



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



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November

- 1 Does your child have a favorite author? Visit the library to check out other books by that writer for National Authors' Day!
- 2 Your children might be too young to vote, but that doesn't mean they can't get involved in the election! Help them learn about the candidates by researching their party platforms.
- 3 What makes a good sandwich – is it the bread? The meat? The toppings? Let your children experiment with different combinations for Sandwich Day!
- 4 Tutankhamun, better known as King Tut, was an Egyptian pharaoh who lived between 1341 and 1323 B.C.E. Does your child know why he is so famous? Hint: The reason has to do with the year 1922. Here's another hint: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tutankhamun>.
- 5 How does your family keep old photographs? Consider storing copies of them online in a digital scrapbook. You can share it with friends, and your children can help design it!
- 6 Daylight Saving Time ends today, which means your clocks should fall back by one hour. With that extra time, do something fun, like play a board game or go for a walk, with your family!
- 7 When it's too cold or rainy to go outside, blow up a few balloons and play balloon badminton indoors. Encourage your children to use their hands as rackets.
- 8 It's Election Day! After you've voted, have a conversation with your child about how the election process works. Use www.usa.gov/election as a resource.
- 9 Are your children curious about the world? Let them explore the cultural and geographic learning resources at www.smithsonianeducation.org/mywonderfulworld/.
- 10 Report cards go out today! Which classes did your children do well in? Which classes do they need help with? Brainstorm strategies to do better next quarter.
- 11 Today is Veterans Day. How can your children show gratitude and respect for America's veterans? Brainstorm and discuss as a family. Here's more: www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/vetdayhistory.asp
- 12 Has your family checked out the new National Museum of African American History & Culture yet? It's one of many free Smithsonian museums in Washington, D.C. Check it out today: <https://nmaahc.si.edu/>
- 13 What small – or big! – acts of kindness have your children done? Encourage them to share their acts and do some more today for World Kindness Day!



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- 14 American Education Week begins today! Call your child's school to learn about any special activities or events that might be happening there. Learn more at www.nea.org/grants/19823.htm.
- 15 Does your family recycle? Lots of materials – glass, paper, plastic, and more! – can be recycled, and your children can help sort them. Visit www.recyclingtown.com for a list of recyclable materials.
- 16 Are your children learning another language in school? Let them practice their listening skills by watching TV or listening to music in that language!
- 17 Homemade bread is easy to make, and you likely already have all of the ingredients! Go to www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/basic-homemade-bread for a recipe and then gather your children in the kitchen to make it!
- 18 Do your children like to write? Help them create free blogs through Weebly, WordPress, or another blogging site. They can keep their blogs private or share them with family and friends!
- 19 Whatever the weather, it's important to stay in shape! Encourage your children to be active by doing chores or reorganizing their rooms.
- 20 Celebrate Universal Children's Day today by letting your little ones pick an activity they'd like to do or a game your family can play together.
- 21 Are your children interested in dinosaurs? Help them learn more about them by going to www.paleobiology.si.edu/dinosaurs/index.html for information, games, and other interactives!
- 22 What beautiful, fun, or simply unique places are in your area? Find out by getting your family in the car and exploring until you discover something!
- 23 Is your family going away for Thanksgiving? Check out www.storynory.com for free audio books to take with you. New ones are added each week!
- 24 Happy Thanksgiving! While cooking tonight's meal, look for ways to get your children involved. Can they set the table? Season the turkey? Prepare the dessert?
- 25 Today is Native American Heritage Day, a holiday to honor Native Americans nationwide. Help your child learn more about Native Americans here: www.kidsconnect.com/history/native-americans/
- 26 Did you collect anything as a child? Pass the habit onto your children by visiting www.smithsonianeducation.org/students/idealabs/amazing_collections.html together for some inspiration!



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- 27 What kinds of news do your children care about? Help them learn more about them by visiting www.timeforkids.com together!
- 28 If you have stale bread, don't throw it out; turn it into French toast instead! Ask your children to help you make the recipe at www.allrecipes.com/recipe/7016/french-toast-i/.
- 29 Do your children like to dance? Learn a new style, like square dancing or tap, with them and then put on a performance together for your family!
- 30 Technology can help your children do their homework and connect with friends, but it also can be dangerous if used incorrectly. Go to www.safekids.com with your children for tips on staying safe.