</p>	<p>12 Make PBJ sandwiches and cut them into shapes with a cookie cutter.</p>
<p>13 American Education Week Take your child to a museum or art gallery.</p>	<p>14 Take the kids to the park and play baseball.</p> 	<p>15 Have breakfast at school with your child.</p>	<p>16 Make pizza together with English muffins, sauce, and grated cheese.</p>	<p>17 PARENT INVOLVEMENT DAY Volunteer at your child's school.</p>	<p>18 Find your child's baby pictures and make a "Me" book.</p>	<p>19 Make a birdfeeder- roll a pine cone in peanut butter and bird seed.</p>
<p>20 Take a walk and look for Thanksgiving decorations.</p>	<p>21 Ride bikes to the ice cream shop. Count the flavors and enjoy one!</p>	<p>22 Ask the kids to help sort laundry. Sort by color, item, owner, etc.</p>	<p>23 Get out a tape measure and measure the dog, cat, or stuffed animal.</p>	<p>24 Thanksgiving – enjoy turkey together. Ask the kids to make a centerpiece.</p>	<p>25 Make a pie together.</p> 	<p>26 Look at ads in the newspaper together – cut out pictures and glue them onto paper.</p>
<p>27 Take the kids to the beach or to the lake. Look for water birds.</p>	<p>28 Make a holiday card list and help the kids to make colorful cards.</p>	<p>29 Look for holiday lights in your neighborhood. Draw a picture of them.</p>	<p>30 Ask the children to make place cards for the dinner table - eat dinner together.</p>	<p>NOVEMBER IS FLORIDA'S PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION MONTH</p>		

Family Fun Facts



Did you know?

- ❖ Children who eat dinner around the table with their families do better in school.
- ❖ Children who take family trips do better in school. Simple, free trips to the park or library are as good as expensive trips away from home.
- ❖ Children who are read to frequently read earlier and better.
- ❖ Children who see their parents read regularly are likely to read more themselves.
- ❖ Spending 30 minutes a day with your child can help them to achieve better grades in school.
- ❖ Children love to spend time with their parents!

(Facts from Harvard Family Research Project, www.hfrp.org)

Websites for parents and educators:

Florida Parental Information & Resource Center (PIRC) at USF: www.floridapirc.usf.edu

Project Appleseed: www.projectappleseed.org

Be There Campaign: www.bethere.org

National PTA (Parent Teacher Association): www.pta.org

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