

November 2013 Literacy Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Make a chart to record what the weather is like this month	2 Sort out your candy wrappers by the color and size
3 Rake a pile of leaves up and jump in them	4 Invite a friend over to play	5 Identify an animal and what sound they make	6 sing the song "BINGO" with your parent	7 Ask your child to set the table naming the items as they put them out	8 Identify what things that you see in the fall	9 Visit the local library and check out some books
10 Call someone special on the phone or invite them over for a visit	11 Have your child identify and find letters L, F, E, H, T	12 Put on some music and dance with your family	13 Exercise with your family and count how many times you do the exercise	14 Sing the "ABC's " together	15 Identify items in your home that start with the Ll sound	16 Play a game with 2 or more people practicing taking turns
17 Make a list of your favorite books to read together	18 Tell a story about using just the pictures in the book	19 Go to the grocery store and pick out food items for the food shelf	20 Make a turkey out of your hand with paint or tracing it	21 Talk about how you are feeling today and what made you feel this way	22 Identify a letter of your choice and find it in the newspaper 10 times	23 Draw a picture for your grandparents of something that you are thankful for and send it to them.
24 Together make a necklace out of anything you want. (cheerios, beads, ect)	25 Come and see your child's teacher for conferences	26 Come and see your child's teacher for conferences	27 Have your child lie on their tummy as you read books together	28 Name something that you are thankful for to your parents	29 cook together and make a new recipe out of leftovers	30 Create a calendar of events that you are going to be doing in December

Total minutes read this month:

Parent Tips:

Give your child daily opportunities to use large muscles daily.

Games to play with your child at home: Hopscotch on the driveway, catching a ball using 9-12 inch rubber ball, driving a tricycle or a bike with training wheels until they feel comfortable to go without, making an obstacle course with things in the yard, making up races such as hopping, jumping, skipping, running, crawling like a bear, etc.

Play the game “Hokey Pokey” first doing the way all parents know, but then change it up to make it match with the seasons such as the “Turkey Pokey or the Reindeer Pokey”.

Play toss the bean bag into the basket using different measurements to toss them into the basket. If you don't have bean bags use rolled up socks, soft balls, or anything you choose. Make sure that you start at a level where your child will feel successful and progress from there.

As you are putting your child to bed or need them to move quickly have them act like an animal to get there to make it turn into a game. Some suggestions are hop like a rabbit, swim like a fish, crawl like a bug, fly like a bird, or walk like a bear.

Play a cd or music on the radio and dance with your child around the house.

Website: <http://www.schoolsparks.com/early-childhood-development/gross-motor>