


November Family Fun Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Say your full name and your age.	Ask your parents to draw shapes on your back. Name them.	Help set the table. How many plates, forks, and glasses will you need?	What is a veteran? Are there any veterans in your family?	How high can you count?	Make play dough.
Eat a fruit.	Get a paper plate. Draw pictures of your favorite foods on it.	Practice writing your name.	Go on a number hunt and look for numbers in your house.	Sing and act out "Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush."	Talk about the letter T. Name words that start with the /t/ sound.	Prepare a healthy snack.
Play "Step School" with your family.	Work a puzzle. Can you do it with your eyes closed?	Read a book. Tell the characters. Which one did you like best?	Say the rhyme "Old Mother Hubbard."	Can you tear paper into shapes? Glue them to a sheet of paper.	Name the colors and shapes of the food you eat.	Draw with chalk on the sidewalk.
Look at your baby pictures. How have you changed?	Do jumping jacks. Count how many you can do.	Day a finger play.	How many doors in your home? How many windows?	Draw a picture of what you are thankful for.	Clean your closet. Can you find some old toys to share with others?	Do something nice for your family.
Ask your parents to teach you a song.	Practice answering questions with a complete sentence.	Play a board game.	Make a pattern by clapping and snapping.	Name your favorite vegetables.		

November Recipes for FUN!

Let's Sing!

Little Red Box

(Tune: "Polly Wolly Doodle")

I wish I had a little red box (Cup hands in front of you.)
To put my mommy in. (Pretend to put something in.)
I'd take her out and go, (Pretend to take something out.)
Kiss, kiss, kiss, (Do three air kisses.)
And put her back again. (Pretend to put something back in the box.)

Daddy: Hug, hug, hug. (Hug self.)

*Make up additional verses for other family members and pets.

Let's Do a Finger Play!

Mr. Turkey

Mr. Turkey went for (Start with hands behind your back.)
A walk one day (Bring right thumb out in front of you.)
In the very best
Of weather.
He met Mr. Duck (Bring left thumb out in front.)
Along the way
And they talked (Have thumbs look at each other.)
Together.
"Gobble, gobble, gobble." (Wiggle right thumb.)
"Quack, quack, quack." (Wiggle left thumb.)
"Good-bye." (Bow right thumb.)
"Good-bye." (Bow left thumb.)
And they both walked back! (Wiggle thumbs behind your back.)

Let's Say a Nursery Rhyme!

Old Mother Hubbard

Old Mother Hubbard
Went to her cupboard
To get her poor dog a bone,
But when she got there
The cupboard was bare,
And so the poor dog had none.

Let's Make Something!

Play Dough

2 cups all purpose flour
1 cup salt
2 TB. cream of tartar
2 TB. vegetable oil
2 cups water
food coloring

Mix all the ingredients together in a pan and stir until smooth. Cook over medium heat stirring constantly until the mixture forms a ball and sticks to the spoon. Cool and knead. Store in plastic bags or covered containers.

*Add oil of mint or other extracts to play dough to give it a fragrance.

*Use 2 TB baby oil or massage oil in place of the vegetable oil.

*Unsweetened Kool-aid mix can be used in lieu of food coloring. The flavor will add a sweet aroma!

*Make surprise balls. Follow the recipe, omitting the food coloring. Take small amounts of dough and roll them into balls. Poke a hole in each and add a drop of food coloring to the middle of each ball. Pinch to seal in the color. Children knead the balls and – surprise!

Hint! Have children play with dough and clay on plastic placemats or trays. Add scissors, cookie cutters, play dishes, birthday candles, and other cooking props.

Let's Play a Game!

Step School

Materials: pebble or small toy, stairs

1. The players sit on the bottom step, which is "kindergarten".
2. One person, who is "the teacher," stands on the ground and faces the others. "The teacher" takes the pebble, puts it behind her back, and then hides the pebble in one of her hands. "The teacher" then brings forward both fists.
3. The first player on the step chooses a hand. If she selects the hand with the pebble, then she may move up a stair to "first grade." If she selects the empty hand, then she continues to sit in "kindergarten."

"The teacher" continues hiding the pebble and allows other members in the game to select the hand with the pebble. The game continues until a player reaches the top step. That player then becomes the next "teacher."

Let's Cook Something!

Rainbow Kabob

You will need:

red strawberries
blue blueberries
green grapes
yellow pineapple chunks
wooden skewers or toothpicks

Directions:

1. Wash your hands.
2. Clean the fruit and cut into bite-size pieces.
3. Push fruit onto skewers to make a rainbow of colors.
4. Make a wish and eat!

Hint! Use bananas, kiwi, pears, and other types of fruit.

Let's Explore!

Color Mixing

Materials: ice cube tray
 eye droppers
 food coloring
 cups of water

Directions: Prepare 3 cups of water with the primary colors (red, yellow, and blue). Let your child take the eye dropper and mix a few drops of each color in the ice cube tray. What happens? What colors make purple? Green? Orange?

Adaptations: Let children experiment with water colors to create different colors.