

A Month of Literacy Activities Grades 3-5

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Plan to eat dinner as a family as often as possible this month to share educational experiences.	Visit the library. Find a historical fiction book to read together	Explore a new magazine with your child	Have your child read a newspaper article aloud to you. Discuss the context.	Watch a science program together on TV	Begin to keep a journal. Encourage your child to write in it everyday	Do a crossword puzzle together
Have your child tell how two holidays are alike and different.	Find a cozy place to read a book together. Have your child retell a chapter or two.	Look at the weather map in the newspaper. Compare your weather with other regions	Let your child plan a meal. Look for sales and coupons and go grocery shopping together.	Read directions for a project with your child. Create the project together.	Play a word game such as Scrabble, Password, or Boggle with your child	Have your child write a letter to a friend or relative. Be sure to mail it!
Ask your child to notice ten details about their route to school.	Read several books by the same author. Discuss similarities and differences.	Visit a historical landmark in your area. Write about the experience.	Give your child written directions where to find a hidden object	Ask your child to list things that a person can do in 2011 that couldn't be done in 1900	Look at an atlas together to find all the places your family has visited.	Write a message to your child. Encourage your child to write back
Have a scavenger hunt. Make a list of words for your child to identify in a newspaper.	Create a movie poster about a favorite book	Have your child make a list of ways to save electricity in the home	Have your child write a letter to the editor about an issue of personal concern.	Have your child create a cartoon strip.	Have your child use a map to plan an imaginary trip. Find the shortest route	Help your child create a collage that represents what he/she likes to do.
Find a book about collecting or observing something in nature (birds, flowers, insects, etc...). Keep a log.	Have your child write humorous captions for family photos.	Have your child write a fictitious short story using the names of friends and family				

Have your child read for a minimum of 15 minutes each day. Initial the square for that day or write in the total time spent reading that day. If you skip a day then read for 30 minutes the next day and initial both days. At the end of the month, add up the total time spent reading.