
















January 2012

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR

Have fun with your family & support your children's learning!

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>1 New Year's Day! Help your child to make a New Year's Resolution and draw a picture of it.</p> | <p>2 Take the kids to the park and play on the playground.</p> | <p>3 Is it cold? Make ice cubes – you can add food coloring for fun.</p> | <p>4 Put on some lively music and dance with your kids. It's a great way to stay warm!</p> | <p>5 National Bird Day Go outside and count the birds you see. Check out nationalbirdday.com</p> | <p>6 Fabulous Friday – watch a favorite TV show together with text on.</p> | <p>7 sssilly sssaturday! Think of words that sssstart with sssss. </p> |
| <p>8 Make a special Sunday breakfast with your child. Let him help.</p> | <p>9 Take a nature walk or bike ride. Look for signs of winter in your neighborhood.</p> | <p>10 Terrific Tuesday. Think of words that start with T. </p> | <p>11 Wacky Wednesday! Think of words that start with W. </p> | <p>12 Sit down with your child while he or she draws a picture for the teacher. </p> | <p>13 Ask your child to set the table for dinner. </p> | <p>14 Cuddle up with hot chocolate and read a favorite book. </p> |
| <p>15 Winter in Florida is a great time to go outside. Go for a walk! </p> | <p>16 Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday – plan to join a march or parade in your community. </p> | <p>17 Sing "Freedom, freedom, let it ring, Let it ring says Dr. King" to the tune of Twinkle, twinkle. *(see words below)</p> | <p>18 Make grilled cheese sandwiches together. </p> | <p>19 Ask your child to tell you her favorite thing that she did in school today.</p> | <p>20 Make up a story about your child's stuffed animal. </p> | <p>21 Have a pajama party. Watch a favorite movie and talk about it together.</p> |
| <p>22 Take your kids to the grocery store. Let them choose one healthy food item.</p> | <p>23 This is Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! Read to your child each day!</p> | <p>24 Look for restaurant signs as you drive or ride the bus. Notice the letters on the signs.</p> | <p>25 Help your child to count the number of buttons on his or her jacket or shirt. </p> | <p>26 Have breakfast at school with your child. </p> | <p>27 Fabulous Friday! Think of words that begin with F. </p> | <p>28 Sit down at the table to eat dinner together. Talk about the colors of your food.</p> |
| <p>29 Take your child to a museum or art gallery.</p> | <p>30 Take the kids to the library – find books about winter. (Ask the librarian to help.)</p> | <p>31 The last day of the month. Remember that resolution you made on Jan 1...how are you doing?</p> | <p>*Freedom, freedom let it ring, Let it ring says Dr King. We should live in harmony, Peace and love for you and me. Freedom, freedom let it ring, Let it ring says Dr King.</p> <h1 style="color: #E91E63; font-size: 2em;">Happy New Year!</h1> | | | |

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)

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