

## OFFICE OF FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### TODAY'S FAMILY LEARNING TIP\*

#### November

- 1 November is Diabetes Awareness Month! How can your family ward off the onset of diabetes? Brainstorm ways around the dinner table tonight!**
- 2 Give your children a budget and have them create a menu plan for the week. Shop with them and make sure that they include fruits and healthy snacks.
- 3 Today, Japan celebrates Culture Day! How can your family celebrate different cultures? Start by researching Japanese culture online!
- 4 Happy Election Day! What governmental positions will be up for election this year? Have your children look online for help!
- 5 Eva Peron was the world's first female president. Can your child find her country and capital city on a map?
- 6 Pioneer teacher Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross in response to the tragedies of the Civil War. How would your family handle a disaster?
- 7 The world's largest pumpkin weighed in at more than 1,500 pounds! How many pies would that make?
- 8 Today is Young Readers Day! Share one of your favorite books from your childhood with them. Once they finish, gather around and share reactions!
- 9 Do you remember your favorite teacher? Talk to your children about your best memories of school. What did you like? What challenged you?
- 10 Create a family theme song. Use a familiar melody or come up with a new tune. Have each family member contribute to the lyrics.
- 11 Veterans Day commemorates the services of United States military veterans. Have your children prepare a care package to send to a veteran care or housing facility.
- 12 Take a walk in a park or the woods and notice the seasonal changes. Which animals are gathering food and storing it up for the winter?
- 13 Report Card Day! Review your child's report card with him or her and schedule an appointment to meet with your child's teachers about his or her progress.

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- 14 The first telegraph company opened four offices on the East Coast in 1847. How did the telegraph affect the development of the country?
- 15 What is your child's favorite animal? Have him or her draw a picture of him or herself as that animal.
- 16 The Federal Reserve, the central banking system of the United States, was created in 1913. Learn about the functions of the system with your child today!
- 17 American Education Week begins today! Contact your child's school for scheduled dates and times for parent visitation.
- 18 Have a family read-aloud evening! Allow each family member to choose from a favorite book and then share opinions on the passages.
- 19 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?
- 20 Florida became the 27th U.S. state in 1845. Have your child calculate the miles from your house to Florida.
- 21 The "Peanuts" comic strip by Charles Schultz first appeared in newspapers in 1950. Have your children draw their own comic strip based on family and friends.
- 22 Today is Stop the Violence Day. Talk to your children about different types of violence and brainstorm alternative solutions to potential problems.
- 23 Who is the only president to be elected to two non-consecutive terms? (Hint: his last name is the same as a big city in Ohio.)
- 24 United Nations Day marks the official charter of the UN, created to maintain international peace. How many countries are members of the organization?
- 25 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.
- 26 If an NBA superstar averages 32 points a game, about how many points would that player score in an 82-game season?

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- 27 Happy Thanksgiving! Gather your family in the kitchen to help prepare dinner. Young children can set the table, while older children can assist with cooking.
  - 28 The first passenger jet flight from Chicago to New York took 102 minutes in 1951. How long does that trip take today? What is the difference in minutes?
  - 29 Take notice when your children do well, cooperate with each other and treat others with respect. Praise them for positive behavior.
  - 30 The author of *Tom Sawyer* and *Huckleberry Finn* was born on this date in 1835. Who was he?

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