



August, 2010

PARENT INVOLVEMENT FAMILY FUN CALENDAR



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday




Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Parents, do you know it is very important to talk with your children? Ask them questions; tell them stories; point out things you see around you. Ask questions that begin, "What do you think about.....?" "Why do you think.....?" "How do you think.....?" Questions like these will get your child thinking and problem-solving – important learning skills. You may be surprised by their answers!



<p>1 Silly Summer Days. Laugh with your children this week! Try making a silly hat with newspaper.</p>	<p>2 Look in the mirror together and make silly faces. </p>	<p>3 Let your child dress in silly clothes today. Mismatched socks or outfits are silly and fun to wear!</p>	<p>4 Read a book to your child using a silly voice. </p>	<p>5 Ask your child to draw a silly dog and cat today. </p>	<p>6 Put on some happy music and do a silly dance together. </p>	<p>7 Make up a silly song with your child. Write it down and ask your child to illustrate it.</p>
<p>8 Talk with your child about school this week. How soon does the school year start?</p>	<p>9 Make a list with your child of all the things you need to do to prepare for school.</p>	<p>10 Talk with your child about his or her teachers. How do teachers help children?</p>	<p>11 Talk with your child about learning in school. Tell him how important it is to learn.</p>	<p>12 Talk with your child about the library. Ask her to draw a picture of the library.</p>	<p>13 Tell your child a story about when you were small.</p>	<p>14 Make breakfast together. Have you ever tried green eggs and ham?* Yum! (Just add food coloring.)</p>
<p>15 Make this a counting day. Count everything you see. </p>	<p>16 Make a grocery list and ask your child to find five items at the store. Pick up a store flyer.</p>	<p>17 Ask your child to cut out pictures of healthy foods from the grocery store flyer.</p>	<p>18 Talk to your child about his favorite foods. Which ones are healthy?</p>	<p>19 Talk about "bigger and smaller." Compare the size of cars you see in the street.</p>	<p>20 Talk about "taller and shorter." Compare the heights of people in your family.</p>	<p>21 Make a simple dinner together. Let your child help. Grilled cheese with salad is fun to make.</p>
<p>22 August begins with A. Make a list together of words that start with A.</p>	<p>23 Alligator starts with A. Ask your child to draw an alligator.</p>	<p>24 Apple starts with A. Ask your child to draw an apple.</p>	<p>25 Look for the letter A on restaurant signs.</p>	<p>26 Sing nursery rhymes with your child. </p>	<p>27 Sing a lullaby to your child at bedtime.</p>	<p>28 Take a nature walk. Look for dragonflies and butterflies.</p>
<p>29 Exercise with your child to stay fit. Put on some music and do jumping jacks.</p>	<p>30 Read, read, read! Read 2 bedtime stories to your child. </p>	<p>31 Ask your child about her favorite book. Tell your child about <u>your</u> favorite book.</p>				<p>*Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss, published in 1960 by Random House Publishers of New York, NY.</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 Centers (PIRCs):

Florida PIRC at USF: www.floridapirc.usf.edu

Florida PIRC of FND: www.floridapirc.org

Project Appleseed: www.projectappleseed.org

Be There Campaign: www.bethere.org

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