



## OFFICE OF FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TODAY'S FAMILY LEARNING TIP



Educating & Empowering Families

### July

- 1 Is your family taking any trips this summer? On long car rides, your children can practice their math skills by adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing the numbers they see on license plates.
- 2 Create a creativity corner for your children in your home. Fill the space with pencils, paper, crayons, and other art materials. Encourage crafts and writing.
- 3 It is estimated that one in five children has been the victim of physical or verbal bullying. Take time to talk to your children about how to treat other people with respect.
- 4 Happy Independence Day! Encourage your children to investigate the science behind fireworks and explain their findings to you before celebrating tonight!
- 5 Do your children know the differences between monkeys and chimpanzees? Most monkeys have tails, while chimps do not. What are some other differences?
- 6 Have your children write letters to special friends or family members. What do they like best about those people? Ask them to write it down and send it!
- 7 Have your child predict how many times a coin will land heads up or tails up when flipped 50 times. Then, tally the results and compare predictions.
- 8 Baltimore's Washington Monument is the first memorial built in honor of the nation's first president. Check it out with your family today or visit [www.mvpcconservancy.org](http://www.mvpcconservancy.org) to plan your trip!
- 9 Play a multiplication game with dice: Take turns throwing the dice and see who can multiply the numbers first.
- 10 A baby whale is bigger than any other baby on earth at up to 26 feet and 6,000 pounds. How big can an adult whale grow? Encourage your children to find out!
- 11 Did you ever run a lemonade stand as a kid? Now, it's your child's turn! Running a lemonade stand is a great way to practice communication, leadership, and math skills!
- 12 After a harrowing voyage, English settlers arrived in Maryland in 1634. How would your child create a new home in a new land? Discuss this question together!
- 13 How do animals communicate? Have your children pretend to be their favorite animals and brainstorm ways to share thoughts without using words.
- 14 Does your family like movies? Pack a picnic blanket and check out Little Italy's Cinema al Fresco this evening! For more information, go to [www.littleitalymd.org/t/Open\\_Air\\_Film\\_Fest](http://www.littleitalymd.org/t/Open_Air_Film_Fest).



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- 15 Instead of a weekend out of town, plan a “camp-in.” Set up a tent indoors or use blankets. Pick your favorite books and read by flashlight.
- 16 Take turns acting out your favorite books or shows with your children. Training in acting techniques can lead to memory improvement.
- 17 Ask questions while you are traveling: Why are speed limits necessary? What are mile markers? How would your child design a highway system?
- 18 Play alphabet search with your children: One person finds an object that begins with an “a,” the next person searches for a “b” object, and so on.
- 19 Uncle Tom’s Cabin was published in 1852. Ask your children to research this novel and its author. Why is this book so significant?
- 20 How many minutes have passed in 2017? How many seconds? Have your children do the math!
- 21 Artscape starts today! Take your family to see the nation’s largest free arts festival or go to [www.artscape.org](http://www.artscape.org) to plan your visit.
- 22 Has your family checked out the inaugural Amateur Olympiad? Children of all skill levels are eligible to participate! More information is available at [www.baltimore.org/events/amateur-olympiad](http://www.baltimore.org/events/amateur-olympiad).
- 23 This one’s for you: It’s Parents Day! Invite your children to participate in an activity that you enjoy, whether it’s biking, gardening, or something else!
- 24 Do your children have assigned readings to complete this summer? Check in on their progress. Make sure the books are available at home or in the library.
- 25 The Enoch Pratt Free Library hosts tons of free events each week. Go to [www.prattlibrary.org](http://www.prattlibrary.org) to see what’s happening this week and to plan your family’s visit.
- 26 Play the “Name Game” with your family. Start with the name of someone you all know and then take turns calling out another person with the same name.
- 27 If there are 24 hours in a day, 60 minutes in an hour, and 60 seconds in a minute, help your child calculate how many seconds are there in a day. In a month? In a year?
- 28 Invite your child to help around the house. Use math while measuring and introduce new words as you work together.



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- 29 If you're looking for a place to go camping, canoeing, or hiking with your family, then check out Patapsco State Park! You can learn more about it at [www.dnr2.maryland.gov/publiclands/pages/central/patapsco.aspx](http://www.dnr2.maryland.gov/publiclands/pages/central/patapsco.aspx).
- 30 In 1928, Charles Lindbergh was awarded the Medal of Honor. What was his major accomplishment? Encourage your children to find out!
- 31 Create a math game with a deck of cards: Each player puts out a card, and the first to add or multiply the numbers on those cards is the winner!