

Let your child use school tools.

Encourage your child to explore creativity through drawing, writing and cutting.

- Have your child label and decorate a box for his/her art materials.
- Set simple rules for when and where your child may use art materials.
Examples: "Only use glue in the kitchen." or, "Color only at the table." or, "Only cut paper with your scissors."
- Teach your child how to hold, open and close safety scissors.
- Provide construction paper, old magazines and junk mail cards to cut.
- Talk with your child about his/her pictures and create a small art gallery to display favorites.



SUNDAY

New Year's Day **1**

MONDAY

To Do Together: 2
It's back to school tomorrow. Help your child set out clothes.

TUESDAY

Meal Time: 3
Have a bowl of warm soup for lunch.

WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

Be with Me: 5
Listen to a story on tape or CD with your child.

FRIDAY

Art Time: 6
Draw a snowman or make one outdoors.

SATURDAY

Numbers & Counting: 7
Use cereal or blocks to count groups of ten.

To Do Together: 8
Make a piggy bank out of a coffee can or box and start saving coins.

Play Time: 9
Play 'I Spy' for numbers.

Read to Me: 10
Pick two books to read today.

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Library Day 12

Be with Me: 13
Put together a puzzle with your child.

Be with Me: 14
Have fun at bath time seeing what toys can float.

Blue Week: 15
Look for things that are blue this week.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 16
Talk with Me:
Ask your child what they want to be when they grow up.

Benjamin Franklin's Birthday 17

Practice: 18
Cut out pictures from magazines or catalogs and make a collage.

Practice: 19
Draw and cut out circles to make a collage.

Snack Time: 20
Have your child divide a snack evenly to share.

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Practice: 22
Cut out pictures of animals, foods and plants from old magazines for art projects.

Practice: 23
Have your child sort the pictures he/she cut out and keep them in plastic zip bags for later projects.

Art Time: 24
Use glue and construction paper to make collages from your magazine clippings.

Numbers & Counting: 25
Practice counting to 100.

Library Day 26
Check out books on tape or videos to watch together.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Birthday 27
Practice:
Count the number of clocks in your house.

To Do Together: 28
Open your piggy bank, sort and count the coins.

Play Time: 29
Act out a favorite story with dolls, homemade puppets or stuffed animals.

Letter Time: 30
Find things that begin with the letter 'S.'

Play Time: 31
Play 'Simon Says' to learn counting, like, 'Simon Says to jump 3 times.' Let your child be Simon, too.



Check with your local school district for kindergarten sign-up dates.



January is National Soup Month

Great Books for January:



Let's Read About Martin Luther King, Jr. – Courtney Baker
Miffy's Happy New Year – Dick Bruna
Miss Spyder's Tea Party – David Kirk
The Mitten: A Ukranian Folktale – Jan Brett
On a Wintery Morning – Dori Chaconas
Snowmen at Night – Caralyn Beuhner
Winter Friends – Carl R. Sams II and Jean Stoic
Winter's First Snowflake – Cheri L. Hallwood

Stock-Up on School Tools:

Check out dollar stores for inexpensive school supplies and craft materials, such as:

- Glue sticks
- Liquid glue
- Safety scissors
- Crayons
- Construction paper
- Water colors
- Flash cards
- Old Maid card games
- Go Fish card games

