



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



Educating & Empowering Families

May

- 1 Talk to your children about stranger safety. Remind them never to offer information about the family and to practice safe ways of answering the phone and the door.
- 2 Have you and your child read Bernard Waber's "Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile?" Now's your chance to see it on stage! Go to www.artsonstage.org/show.asp?show_id=334 for more information.
- 3 Show your children how to use math every day. Count street signs, measure the stride of your steps, or calculate the distance to school.
- 4 Learn and practice using a new word each day. Teach your child to use a dictionary and keep a journal of new words.
- 5 ¡Hoy es el cinco de mayo! Do your children know the significance of this Hispanic holiday? Find out together at www.history.com/topics/holidays/cinco-de-mayo.
- 6 Did you hear? The Baltimore Kinetic Sculpture Race, sponsored by the American Visionary Art Museum, is today! Cheer on the competitors with your family! For more information, visit www.avam.org/kinetic-sculpture-race.
- 7 Read a newspaper with your child. Discuss news, sports, reviews and even the comics together!
- 8 Offer your children alternatives to television: family cooking, games, crafts, reading, or a new indoor hobby.
- 9 Keep track of your child's homework habits. Some kids tackle their schoolwork right away, while others need a break before tasks. Help your child pick what works best.
- 10 Fun family games, like charades and hangman, boost vocabulary and social skills. Enjoy playtime with your children!
- 11 Write a story for your child about your favorite teacher. Who helped you in school and how? Compare experiences with your child.
- 12 Who doesn't love a musical – especially one with a positive, self-empowering message? Check out "Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun" with your child today! For more information, go to www.artsonstage.org/show.asp?show_id=336.
- 13 Do your children love the story of Robin Hood? Then take them to see the play at the Pumpkin Theatre today! For more information, visit www.pumpkintheatre.org.



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- 14 It's Mother's Day! Dads, help your children make Mom a special breakfast or a sweet card to show how much you all care about her!
- 15 Get ready for a wild ride! A 3D musical, "Kid's Power Operation Lunch Line," will take you and your child on an educational journey inside the human body. For more information, go to www.artsonstage.org/show.asp?show_id=337.
- 16 After school and organized activities, take time for unstructured, imaginative play. Allow your child to invent toys or make up games.
- 17 Jokes, tricks, and gags are fun as long as they don't hurt any feelings. Pick a silly song or story and have a laugh with your family!
- 18 Encourage individuality in your family. Have family members identify what makes each person special. Reward your children for their uniqueness.
- 19 The first woman to have her picture on a U.S. dollar was also the first to appear on a postage stamp. Who was she? Challenge your children to find out!
- 20 Have your children been camping before? If not, start small by letting them camp in the backyard. You can help them pitch a tent and roast marshmallows!
- 21 Patterson Park was once a camp for Civil War troops, but today, it's home to an ice rink, playgrounds, a pool, and more! Check it out with your family today! For more information, go to www.pattersonpark.com.
- 22 Who do you admire most? Why? Tell your children about the people you respect. Ask them who they look up to.
- 23 Composer Johann Sebastian Bach was born in Germany in 1685. Have your children listen to a classical radio station and identify the instruments they hear.
- 24 It's baseball season! When taking your children out to a ballgame, help them practice their math skills by climbing the steps to your seats and calculating the cost of snacks.
- 25 Eva Peron was the world's first female president. Can your child find the country she led and its capital city on a map?
- 26 Today is the last day of school for seniors. When will your children be seniors? Ask them to calculate the answer in years, months, weeks, and days!



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- 27 According to the Gregorian calendar, Ramadan begins today. But, according to the Islamic calendar, it began last night. Why is that? Encourage your children to find out!
- 28 The Cylburn Arboretum is home to unique plants, a historic mansion, and countless other artefacts and attractions. See what you'll find by exploring it with your family today! For more information, go to www.cylburn.org.
- 29 Memorial Day always falls on the last Monday of May. How can your family honor those who have passed during their service to the U.S. Armed Forces? Discuss this question together!
- 30 When the first U.S. census was completed in 1790, there were four million people in the country. How many people live in the United States today? Challenge your children to find out!
- 31 Shavuot, an important Jewish holiday, started as an ancient agricultural festival. Do your children know which harvests it coincided with? Go online to find the answer together!