











# November 2009



## Parent Involvement in Education Month

Make the home-school connection  
to support your child's learning!

### For Families with Children Age Birth—5

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Family Literacy Day</b> 1 Take the kids to the library.</p>	<p>Ask the children to make place cards for the dinner table— eat dinner together. 2</p>	<p>Look for pretty leaves on the way home from school. 3 </p>	<p>Cuddle up &amp; read (turn off the TV). 4 </p>	<p>Take your kids to the grocery store. Help them make a list &amp; find the items on it. 5</p>	<p>Fabulous Friday— watch a favorite TV show together with subtitles on. 6 </p>	<p><b>Parents As Teachers 25th Anniversary</b> 7 this month— Teach your child a nursery rhyme.</p>
<p>Take the kids to the park &amp; play soccer. 8 </p>	<p>Cuddle up with hot chocolate &amp; read books for a half hour. 9</p>	<p>Draw silly portraits together. 10 </p>	<p><b>Veterans Day</b> 11 Honor military personnel by attending a parade or ceremony.</p>	<p>Make dinner with the kids— mac &amp; cheese with raw veggies is simple &amp; nutritious. 12</p>	<p>Make PB&amp;J sandwiches &amp; cut them into shapes with a cookie cutter. 13</p>	<p>Take your child to a museum or art gallery. 14 </p>
<p><b>American Education Week</b> 15 See what your child's school is doing to celebrate.</p>	<p>Have breakfast at school with your child. 16 </p>	<p>Make pizza together with English muffins, sauce &amp; grated cheese. 17</p>	<p>Find baby pictures &amp; make a "Me" book. 18 </p>	<p><b>National Parent Involvement Day</b> 19 Volunteer at your child's school.</p>	<p>Make a birdfeeder— roll a pine cone in peanut butter &amp; bird seed. 20</p>	<p>Take a walk &amp; look for Thanksgiving decorations. 21 </p>
<p>Ride bikes to the ice cream shop. Count the flavors &amp; enjoy one! 22</p>	<p>Ask the kids to help sort laundry. Sort by color, item, owner, etc. 23</p>	<p>Get a tape measure &amp; measure the dog, cat or a stuffed animal. 24</p>	<p>Make a pie together. 25 </p>	<p><b>Thanksgiving</b> 26 Enjoy turkey together. Ask the kids to make a centerpiece.</p>	<p>Look at ads in the newspaper together— cut out pictures &amp; glue them onto paper. 27</p>	<p>Make a holiday card list &amp; help the kids to make colorful cards. 28</p>
<p>Take the kids to the beach or to the lake. Look for water birds. 29</p>	<p>Look for holiday lights in your neighborhood. Draw a picture of them. 30</p>	<p><b>November is Parental Involvement in Education Month</b></p>				

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# 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](http://www.hfrp.org))

### Websites for parents and educators:

Florida Parental Information & Resource Centers (PIRCs):

Florida PIRC at USF:

[www.floridapirc.usf.edu](http://www.floridapirc.usf.edu)

Florida PIRC of FND:

[www.floridapirc.org](http://www.floridapirc.org)

Project Appleseed:

[www.projectappleseed.org](http://www.projectappleseed.org)

*Be There* Campaign:

[www.bethere.org](http://www.bethere.org)