

## Family Reading Activities Calendar PreK – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

September 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Write your grocery list together. When you go to the store, go on a scavenger hunt for the items.	2 "Poetry is a rhythmical piece of writing that leaves the reader feeling that life is richer than before." <i>Aileen Fisher, children's author</i> Write a poem about someone special.	3 <b>Let's Read Together Thursday!</b> Choose a book of your own or try these: <i>The Surprise Party</i> by Pat Hutchins <i>Scaredy Dog</i> by Jane Resh	4 Each fall, monarch butterflies fly south for the winter. They travel about one thousand miles. Make up a song about their trip. Sing it to a familiar tune, such as "Row, Row, Row Your Boat."	5 What do you call a girl or boy who carries a dictionary in her or his back pocket? (Answer: Smarty Pants) Look up three words in the dictionary and write a sentence using them.
6 "Readers are lucky—they will never be bored or lonely." <i>Natalie Babbitt, children's author</i> Tell someone about a favorite book you read and what you liked most about the book.	7 Labor Day is celebrated this month. Draw yourself doing a favorite job.	8 Trace around your hand. Inside your handprint, write something about yourself.	9 "A book is like a garden carried in the pocket." <i>Chinese proverb</i> Write a list of objects that you carry in your pocket.	10 <b>Let's Read Together Thursday!</b> Choose a book of your own or try these: <i>Jamberry</i> by Bruce Degen <i>An Octopus Followed Me Home</i> by Dan Yaccarino	11 Go on a pick-it-up walk! Pick up a blade of grass, a rock, or another interesting thing. Find a poem about the object, or write one.	12 Recipe of Frozen Noses With an adult helper, slice bananas into coin shapes. Place the coin shapes in a plastic bag, seal the bag, and put the bag in the freezer. After a few hours, remove from freezer and enjoy!
13 September birthdays! These children's book authors and poets share September birthdays: Stan Berenstain, Jack Prelutsky, Tomie dePaola, and Aileen Fisher. Look for their books in the library.	14 Grandparents' Day is celebrated this month. Draw a picture of yourself to give to a grandparent or older relative or friend.	15 Try a "Round Robin" story. Sit in a circle on the floor. One person starts to tell a story and then stops after a few sentences. The next person continues the story until the story is complete.	16 "Give children words to love, to grow on." <i>Eloise Greenfield, children's author</i> Draw a picture of what you want to be when you get older.	17 <b>Let's Read Together Thursday!</b> Choose a book of your own or try these: <i>Will I Have a Friend?</i> By Miriam Cohen <i>Hailstones and Halibut Bones</i> by Mary O'Neill	18 Play a matching game! Make name tags for things in your home, such as a bed, a table, or a door. Match the tags to the things.	19 "There seems to be no limit to the possibilities offered by...a picture book. It's an adventure without end." <i>Shirley Hughesk</i> Make up a story about a child who goes on an adventure.
20 Where is your favorite place to read? Is it under a tree? Under the covers with a flashlight? Tell a family member or friend.	21 Draw yourself reading in your favorite place.	22 This week is National Pickled Pepper Week. Make a list of words that start with <i>p</i> and write a sentence using them.	23 "A good poem is delicious - as delicious as a chocolate-chip cookie." <i>Jack Prelutsky, poet</i> Make up a poem about a chocolate-chip cookie.	24 <b>Let's Read Together Thursday!</b> Choose a book of your own or try these: <i>Big Ones, Little Ones</i> by Tana Hoban <i>ABC, I Like Me!</i> By Nancy Carlson	25 Make a bookmark! Cut a shape, such as an animal's head, at the top of a strip of paper. Decorate the bookmark and use it when reading.	26 Share this fingerplay: I look in the mirror (cup hands above eyebrows) And what do I see? (shrug shoulders) I see the very best, that's me! (point to self)

<p>27 Citizenship Day is celebrated this month. What does it mean to be a good citizen? Read to find out or ask someone.</p>	<p>28 Draw yourself! Show one way you are a good citizen.</p>	<p>29 Together, write a list of things family members do best, such as tie shoes, write their names, help with chores, read books, or tell jokes. Hang up the list. Add to it each week.</p>	<p>30 "My fondest wish is that readers will finish a book of mine...and think, 'Well! Grown-ups are right after all! Reading is fun!'" <i>Beverly Cleary, children's author</i> Tell someone about the funniest book you ever read.</p>			
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