

Activity Calendar

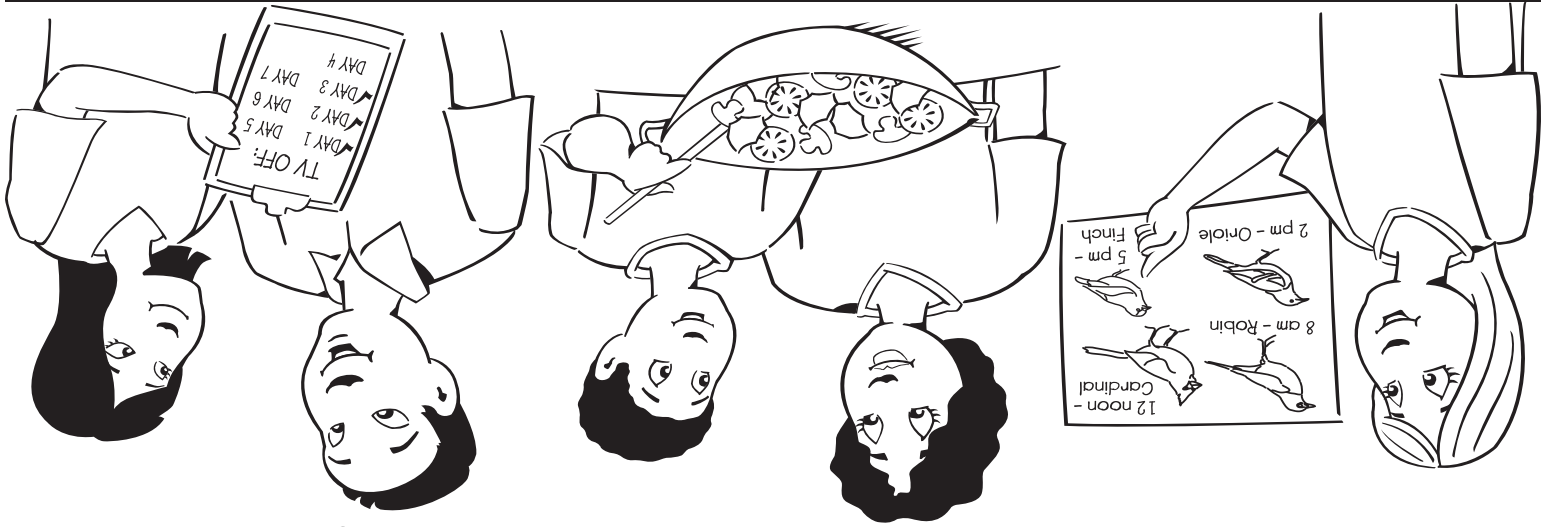
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<h2>September 2011</h2>				1 This is Library Card Month. Make sure everyone in your family has a library card.	2 The first "penny newspaper" was published on this day in 1833. Read a story from the newspaper with your child today.	3 Have a "Family Night In." Pop a big bowl of popcorn. Everyone curl up with a good book.
4 A planning calendar is a key to organization. Buy or make one with your child. Use stickers for important dates.	5 It's Labor Day. Talk about the different ways people can earn a living.	6 Talk with your child about a choice you have made. Then talk about the consequence.	7 Help your child find his best time to do homework. Some kids do best right after school, others at night.	8 Does your child know your state bird? If not, help her look it up.	9 A good breakfast helps kids learn. Start the day with a healthy breakfast at home or at school.	10 Think about the rules you have for your child. Are they appropriate for his age?
11 Tonight, talk with your child about the week ahead. Plan to do this every Sunday night.	12 Cut out pictures of people in the newspaper. Ask your child to make up a story about each person.	13 Start a family savings jar. Everyone can decide on what the goal will be, and how they will contribute.	14 Turn off the TV this evening! Plan on reading or playing games instead.	15 Write a note saying something nice about your child. Tuck it where she will find it later.	16 Make sure you and your child know school rules. Ask for a list of rules and post them on your refrigerator.	17 Today is Citizenship Day. What does being a "good citizen" mean in your family. In school? In the community?
18 Create a mailbox for each family member. Cover shoe boxes with colored paper and line them up near the door.	19 Have your child set a weekly goal. Write it down. Could you do this, too?	20 Keep a library basket as home base for library books. You'll save money on overdue fines!	21 Does your child know whom to call in an emergency? Make a list for your refrigerator. Practice what to say.	22 Look over your child's homework. Give compliments and helpful criticism.	23 Talk about three ways you used math today. Ask everyone in the family to tell how they used math.	24 Make a family schedule for TV next week. Use the listings in your newspaper to plan how you'll limit TV.
25 Have your child write a letter to a friend or relative telling about the beginning of school.	26 Give your child tickets worth 30 minutes of TV time. Unused tickets may be cashed in for treats.	27 If you haven't met your child's teacher yet, plan to do so. Talk about your visit with your child.	28 Tell your child you love him.	29 Have a "Word of the Day." Challenge everyone to use it in a sentence. Make this a daily habit.	30 Plan a late bedtime so everyone can read in bed. Serve a healthy snack.	

