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November

- 1 November is Healthy Skin Awareness Month! Even though summer is over, be sure your children wear sunblock whenever they play outside. Check out more tips at www.medicaldaily.com/healthy-skin-awareness-month-5-ways-save-your-skin-winter-blues-263597
- 2 In 1870, Hiram R. Revels took his oath of office as the first African American to serve as a U.S. Senator. Which state did Revels represent? Who represents that state today? Learn more here: www.usa.gov/branches-of-government
- 3 Happy Election Day! What governmental positions are up for election this year? Help your child look online for help!
- 4 Tornado season generally runs April through July. Which country has the highest incidence of twisters in the world? Why? Ask your child to do research online! Here's a site that might help: <http://www.ustornadoes.com/>
- 5 Discuss interesting, intriguing, or controversial letters to the editor, editorials, or articles online or from a newspaper with your family.
- 6 Happy Saxophone Day! The saxophone is a woodwind instrument usually made of brass. Can you child name other instruments that belong to the woodwind family? https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Woodwind_instrument
- 7 Most landfills are filled with about 40 percent paper, more than any other material. Have your children encourage your family and their friends to recycle. Discuss why recycling is important. www.baltimorecountymd.gov/agencies/publicworks/recycling/
- 8 Does your child know which famous American proved that lightning is electrical by flying a kite in a storm in 1752? Research this question online to find out! Start here: <http://www.enwin.com/kids/electricity/history.cfm>
- 9 Have your child explore the outdoors and take a good look at the leaves. Why are they dry? Why are they different colors?

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- 10 What female author received a Pulitzer Prize for the novel "Gone with the Wind"? Ask your child to name some other prominent women authors, many of whom may be found here:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_women_writers
- 11 Veterans Day commemorates the services of U.S. military veterans. What can your family do to honor military veterans?
- 12 Story time is not just for little ones! Take turns reading aloud with older children. Stop and ask questions about the plot and characters. Learn more here:
<https://www.learner.org/interactives/story/>
- 13 November 13 is World Kindness Day! Encourage your child to spread the word by doing random acts of kindness throughout the day! https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Kindness_Day
- 14 Paint the town! Bring your child to your favorite place and work together to create a painting, drawing, collage, or poem that represents that place.
- 15 What kind of biome or environment is Maryland? Have your children collect evidence to support their answers, then share their findings with you or a teacher. Here's more on biomes:
http://h2g2.com/edited_entry/A892172
- 16 Remind your children that the gift of time is precious; visit an elderly friend or neighbor who might enjoy some company.
- 17 Explore the world together: Look at a map and make a list of places your family would like to visit. Calculate the miles and costs to get to those places. Here's a map to get you started --
www.mapsofworld.com/world-map-image.html
- 18 Have your children observe and describe objects that they find indoors and outdoors. How do the environments compare? How do they differ?
- 19 Scientist Louis Pasteur was born in 1822 in France. Ask your child about what it means to pasteurize milk. How does that process save lives? Learn more at:
<http://www.biography.com/people/louis-pasteur-9434402>
- 20 American artist Jackson Pollock was born in 1912. His technique of pouring and dripping paint created chaotic masterpieces. Supervise your children as they make action paintings of their own. Learn more about Pollock: <http://www.jackson-pollock.org/>
- 21 Have your child view a film version of a book or novel that he or she has read. Then, ask him or her to explain to a friend which version he or she preferred and why.

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- 22 November 22 is Substitute Educators Day! Encourage your child to make cards for and/or give a warm "thank-you!" to the substitute educators in his or her school.
- 23 Sing along at home and in the car. Music helps reading and math skills. Invite your children to write their own lyrics to familiar tunes.
- 24 Children are more likely to do their homework willingly if they are given some choices. Let them choose a time and place to complete their work.
- 25 Have your children blow bubbles using soap solution. What do they notice about the bubbles? Why are they round? Why do they reflect color? How do they stick to one another? Learn more here: <http://www.hometrainingtools.com/a/super-soap-bubble-solution>
- 26 Happy Thanksgiving! Gather your family in the kitchen to help cook dinner, share memories of past Thanksgivings, and share facts about the holiday's history. Check out these videos about the holiday: <http://www.history.com/topics/thanksgiving>
- 27 "Black Friday" occurs each year on the day after Thanksgiving. Discuss with your child the influences of commercialization on daily life.
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Friday_\(shopping\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Friday_(shopping))
- 28 Author and illustrator Eric Carle was born in New York. The Hungry Caterpillar writer composed many books. Can your child name some? Here's some help: <http://www.eric-carle.com/books.html>
- 29 The president and his family live in a home with 132 rooms and 35 bathrooms. Quiz your child: What is the street address of the White House? For more facts and fun, visit www.whitehouse.gov/about/inside-white-house
- 30 It is estimated that one in five children has been the victim of bullying, which can be physical or verbal. Take time to talk to your children about how to treat other people.

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