
















# November 2009



## Parent Involvement in Education Month

Make the home-school connection  
to support your child's learning!

For Families of K-12 Children

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Family Literacy Day</b> 1</p> <p>Visit your local library. </p>	<p>Browse through the newspaper &amp; discuss current events. 2</p>	<p>Flip through old family photo albums. Tell stories about what you see. 3</p>	<p>Go for a walk &amp; catch up on what has happened so far this week. 4</p>	<p>Turn off the TV &amp; read together. 5</p> 	<p>Show school spirit! Attend a school sporting event with your child. 6</p>	<p>Have a movie night. Pick out a couple favorites &amp; pop some popcorn. 7</p> 
<p>Have everyone pitch in to prepare Sunday dinner. Play fun music!  8</p>	<p>Make it a habit to talk with your children about their homework. Check it regularly. 9</p>	<p>It's never too early to start planning for the future. Find out your child's plans. 10</p>	<p><b>Veterans Day</b> 11</p> <p>Honor military personnel by attending a parade or ceremony.</p>	<p>Check out your child's school's website to stay up-to-date about events. 12</p>	<p>Go to the mall to window shop. It's good exercise &amp; invites ideas for holiday shopping! 13</p>	<p>Go for a walk around your town or city. See the sights and learn the history. 14</p>
<p><b>American Education Week</b> 15</p> <p>See what your child's school is doing to celebrate.</p>	<p>Visit your child's school to see what their day is like.  16</p>	<p>Eat breakfast with your child. It's the most important meal of the day.  17</p>	<p>Compare tastes in music. Actually listen to what your child listens to.  18</p>	<p><b>National Parent Involvement Day</b> 19</p> <p>Take the Pledge. <a href="http://www.projectappleseed.org">www.projectappleseed.org</a> </p>	<p>Connect with other parents at weekend or afterschool activities. 20</p>	<p>Donate canned goods to help other families in your community.  21</p>
<p>Clean out closets and donate old clothes your child has outgrown. 22</p>	<p>Listen. It's the #1 thing a parent can do to support their child.  23</p>	<p>Participate in your child's hobby with them, whatever it is. 24</p>	<p>Watch a movie based on a real-life event, then research what really happened. 25</p>	<p><b>Thanksgiving</b> 26</p> <p>Talk about things for which your family is grateful. </p>	<p>Enjoy family time together.  27</p>	<p>Play a favorite board game or card together as a family. 28</p>
<p>Help your child study for an upcoming test. Reward them for a job well done. 29</p>	<p>Sneak a note into your child's bag reminding them how proud you are of them.  30</p>	<p><b>Governor Charlie Crist has proclaimed November as Florida's Parental Involvement in Education Month</b></p>				

Communicate

Support Achievement

Connect with your School

Help Your School to Plan & Improve

# Family Fun Facts



## Did you know?

- **Children who eat dinner around the table with their families do better in school.**
- **Children who take family trips do better in school. Simple, free trips to the park or library are as good as expensive trips away from home.**
- **Children who are read to frequently read earlier and better.**
- **Children who see their parents read regularly are likely to read more themselves.**
- **Spending 30 minutes a day with your child can help them to achieve better grades in school.**
- **Children love to spend time with their parents!**

(Facts from Harvard Family Research Project, [www.hfrp.org](http://www.hfrp.org))

### Websites for parents and educators:

Florida Parental Information & Resource Centers (PIRCs):

Florida PIRC at USF:

[www.floridapirc.usf.edu](http://www.floridapirc.usf.edu)

Florida PIRC of FND:

[www.floridapirc.org](http://www.floridapirc.org)

Project Appleseed:

[www.projectappleseed.org](http://www.projectappleseed.org)

*Be There* Campaign:

[www.bethere.org](http://www.bethere.org)