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<h2>October 2011</h2>						1 Together, find out what's inside a seed. Soak a dry bean overnight, remove the coat and pull the halves apart.
2 Talk with your child about why students who do homework earn better grades.	3 Be creative in the kitchen. See who can invent the greatest-tasting new pizza topping.	4 At dinner, talk about how family members are achieving their weekly goals. Celebrate everyone's successes.	5 With your child, keep a record of the moon this month. Look at the moon every night and draw what it looks like.	6 Follow a baseball team in the pennant race with your child. Ask him if he can explain the statistics in his own words.	7 Talk about the "best" and the "worst" of your day. Everyone gets a turn to talk.	8 Today is the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire. Develop a family plan in case of a fire in your home.
9 Take your child out for breakfast, or serve a favorite breakfast at home. Make this a regular habit.	10 Have a contest: How many words can you and your child make from the letters in OCTOBER?	11 As baseball season winds down, play math facts baseball. Each answer your child gets right is a "base hit."	12 Take a walk and look for signs of fall. See if your child can identify any of the trees you pass on your walk.	13 Talk about honesty and why it is so important. Find examples of people who demonstrate honesty.	14 Make a leaf rubbing. Place a leaf on newspaper. Cover with thin paper and have your child rub with a crayon.	15 Suggest that your child clean out her backpack every weekend. She'll start the week organized.
16 Set aside time every day for reading aloud. Sometimes, let your child read to you.	17 List 10 of your child's successes this week. List 10 of your own. Post the list where you can both see it.	18 Have your child make a chart of the birds she sees—by type of bird and time of day.	19 With your child, fill in calendar blanks with weather reports, birthdays, special activities or notes to each other.	20 Have your child teach you something he needs to learn for homework. It's a great way to reinforce learning.	21 Decide on a location anywhere in the world. Take turns telling one thing you would like to see there.	22 Keep books tucked in the glove box of your car. Read while waiting for the bus or at the doctor's.
23 Have dinner by candlelight tonight.	24 Read a book about your town or state.	25 It's Hunger Awareness Month. Plan something your family can do to reduce hunger in your town or the world.	26 Have your child read to you as you're cleaning up after supper. Or read to your child as she cleans up!	27 It's Teddy Roosevelt's birthday. Look up facts about this president and protector of the environment.	28 Take the Geography Challenge. Name a state, province or country. Who can call out the capital first?	29 Some time today, exchange notes instead of talking. (This also works when things get noisy!)
30 Review math facts with your child.	31 Encourage your child to draw a self-portrait.					

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		1 Make a paper chain with one ring for each day left until Thanksgiving. Every day, remove a ring.	2 Collect interesting containers, packing materials, yarn, glitter, etc. Save it for a rainy day art session.	3 Ask your child to imagine life 150 years ago. How about 150 years in the future?	4 Let your family try eating with chopsticks tonight.	5 Write your child's name vertically. Have her use each letter in her name to begin a line of a poem.
6 Cover the illustration on a page of a book. Read the page to your child. Can your child guess what's in the picture?	7 Find a book that describes holidays around the world. Choose a new holiday to observe, or invent one.	8 Create an art gallery. Frame your child's artwork. Rotate the work on display frequently.	9 Watch the news with your child. Locate one place mentioned on a world map.	10 Let your child plan dinner tonight. How many food groups can he include?	11 Help your child look up facts about a favorite animal at the library. Use the Internet or an encyclopedia.	12 Put on music and spend 15 minutes drawing or writing with your child. Let the music be your inspiration.
13 Encourage your child to sort her books by subject. She can use the library's system or invent her own.	14 Watch a television show with the sound muted. Ask family members to make up the dialogue.	15 What's the average age of members of your family? (Add up ages, divide by number of family members.)	16 Put together a "kitchen band." How many kitchen objects can your child use to make music?	17 Make today dictionary day. Talk with your child about new words that should be in the dictionary.	18 With your child, learn to say "hello" in two other languages.	19 Today is the anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Read it aloud with your child.
20 Help your child cut an apple in half. Dip the cut edge in a shallow pan of paint. Press on paper for fruit prints.	21 Squash is a native American vegetable. When you're in the supermarket, choose a new squash to try.	22 Play Alphabet Mixup. Choose a word and put the letters in alphabetical order. Can your child figure out the word?	23 Make a list of all the things that make your family members thankful.	24 Play a game of charades with your child. Use hand gestures and motions to describe your word.	25 Every time you talk with your child on the telephone, end your conversation with the words, "I love you."	26 Make up a secret code with your child. Use it to write notes this week.
27 Set aside some time to spend one-on-one with your child today.	28 Bake bread with your child. Biscuits are the simplest to prepare.	29 Read a textbook assignment with your child. Then ask your child to tell you about it in his own words.	30 It's Mark Twain's birthday. Read one of his short stories with your child.	<h1>November 2011</h1>		