

WSRA Families and Literacy Committee Presents...

The Calendar of Ideas for November 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 National Family Literacy Day! Celebrate by having each family member share a favorite story. Then set your reading goals for the month.	2 Using a calendar, show your child all the days in the month of Nov. What days are important in your family? Are there any holidays? How do you read a calendar? Show your child how you use a calendar and how they can use the calendar too. Show a paper version and a digital version.	3 Family Reading Day Magazine night! Read a children's magazine with your child. Author's B-Day: Betty Bao Lord	4 Start the day by reading the newspaper. Point out interesting pictures to your child and read the captions together. Author Sterling North's B-Day.
5 Find a cozy spot to cuddle up with a good book and read for 20 minutes. Authors Armstrong Sperry and Marcia Sewall's B-Days.	6 Time for Monday night football. What is your team's mascot? Why did they choose that mascot?	7 Ask your child open ended questions about their day. Tell me something you learned today. What did you like about it? How can you use that knowledge outside of school?	8 Read a story with your child, such as <i>Is Your Mama a Llama?</i> Pick a word from the book and make a rhyme with each consonant in the alphabet—"bat, cat, sat..."	9 Read: <i>Leaf Man</i> by Lois Ehlert and create your own picture with leaves from outside. B-Days of Lois Ehlert and Pat Cummin	10 Family Reading Day National Young Readers Day - Let your child read his/her favorite book to you. A child who cannot read yet can retell their favorite story to you using the pictures as the guide.	11 Veterans Day (Armistice Day) Do you know anyone in the military? Write them a thank you note for his/her brave service for our country. Author Diane Wolstein's B-Day
12 Find a recipe using pumpkin or squash. Fix it with a family member or friend. Author Marjorie W. Sharmot's B-Day	13 World Kindness Day Read: <u>Each Kindness</u> by Jacqueline Woodson Author's B-Day: Robert Louis Stevenson	14 Write a letter to a family member or friend. Your child can dictate to you if too young to write. He/she could then create an illustration to go with this letter. Author's B-Day: Nancy Tafuri	15 Read a nonfiction book today. Share at least four new facts you learned with a family member. Author Daniel Manus Pinkwater's B-Day.	16 Take a trip to the library. Authors' B-Day: Jean Fritz and Robert McKinley	17 Family Reading Day Take a nature walk and list all the signs of Autumn/Fall.	18 Does your family have a favorite food? Spend time reading over a recipe and cooking a meal together.
19 Have your child write a note or letter to a friend or relative.	20 Read: <i>The Pilgrim's first Thanksgiving</i> by Ann McGovern. Sit down as a family and plan the Thanksgiving meal.	21 Why is the cornucopia a symbol for Thanksgiving? Where did it originate?	22 Read: <i>The Relatives Came</i> by Cythia Rylant. Write what it is like when your family gets together.	23 Happy Thanksgiving! Visit with family members and play games. Author's B-Day: Boris Karloff.	24 Family Reading Day: Visit Funbrain.com as a family. Author's B-Day: Frances Hodgson Burnett, Carlo Collodi and Yoshiko Uchida.	25 Create a bookmark about all the things you are thankful for this year. Authors' B-Day: Marc Brown, Mordicai Gerstein and P.D. Eastman.
26 It's Charles Schulz' birthday, creator of the Peanuts characters. Read his comic strip in the paper today.	27 It's Kevin Henkes birthday. How many words can you make from his famous title "Chrysanthemum?"	28 Talk about the favorite part of Thanksgiving and write down those memories together. Start a Memorable Moments Family Journal. Author's B-Day: Tomi Ungerer and Ed Young.	29 Exercise your brain by learning five new words today. Write the words and definitions in your journal. Try to use one in a conversation. B-Day of C.S. Lewis, Louisa May Alcott, and Madeleine L'Engle	30 Check in and see who met their reading goals for the month. Share your favorite book and/or literacy activity with friends and family.		