

## OFFICE OF FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### TODAY'S FAMILY **LEARNING TIP\***



#### June

- 1 June is Student Safety Month! Discuss with your child your best tips for staying safe both in and out of school. Try starting with these tips: [www.nsc.org/act/events/Pages/keep-children-safe-at-school.aspx](http://www.nsc.org/act/events/Pages/keep-children-safe-at-school.aspx)
- 2 Bring your children with you to the grocery store. Let them help set a budget and plan a special meal.
- 3 June 3 is Jefferson Davis' birthday. During the Civil War, Davis was a leader of the Confederacy. How many Union and Confederacy leaders can your child name? Try this list: [www.us-civilwar.com/leaders.htm](http://www.us-civilwar.com/leaders.htm)
- 4 Who do you admire most? Why? Tell your children about those whom you respect. Ask them whom they chose.
- 5 Today is World Environment Day. Last year's theme was "7 Billion Dreams." Research this year's theme and brainstorm ways that your family can help the cause.
- 6 Enjoy a day planting trees, picking flowers, or pulling weeds for National Gardening Exercise Day! But, before your family goes out, be sure to apply sunblock! Here's more: <http://holidayinsights.com/other/gardeningexercise.htm>
- 7 Ramadan starts today. Ask your children what questions they have about this Islamic holiday and then work together to answer them! Learn more here: [www.history.com/topics/holidays/ramadan](http://www.history.com/topics/holidays/ramadan)
- 8 Today is Best Friends Day! Who is your child's best friend? How long has he or she been your child's best friend? Ask your child what makes his or her best friend special.
- 9 The school year is coming to an end. How many days remain? How many hours? How many minutes? Have your child count them on the BCPS calendar: [www.bcps.org/calendars/](http://www.bcps.org/calendars/)
- 10 Positive praise, love, and appreciation will take your child far. Learn how to say "I'm proud of you" in another language and then teach your child to say it, too!
- 11 Pack an activity bag to have on hand. Include balls, bats, Frisbees, and kites for instant access. Then, plan visits to area parks in your family's travels.

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- 12 Create a family theme song. Use a familiar melody or come up with a new tune. Have each family member contribute to the lyrics.
- 13 Put together an end-of-school-year memory book with your child. Include memories of class milestones, trips, and lessons learned.
- 14 Flag Day honors the adoption of the U.S. flag in 1777. Have your child draw or paint a picture of what the U.S. flag looked like back then. Check out this Flag Day website:  
[www.nationalflagday.com/default.asp](http://www.nationalflagday.com/default.asp)
- 15 When your family is thirsty, water is always a healthy option. Fill reusable bottles and keep them in the fridge so that you always have a cold drink on hand!
- 16 With your family, create frozen summer treats with fruits and favorite juices. Pour liquids into ice cube trays and add slices or chunks of fruits. Add popsicle sticks for easy eating!
- 17 Go on a letter scavenger hunt around the house. Ask your child, "How many items can you find that begin with the same sound as dog?"
- 18 Grab some bread, peanut butter, and grape jelly and host a picnic with family and friends for International Picnic Day! Celebrate the day with information here:  
[www.mahalo.com/international-picnic-day/](http://www.mahalo.com/international-picnic-day/)
- 19 Mom, help your children wish dad Happy Father's Day! Suggest playing a sport or spending the day together to show your family loves him! Check out these historic dads' tips:  
<http://mentalfloss.com/article/64981/15-parenting-tips-historys-greatest-fathers>
- 20 Happy First Day of Summer! Today is also the Summer Solstice. Ask your child to research and describe the science behind the Summer Solstice to a family member.
- 21 Write single digits on index cards. Then, pick three cards and practice decimal placement. Does your child know how to make the largest number? The smallest?
- 22 Help your child conduct an ice cream survey. Ask friends and family about their favorite flavors and toppings. Create a graph with the results.
- 23 Set aside some reading time every night. Encourage your children to pick out books at the library. Take turns reading aloud with them.
- 24 Do your children know who Amelia Earhart is? Honor the famous aviation pioneer by borrowing books from your local library about airplanes. Learn more here: [www.ameliaearhart.com/](http://www.ameliaearhart.com/)

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- 25 Summer safety includes helmets and sunscreen! What are some other ways to protect your child's skin and bones? Brainstorm as a family! Or check out these ideas: [www.cdc.gov/family/kids/summer/](http://www.cdc.gov/family/kids/summer/)
- 26 What are traditions and why are they significant? What are the traditions celebrated by your family? Come up with a list with your child's help.
- 27 June 27 is Sunglasses Day! Have your children investigate the differences between UVA and UVB rays. Then, put on your sunglasses for a day of fun outside! Check out these tips: [www.thevisioncouncil.org/members/uv-protection](http://www.thevisioncouncil.org/members/uv-protection)
- 28 Create a business plan with your children for a lemonade stand or other venture. Work on a budget for supplies and project your profits.
- 29 At the beach, gather your family together and collect seashells and sort by size, shape, color, etc. Here's a guide to help you: [www.seashells.org/alltheseashells.html](http://www.seashells.org/alltheseashells.html)
- 30 In 1932, Hattie Caraway was the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate. What southern state did she represent? How many women serve in the Senate today? Have your children go online to find out! Look here: [www.senate.gov/reference/Index/Women.htm](http://www.senate.gov/reference/Index/Women.htm)

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