

January, 2009

PARENT INVOLVEMENT FAMILY FUN CALENDAR

Have Fun With Your Family and Support Learning!



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<h1>Happy New Year!</h1>				1 New Year's Day Help your child to make a New Year's Resolution and draw a picture of it.	2 Cuddle up with hot chocolate and read a favorite book.	3 Take the kids to the library – find books about winter (ask the librarian to help.)
4 Take the kids to the park and play on the playground.	5 National Bird Day Go outside and count the birds you see.	6 Is it cold? Make ice cubes – you can add food coloring for fun.	7 Wacky Wednesday! Think of words that start with W . 	8 Take your kids to the grocery store. Let them choose one healthy food item.	9 Fabulous Friday – watch a favorite TV show together with text on.	10 Take a nature walk or bike ride. Look for signs of winter in your neighborhood.
11 <i>This is Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida – read to your child each day!</i>	12 Sit down with your child while he or she draws a picture for the teacher.	13 Terrific Tuesday. Think of words that start with T . 	14 Put on some lively music and dance with your kids. It's a great way to stay warm!	15 Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday – join a march in your community or sing freedom songs.	16 Ask your child to set the table for dinner.	17 Take your child to a museum or art gallery.
18 Look at newspaper or grocery store ads together. Find dollar (\$) signs and circle them.	19 Marvelous Monday! Think of words that start with M . 	20 Make grilled cheese sandwiches together.	21 Ask your child to tell you her favorite thing that she did in school today.	22 Make up a story about your child's stuffed animal. 	23 Have a pajama party. Watch a favorite movie and talk about it together.	24 sssSilly ssssaturday! Think of words that ssssstart with sssss. 
25 Make a special Sunday breakfast with your child. Let him help.	26 Look for restaurant signs as you drive or ride the bus. Notice the letters on the sign.	27 Count the number of buttons on your child's jacket or sweater.	28 Have breakfast at school with your child.	29 Sit down at the table to eat dinner together. Talk about the colors of your food.	30 Fabulous Friday! Think of words that begin with F . 	31 The last day of the month...remember that resolution you made on Jan 1...how are you doing?

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