

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



September

- 1 Does your child love art? Hold an art exhibit in your home and invite family, friends, and neighbors to attend. Your child's friends can display their works, too!
- 2 Want to hear some great music? Bring your family out for Feet on the Street 2016 in Towson! Visit www.towsonchamber.com/feet-on-the-street for more information.
- 3 Has your family ridden the free Safari Express from the Inner Harbor to the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore? Do it today! Visit www.baltimore.org/events/free-safari-shuttle-maryland-zoo for more information.
- 4 How can your children give back to the community? Encourage them to help a neighbor carry in groceries, mow the lawn, or offer support in another way!
- 5 Each year, Labor Day celebrates the efforts of American workers. But what else is there to know about it? Visit www.dol.gov/general/laborday/history with your child to learn more about Labor Day's history.
- 6 What was your child's favorite book when he or she was younger? Find a copy of it, either at home or at the library, and reread it together for Read a Book Day!
- 7 How many different ways are there to build a paper airplane? Make a few models with your child, test them out, and see which ones fly the best! Check out www.foldnfly.com for some great ideas.
- 8 What is literacy, and why is it important? Explore this curious term with your child by researching its various forms online for International Literacy Day!
- 9 Has your high school student looked at any colleges yet? Go on a virtual college tour together by visiting www.campustours.com.
- 10 Are you thinking about holding a family reunion? Attend the 2016 Baltimore Family Reunion Expo with your children! Go to www.baltimore.org/events/4th-annual-baltimore-family-reunion-expo for more information.
- 11 It's Grandparents Day! Remind your children to give their grandparents a call or make them a card to show their love and share their gratitude.
- 12 Are you ready for some friendly competition? Celebrate National Video Games Day by setting aside time to play your child's favorite video game with him or her.

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- 13 Eid al-Adha, one of two major Muslim holidays observed worldwide, ends this evening. Encourage your children to be curious about other cultures by helping them research this holiday online. You might want to start here: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eid_al-Adha.
- 14 Gather some plastic drinking or painting cups and hold a cup-stacking competition with your child. Tip: Cups that are similar in size work best!
- 15 Hispanic Heritage Month starts today! Do your children know why September 15 is an important date in Hispanic culture? Go to www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov/about/ to find out!
- 16 What do you know about rocks? Start a rock collection with your children and help them identify the kinds they find. Try www.kidsloverocks.com/html/guide_to_collecting.html as a good start.
- 17 What was the name of the United States' first constitution? Find the answer by visiting www.constitutionfacts.com with your child for Constitution Day.
- 18 Respect is an important part of any relationship, whether it's between family members, friends, or other people you meet. Talk to your children about how they can be respectful for National Respect Day.
- 19 Make some music! Fill a few drinking glasses with different amounts of water and let your children run their fingers along the rims to produce sound.
- 20 Do your children love pirates? Take them to Pirate Story Time at the North Point Public Library! For more information, go to www.bcpl.info/events/datelines-north-point.
- 21 How can your family promote peace? Work together to brainstorm some ideas or participate in others, such as Pinwheels for Peace, for International Day of Peace.
- 22 The first day of fall is today. Talk to your little ones about how they know when the seasons are changing. Do they notice the shorter days? The falling leaves? The cool breeze?
- 23 Take a spare cardboard box and make a clubhouse for your child by cutting holes in the sides. Let your child decorate the clubhouse with markers or paint.
- 24 Commas, periods, and semicolons are three punctuation marks commonly used in American English, but there are 11 others. Can your children name them? Challenge them to try! And if you need help, look here: <http://grammar.yourdictionary.com/punctuation/what/fourteen-punctuation-marks.html>.
- 25 Did you read comic books growing up? Do your children read them now? Visit a comic book shop together and browse the collections for National Comic Book Day.



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- 26 Did you know Johnny Appleseed was actually John Chapman? Share this American folklore hero's story with your children for Johnny Appleseed Day. Find information about him at www.biography.com/people/johnny-appleseed-38103.
- 27 Family trees and photo albums are great ways to record history and remember loved ones. If your family doesn't have some already, ask your children to help you make one for Ancestor Appreciation Day.
- 28 Strong communities start with close and friendly neighbors. Encourage your children to lend a hand by mowing the grass, pulling weeds, or washing cars for National Good Neighbor Day.
- 29 It's never too early to think about your family's heart health. Visit www.world-heart-federation.org for information about World Heart Day and tips to keep your family's hearts healthy!
- 30 Do you remember playing with tangrams as a child? Help your children create their own by printing and cutting out triangles, circles, and squares!