



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



Educating & Empowering Families

March

- 1 If your children need help with homework, check out the resources at www.bcps.org/offices/dpd/homework_help.html. Their teachers might be able to offer other tips, too!
- 2 It's Read Across America Day! Encourage your children to find books they love and then read them to you or with each other!
- 3 Create a family theme song. Use a familiar melody or come up with a new tune. Have each family member contribute to the lyrics.
- 4 Happy National Grammar Day! Check out these fun grammar games with your child: www.funenglishgames.com/grammargames.html.
- 5 Who was Edgar Allan Poe, and why is he so famous? Help your family learn more about him by visiting the Edgar Allan Poe House and Museum together! For more information, go to www.poeinbaltimore.org.
- 6 Frozen food is convenient, but it's not always the healthiest option available. Ask your children to help you compare nutrition labels to find healthier alternatives to your family's favorite frozen foods.
- 7 What is your child's favorite animal? Have him or her draw a picture of him or herself as that animal.
- 8 Have you ever skipped stones across water? Take your children to a nearby pond or lake to let them do the same. While they're experimenting with different stones, point out the ripples in the water. Why are they there?
- 9 How do you define success? Talk to your family about your most memorable achievements and challenges. Remind them that you are proud of their efforts.
- 10 Doctors say that the best way to prevent illness is to avoid germs. Ask your children to brainstorm ways to eliminate germs in your home.
- 11 Be one with nature! Take your family to see the 1,000-year-old bald cypress trees at Battle Creek Cypress Swamp Sanctuary. For more information, go to www.calvertparks.org/bccss.html.



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- 12 Daylight Saving Time starts today, meaning your family's clocks should spring forward an hour. Help your children adjust to the time change by turning off all electronics an hour before they go to sleep tonight.
- 13 In 1869, William Semple patented chewing gum. Ask your children look up its ingredients. What makes it chewy?
- 14 Happy Pi Day! Pi, a mathematical constant, is often rounded to 3.14, but it actually extends indefinitely. See how many decimal places your child can memorize by visiting www.piday.org/million.
- 15 Create a place to display your child's art projects. Change the exhibit monthly to illustrate your pride in his or her work.
- 16 Children's author Edward Stratemeyer, who wrote the Rover Boys and Nancy Drew series, was born in 1862. Share your childhood adventures with your children.
- 17 St. Patrick's Day always falls on March 17, but it's not the only holiday that we observe on the same date every year. Can your child name other holidays that fall on the same date year after year?
- 18 Are there any monarch butterflies in your area? Go on a search for some with your child. Then, visit www.school.familyeducation.com/insects/science/38648.html together to learn about the monarch's metamorphosis.
- 19 Start a jigsaw puzzle with your children. Help them sort shapes and colors. Take turns fitting pieces.
- 20 Today is the March Equinox, but what does that mean? Visit www.timeanddate.com/calendar/ten-things-march-equinox.html with your child to find out!
- 21 Let's Go Science is an on-stage production filled with demonstrations, experiments, and good laughs! Check it out with your little ones today at www.artsonstage.org/show.asp?show_id=324.
- 22 Take some time to look at old family photographs. Talk to your child about your family's history.
- 23 There's a lot to learn from stars! Take your children out stargazing tonight. Ask them to locate the moon and any constellations they see.
- 24 What is the temperature where you are today? Have your children check Internet weather sites for the weather around the world. Why is the weather different?



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- 25 Happy Maryland Day! What do your children know about Maryland's history? Ask them to share their knowledge and then visit www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/maryland-day to learn more!
- 26 The Peanuts comic strip by Charles Schultz first appeared in newspapers in 1950. Ask your children to draw their own comic strips based on family and friends.
- 27 How is a fruit different than a root? How is a legume like a flower? Visit a vegetable garden to discuss these and other questions with your child! Use www.scholastic.com/teachers/unit/plants-everything-you-need-to-help.
- 28 Have a family read-aloud evening! Let each family member choose an excerpt from a favorite book and then share opinions on the passages.
- 29 Did you know Babe Ruth was born only a few blocks away from Oriole Park at Camden Yards? Get your family in baseball season spirit by taking a photo with the statue of him outside the ballpark's gates!
- 30 Spring is a great time to be outside! Celebrate Take a Walk in the Park Day with your family today by strolling through a park in your neighborhood!
- 31 Did you know every crayon starts from two basic ingredients: paraffin wax and pigment? It's true! Learn more about how crayons are made by visiting www.discoverykids.com/articles/crayons/ with your children.