

Family Reading Activities Calendar 3rd - 6th Grade

October 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<p>1 Let's Read Together Thursday! Choose a book of your own or try these: <i>Paco's Miracle</i> by Ann Nolan Clark <i>Danza!</i> by Lynn Hall</p>	<p>2 The harvest moon, the first full moon after the September equinox, usually appears in October. Read more about the harvest moon in a book, an encyclopedia, or on the Internet. For fun, plan a Harvest Moon Party with your family.</p>	<p>3 "The concern for poetry is not to arrive at a definition and to close the book, but to arrive at an experience." <i>John Ciardi, poet</i> Write a poem about October.</p>
<p>4 Fire Prevention Week is in October. Read to learn about fire safety tips. Make a list and post them for your family.</p>	<p>5 Why is a book called a "volume"? During ancient times, books were written on sheets of paper that were attached lengthwise and rolled up like a window shade. "Volume" is from the Latin <i>volvere</i>, which means "to roll up."</p>	<p>6 "A good poem is delicious - as delicious as a chocolate-chip cookie." <i>Jack Prelutsky, poet</i></p>	<p>7 An autobiography is a story about you written by you. Write five things about yourself that you would include in your autobiography.</p>	<p>8 Let's Read Together Thursday! Choose a book of your own or try these: <i>J. T.</i> by Jane Wagner <i>The Jazz Man</i> by Mary Hays Weik</p>	<p>9 It's National Apple Month! Make an apple bookmark by cutting its shape at the top of a strip of paper. Decorate your bookmark and use it with your favorite book.</p>	<p>10 What word starts with <i>e</i>, ends with <i>e</i>, and has only one letter in it? Answer: Envelope Write your own riddle.</p>
<p>11 Artist Pablo Picasso's birthday in this month. Read about his style of painting called <i>Cubism</i>. Draw a picture in that style.</p>	<p>12 Why does a "baker's dozen" have 13 items? Long ago in England the price of bread was fixed by law. This law allowed bread dealers to get 13 batches for the price of 12. The thirteenth batch was their profit. Write a list of 13 of your favorite things.</p>	<p>13 "I write books to find out about things." <i>Rebecca West, author</i> What are some things you would like to find out about?</p>	<p>14 October birthdays! These children's book authors and poets share October birthdays: Robert Lawson, Munro Leaf, Lois Lenski, Marjorie Flack, and Bruno Munari. Look for their books in the library. Write what you liked about one of their books.</p>	<p>15 Let's Read Together Thursday! Choose a book of your own or try these: <i>Down in the Subway</i> by Miriam Cohen <i>The Red Poppy</i> by Irmgard Lucht</p>	<p>16 This week is National Dental Hygiene Week! Make a poster for your bathroom offering tips for brushing your teeth.</p>	<p>17 The state flower of California is the Golden Poppy. Ask family members if they know the state flower of: Texas (Bluebonnet), Georgia (Cherokee rose), Florida (Orange blossom), Colorado (Blue columbine), and New York - our state - (Rose).</p>
<p>18 Design a costume! Sketch your ideas. Ask family members for ideas about making costumes.</p>	<p>19 Why are the notes taken during a meeting called "minutes"? The notes are written in a minute, or small writing, or shorthand. Pretend you are having a meeting with your friends and try to take minutes.</p>	<p>20 "During checkups, I discuss literature with kids. I'll ask what they've been reading... Sometimes I prescribe books for kids to read." <i>Daniel Shapiro, M.D., pediatrician</i> What books would you prescribe if you were a doctor?</p>	<p>21 Eleanor Roosevelt was an American author and political leader as well as a First Lady. Read to learn more about how she helped people during her lifetime. Write about what you learned.</p>	<p>22 Let's Read Together Thursday! Choose a book of your own or try these: <i>I Am Phoenix: Poems for Two Voices</i> by Paul Fleischman <i>The Dolphins and Me: A True Story</i> by Don C. Reed</p>	<p>23 Look up the word <i>cornucopia</i> in the dictionary. Plan a cornucopia for a table in your home to symbolize an abundance of healthful foods.</p>	<p>24 Recipe for <i>Spicy Apple Cider</i> Warm apple cider, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, and wedges of lemon in a pan with an adult. Serve in mugs while your family enjoys an evening of stories, plays, and artworks about fall harvest time.</p>

<p>25 Juliette Low, founder of the Girl Scouts, was born in October. Read about the Girl Scout Promise.</p>	<p>26 Why do we call a sucker a "lollypop"? In the northern part of England, lolly means "tongue." It makes sense that a lump of candy that you "pop" in and out of your mouth would be called a "lollypop." Write about your favorite flavor of lollypop.</p>	<p>27 "Those who are happy enough to have a taste for reading need never be at a loss for amusement." <i>Alfred Korzybski, author</i> Talk to a family member about their favorite book.</p>	<p>28 On October 28, 1866, the Statue of Liberty was given to the United States as a gift from France. Write a poem about the Statue of Liberty.</p>	<p>29 Let's Read Together Thursday! Choose a book of your own or try these: <i>...and now Miguel by Joseph Krungold</i> <i>Racso and the Rats of NIMH by Jane Leslie Conly</i></p>	<p>30 Be totally Read-iculous. Read in front of a mirror for ten minutes.</p>	<p>31 What do you say once in a minute and twice in a moment? Answer: The letter <i>m</i>. Write a list of things that you could do in a minute.</p>
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