

April, 2010

PARENT INVOLVEMENT FAMILY FUN CALENDAR



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



1
Don't be a fool on **April Fool's Day** – learn your **ABCs** and be **S-M-A-R-T!**

2
Friday Fun Day – watch a movie together. Ask your child questions about the movie.

3
Take a walk or bike ride together.


4
Play catch together – this improves eye-hand coordination.



5
Read a favorite book together. Ask your child to pick out letters he knows.

6
Eat dinner at the table together. Talk about healthy foods.

7
On the way to school, count red cars.


8
Make a height chart for your child or make a height mark in the doorway. Measure her now and every month.

9
Draw a picture of something you did at school today. Don't forget to write your name on it.

10
Silly Saturday – think of words that begin with **S**.


11
National Library Week
Take a trip to the library. Find out 3 things you can do at the library.

12
Read a library book together. Who is the author? Who is the illustrator?

13
"Be the teacher" – help your child set toys in a circle and "read" them a story. Listen in - you'll be amazed!

14
Have breakfast with your child at school today.

15
Read to your child and teddy at bedtime. Does Teddy like the story?

16
Draw a picture of your favorite book character – write the character's name.

17
Make a salad together – discuss healthy foods.

18
Pet Owner's Day – visit the library again – look for books about pets.

19
In the bathtub, find things that float and things that sink.

20
Help your child to write her name. Talk about the letters.

21
Make a grocery list and go shopping. Ask your child to find 3 items on the list.

22
Earth Day – reduce, re-use and recycle today – and every day!

23
What can we recycle? Make a list or chart of things in the kitchen that can be recycled.

24
What can we re-use? Try using an egg carton for a sorting tray to teach early math. Sort beans or buttons.

25
Let your child help with laundry – sort colors into light and dark. Choose outfits for the week.

26
Talk to your child's teacher. Ask if you can help in the classroom or at home.

27
Multiplication – if each family member wants 2 cookies, how many cookies do you need? (Try drawing this.)

28
Division – I have six cookies to share with my 2 friends – how many each? (Draw this too.)

29
Make a daily schedule with your child:
7:00 am-Get up
7:15 am-Eat breakfast
7:30 am-Go to school...

30
Arbor Day – look for short and tall trees. Look for trees with flowers and trees with only leaves.

Earth Day is April 30


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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