

Parent & Child Activity Calendar

Early Childhood

Camden County Public Schools



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 2014			1 Remove three items from your purse or pocket. Show them to your child. Put them away. Can he name them?	2 Have a "red" day. Color a picture red. Find foods to eat that are red. Look for the color red all day.	3 Have a movie night with popcorn or another snack. Talk about what was <i>real</i> and what was <i>pretend</i> in the movie.	4 Try to find a free local county fair or autumn festival nearby. Plan a trip.
5 Pile leaves on a small bed sheet. Lift the sheet up quickly and then slowly. Watch the different ways the leaves float.	6 Talk about where animals live. Which animals would you expect to see in the jungle? How about the woods?	7 Write a short word and have your child mold the shape of the letters with clay or play dough.	8 Build responsibility. Give your child a small plant to take care of. Put her in charge of the watering schedule.	9 Make a time line of your day. Let your child illustrate it with drawings or magazine cutouts.	10 Practice using the telephone. Help your child call a friend or relative.	11 Drink a glass of apple cider with your child. Talk about how cider is made.
12 Sew the bottoms of four ziplock bags together. Insert cardboard into each to create a "book." Fill with pictures.	13 Give your child a set of objects and ask him to line them up from <i>smallest</i> to <i>largest</i> .	14 Tell your child a riddle. "I love to bark and wag my tail. What am I?" Ask her to make up a riddle for you.	15 Put small items such as acorns in a jar. Ask your child to guess the number of items. Count them together.	16 Cut four shapes from various colors of paper. Make at least two of each shape. Have your child match them.	17 Glue a photo of a family member on a page. Have your child decorate around it with drawings.	18 Take your child outside for a "listening minute." Close your eyes and try to name the sounds you hear.
19 Help your child round up some friends and play a game together outside.	20 Have a counting day. Count stairs as you climb them, cars as they pass, stars as you spot them.	21 Name a sound and ask your child to tell you if it's <i>loud</i> or <i>soft</i> . For example, an alarm is <i>loud</i> , cat's footsteps are <i>soft</i> .	22 Look at photos from a year ago. Your child will be amazed at how much he has grown!	23 Ask your child to name three animals with stripes. Then have her name three with spots.	24 Turn on three different types of music today. Together, make up movements for each one.	25 Visit the library to check out some books to read. Enjoy them with your child.
26 Have your child decorate a paper plate. Cut holes for your child's eyes and mouth to create a mask.	27 Set out different sizes of pots. Ask your child to put the lids on the matching pots.	28 Let your child draw on paper towels with washable markers. Spray with water and watch the colors blend!	29 Write a letter of the alphabet. Think of things that begin with that letter and have your child draw some of them.	30 Say a word and see if your child can tell you its opposite.	31 Wash hands with your child before each meal. Talk about the importance of frequent hand washing.	