

**Family Engagement Month 2021**

**November**

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| Sunday | Monday | | Tuesday | | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | [**NATIONAL FAMILY LITERACY DAY**](https://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-adventure-packs-families)  Visit your local library or bookstore and read together. | | Plan a [day with no electronics. Read](https://www.healthychildren.org/English/media/Pages/default.aspx) books, play board games or do puzzles with your child. | | [Praise your child](https://www.understood.org/en/friends-feelings/empowering-your-child/celebrating-%20successes/ways-praise-can-empower-kids-learning-differences) for their efforts rather than their abilities. | [Use facial expressions](http://www.talkwithmebaby.org/learn_the_skills) and have your child guess the emotion you are showing. Are you happy, sad, or angry? | [Have fun with science.](https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/1573-everyday-fun-with-science-let-s-talk-about-stem-video) During bath time let your child discover which objects will float and which objects sink. | Listen to different [types of music and sing different types of songs.](https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/1497-getting-in-tune-the-powerful-influence-of-music-on-young-children-s-development) |
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| [**NATIONAL PARENTS AS TEACHERS DAY**](https://parentsasteachers.org/)Parents are their children's first and most important teachers. | [Read to your child daily.](http://readaloud.org/15_Read_Aloud_Tips.pdf) Research shows that it helps your child become a reader. | | As a family, learn more about [recycling efforts and pledge to reduce reuse and recycle.](https://pbskids.org/daniel/stories/neighborhood-clean-up/) | | [**Veteran’s Day**](https://youtu.be/5k3mFMvzCYc)  Talk to your child  about why we honor those who courageously serve our country. | [Talk, read and sing to your baby or young child every day](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mGWjkrErxOw). It helps your child’s brain development. | Talk with your family about [helping others](https://blogs.brighthorizons.com/familyroom/bh5minfix-6-small-ways-teach-kids-kind/) and why it is important. | Take a walk through your home and help your child find everything that has [numbers](http://talkingisteaching.org/resources/highlights-guide) on it. |
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| Invite your child to [help you plan a meal, make a grocery list](https://www.naeyc.org/our-work/families/cooking-tiny-helper), shop and help prepare the meal. | [**AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK**](https://www.nea.org/resource-library/american-education-week-november-16-20-2020)  Thank a teacher or child care provider for the work they do. Talk to your child about the importance of learning. | | Use “downtime” in the car or on a walk to [sing songs or teach nursery rhymes to your child](https://www.songsforteaching.com/nurseryrhymes.htm). | | **NATIONAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT DAY**  Explore and [talk about different jobs or careers](https://youtu.be/MdvTlQzsaYI)  with your child. | [**NATIONAL PARENT INVOLVEMENT DAY**](https://www.responsiveclassroom.org/what-research-says-about-parent-involvement/)  Take the [Pledge](http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7739/urlt/PledgeFEMEnglish.pdf) and let your child know you’re committed to their success. | Flip through old family photo albums. [Tell stories to your child about family members.](http://www.readingrockets.org/article/family-stories) | [Listen!](http://centerforparentingeducation.org/library-of-articles/healthy-communication/the-skill-of-listening/) It’s the #1 thing a parent can do to support their child. |
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| [Make up a story](https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/why-is-storytelling-important-to-children/zvqcnrd#zygfyrd) to tell your child  about a favorite family member or friend. | [Encourage conversation among family members at the dinner table](https://www.boystown.org/parenting/guides/Pages/at-the-table.aspx). | | Help your child [find numbers, shapes or colors during the day](https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/299-help-your-child-develop-early-math-skills). Focus on one of these and see how many he can find. | | Connect with [Vroom](https://www.vroom.org/) and turn everyday moments into brain building moments. | **Thanksgiving Day**  Talk about things for [which your family is grateful.](https://www.naeyc.org/our-work/families/raising-thankful-child) | Ask your child to [stack blocks or sort objects by size](https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/382-a-good-fit). This helps them to become problem solvers. | [Play your favorite music and dance with your child.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbnJ9EWVohQ) |
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| [Read I Wonder](https://www.uniteforliteracy.com/unite/createandplay/book?BookId=1857) with your child and make a list of things that they wonder about | | Visit a local park or other attraction and talk about what you see. [Find out about the Junior Ranger Program.](https://www.floridastateparks.org/Junior-Ranger) | | Visit a local [museum](https://bostonchildrensmuseum.org/museum-virtual-tour) with your child. Talk about the exhibits. Use pictures of the trip to write a story together. |