

Family Reading Activities Calendar PreK – 2nd Grade

November 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Native American showed the Pilgrims how to grow corn. Read to find out how they did it. Try a new corn recipe this week.	2 "Any adult who takes time to share books with small children will be rewarded, enriched, and revitalized by it every time." <i>Jan Omerod, children's author and illustrator</i> Ask an adult to share their favorite book with you.	3 Take a "writer's walk" together. Look at things and talk about how you might describe them. When you get back home, write a detailed description together.	4 When is a green book not a green book? Answer: When it is read [red]. Write your own riddle or try to find a book of riddles in the library.	5 Let's Read Together Thursday! Choose a book of your own or try these: <i>El Chino</i> by Allan Say <i>Come Along</i> , <i>Daisy</i> by Jane Simmons	6 National Author's Day is this month! Who is your favorite author? Read more about this person at your library or on the Internet.	7 Draw a picture of a Thanksgiving meal. Label each food.
8 Cut out letters from newspaper or magazine headlines to make new words. Tape the works on paper. Hang your words on the refrigerator.	9 "Poetry is so many things besides the shiver down the spine." <i>David McCord, poet</i> Write a poem about something that makes you shiver.	10 Share this fingerplay. Thanksgiving is coming (spread both hands, palms up) So give a cheer (raise one fist) For friends and family gathered near. (make a circle toward self with arms)	11 Share a treat with wildlife! Spread peanut butter on a cardboard tube or pinecone. Roll the tube or cone in birdseed. Place it outside.	12 Let's Read Together Thursday! Choose a book of your own or try these: <i>Do Monkeys Tweet?</i> by Melanie Walsh <i>Look at Fur and Feathers</i> by Henry Pluckrose	13 National Geography Awareness Week is this month! Talk about the land in your area. Are there hills, mountains, lakes, rivers, or a volcano?	14 Draw a simple map of a block near your home, your school, or a park.
15 Write a reminder to yourself. List some things for which you are thankful.	16 "Taking the time to talk to children... is an important form of intellectual stimulation; reading to your child is another." <i>David Elkind, educator and author</i> Ask an adult to read you a story about the first Thanksgiving.	17 Play with words! Take turns saying a word and then writing a list of rhyming words.	18 Recipe for Native American Fry Bread With an adult, mix together 1 cup flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup warm water. Stir until dough forms. Roll to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick. Cut into 2-inch squares. Fry in hot oil until puffed on each side. Serve hot with jam or other topping and your favorite book!	19 Let's Read Together Thursday! Choose a book of your own or try these: <i>The Art Lesson</i> by Tomie dePaola <i>Henny Penny</i> by H. Werner Zimmerman	20 National Children's Book Week is this month! Continue to keep track of how much you read for the Book It Program.	21 Draw children enjoying reading books.
22 Make a menu and place cards for your Thanksgiving feast or another family dinner.	23 "If we succeed in giving the love of learning, the learning itself is sure to follow." <i>John Lubbock, educator</i> Write about something you would like to learn about.	24 Write your favorite words on paper strips. Place the words in a bag. From time to time, pick a word from the bag and make up a story using the word.	25 "...lifelong learners are not created in classrooms as much as in home rooms - that is, living rooms, bedrooms, dining rooms, and play rooms." <i>Jim Trelease, author and educator</i> Draw a picture of your favorite place to read a book.	26 Let's Read Together Thursday! Choose a book of your own or try these: <i>Louis Takes Charge</i> by Stephen Krensky <i>Caps for Sale</i> by Esphyr Slobodkina	27 November birthdays! These children's book authors and poets share November birthdays: Robert Louis Stevenson, William Steig, Nancy Tafuri, and David McCord. Look for their books in the library.	28 Draw your family celebrating Thanksgiving.

<p>29 Together, make a miniscrapbook of family photos. Write captions under the photos to tell about them, such as when and where they were taken.</p>	<p>30 "Books are not substitute for living, but they add immeasurably to its richness." <i>Mary Hill Arbuthnot,</i> <i>educator</i> Draw a picture of a special adventure you would like to go on. Give your picture a title.</p>					
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