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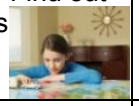
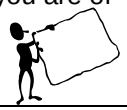
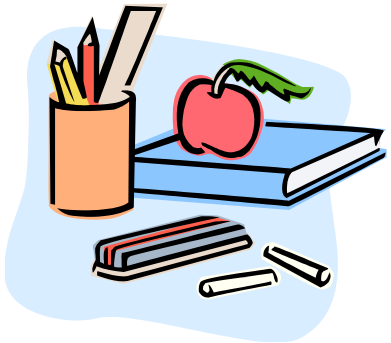
FAMILY ENGAGEMENT in EDUCATION CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 **National Literacy Day** Visit your local library. 	2 Browse through the newspaper & discuss current events. 	3 Flip through old family albums. Tell stories about what you see. 	4 Go for a walk & catch up on what has happened so far this week. 	5 Show school spirit! Attend a school sporting event with your child.
6 **Good Nutrition Month** Ask your child why they think it's important to eat a well-balanced diet.	7 Donate books that your children have outgrown to make room for new books! 	8 Make it a habit to talk with your children about their homework. Check it regularly. 	9 **Child Safety & Protection Month** Children love being on the computer. Talk about what sites they are visiting.	10 It's never too early to start planning for the future. Find out your child's plans. 	11 **Veterans Day** Honor military personnel by attending a parade or ceremony.	12 Check out the website for your child's school to stay up-to-date on school events.
13 **American Education Week** See what your child's school is doing to celebrate.	14 Go to the mall to window shop. It's good exercise & invites ideas for holiday shopping!	15 Visit your children's school to see what they do during the school day.	16 Eat breakfast with your child. It's the most important meal of the day. 	17 **National Parental Involvement Day** Take the pledge at: www.projectappleseed.org	18 Compare tastes in music. Actually listen to what your child is listening.	19 Connect with other parents at weekend or afterschool activities.
20 Donate canned goods to help other families in your community. 	21 Clean out closets & donate old clothes your child has outgrown. 	22 Listen! It's the #1 thing parents can do to support their child.	23 Participate in your children's hobbies with them, whatever they are. 	24 **Thanksgiving** Talk about things for which your family is grateful. 	25 Watch a movie based on a real-life event, then research what really happened.	26 Let your child overhear you bragging about what a great job they did. A little praise goes a long way!
27 Play a favorite board game or card game together as a family. 	28 Help your child study for an upcoming test. Reward them for a job well done. 	29 Sneak a note into your child's bag reminding them of how proud you are of them. 	30 **Peanut Butter Lover's Month** Pack your child's lunch & include a good ol' peanut butter & jelly sandwich.	**November is Florida's *Parental Involvement in Education Month***		

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, wwww.hfrp.org)

Visit the Florida PIRC at USF's updated website at www.floridapirc.usf.edu ***for parents*** ***who want to learn more about helping their child succeed in school, and*** ***for educators*** ***who want to support children's learning and families' involvement in education. Check our website for:***

- **tip sheets with ideas to support learning,**
- **workshops for parents and educators,**
- **information on *Parents as Teachers*, a home visiting program,**
- **news on upcoming conferences.**

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