

November Activities

Name: _____

2019

Family Time

I've compiled a calendar of activities to try with your child. These activities align with objectives from our classroom curriculum. Please initial each activity done with your child and return at the end of the month. The activities can be done in any order on any day. I hope these suggestions spark conversations and learning experiences for your family. —Mrs. Grossman



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Fill a clear plastic container with small metal objects, such as bobby pins, paper clips, and bolts. Let your child use a magnet to lift the objects. Science	2 To celebrate National Family Stories Month, tell your child a story about something you did when you were his/her age. Stories
3 It's National Sandwich Day. Have your child draw a picture of the silliest sandwich he/she can think of! Writing	4 It's National Candy Day. Use pieces of your child's favorite candy to practice simple addition and subtraction problems. Math	5 "Let's Play Please Pass while we eat. When you want something, face the person who has it, use a strong, respectful voice, and ask for what you want." Model and practice first. Self-Regulation, Routines	6 Sort toys by size. Use words such as big, bigger, medium, small, smaller, etc. Classification	7 Build a fort in the living room out of blankets and boxes. Dramatic Play	8 Sing familiar farm songs with your children. ("Old Macdonald, "The Farmer in the Dell," etc.) Music, Movement	9 Give your child an object, such as a hat or sock. Then, have him/her flip through a magazine looking for pictures of things that rhyme with the object. Rhyming
10 Paint a picture with your child, mixing paints as you go to make new colors. Talk about the new colors created. Challenge them to make different colors. Science/Art	11 While at the store, have your child help you read the shopping list and find items. Point out environmental print (labels, tags, etc.) Environmental Print	12 Go on a "number hunt" while at the store. What numbers can your child find and recognize? Number recognition	13 On World Kindness Day, tell your child about a time someone did something kind for you. Then ask him/her to tell about a time they did something kind. Stories	14 It's National Pickle Day. Make up a silly song about a pickle and sing it to the tune of "I'm a Little Teapot." Silly Songs	15 Look for picture or objects that start with the same sound as your child's name. When you say the words, emphasize the beginning sound: "buh, buh, ball." First Sounds	16 Make a simple pattern using silverware or other items, (spoon, fork, knife, spoon, fork, knife) have your child predict what goes next. Patterns
17 Give your child a word, such as "dog" or "back." Then send him/her on a scavenger hunt around the house to find objects that rhyme with that word Rhyming	18 Happy Birthday, Mickey Mouse! Make a birthday card for Mickey. Help your child write a message in the card. Discuss letters, sounds, and punctuation as you go. Writing	19 Involve your child in preparing a meal. At dinnertime, talk about what you are eating and how you made it. Engagement, communication, routines	20 Put together a puzzle with your child. Before you begin, have him/her count the pieces with you. Math, Inquiry, curiosity	21 Look at the pictures in a book. Say, "Let's try to tell how the people are feeling. We can tell by their faces and bodies or by what is happening in the picture." Discuss how things in pictures are feeling. Emotional Cues, Social Skills	22 Have your child drop small items such as buttons and leaves into a glass of water. Will they sink or float? Have your child make a prediction before adding the item to water. Try a variety of heavy and light items. Science, Predictions	23 Choose a subject your child is interested in. Together, choose a nonfiction book from the library on that subject to read together. Informational Text
24 Turn off the TV and phone tonight! Play a game, talk about your day, or have reading time. Language-rich experiences	25 Count groups of objects up to the number 10. Then help your child sort items by similarity (items in a pile that are all big, all red, etc.) Counting, Classification	26 It's National Cake Day. Make one together and let your child add ingredients and frost it. Life skills, baking	27 Move like your favorite animals through your house. When you get to a new room, change to a new animal. Dramatic Play, Physical	28 Happy Thanksgiving! Ask your child to tell you about the things he/she is thankful for. As a family, write a thankful list. Your child can add pictures. Language-rich experiences	29 Pretend that your kitchen is a grocery store. Set food items out on the table, and take turns being the shopper and the cashier. Dramatic Play	30 Have your child make up a story about the family pet or another animal. Create a book together by adding words and drawings on sheets of paper. Discuss author/illustrator roles. Language-rich experiences

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