

April 2011 Learning Calendar



Mathematics



Science



Reading



Writing



History



Recreation



Music



Computer



Day Trips



Art



Communication

P-Prekindergarten E-Elementary S-Secondary

Sunday

Monday





Tuesday

Wednesday

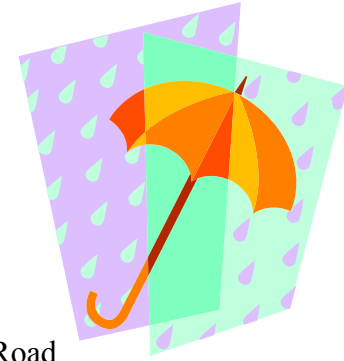
Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<p>DATES TO REMEMBER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Library Week — April 10–16, 2011  Summer Expo — May 17– June 7, 2011 (See details on the Parent Support Services Web site) 						<p>1 As the weather changes and spring arrives, think about ways to “go green.” Write a list of steps you can take to help take care of your environment. P, E, S </p>	<p>2 The Emmart-Pierpont Safe House in Rockdale will celebrate a Harriet Tubman Day of Remembrance from 1–3 p.m. 410.655.7821 P, E, S </p>
<p>3 In 1860 the Pony Express mail delivery service began. How is most mail delivered today? Write a letter to a friend and be sure to mail it. P, E, S  </p>	<p>4 Recent natural disasters may have made children anxious. Talk to them about their fears. Visit Baltimore County’s emergency preparedness Web site. P, E, S </p>	<p>5 Conserve energy and resources. Turn off the lights when you leave a room. Turn off the TV if no one is watching. How much electricity can you save? E, S </p>	<p>6 Talk to your children about their names. What is a moniker? Do any famous people share your child’s monikers? P, E, S </p>	<p>7 Today is World Health Day. Eat right. Stay active. Get enough rest. What are some other ways to improve your health? P, E, S  </p>	<p>8 In 1974 Hank Aaron broke Babe Ruth’s record by hitting his 715th home run. Play some baseball outside today. P, E, S </p>	<p>9 Find out how kites can be used as educational tools. Fly a kite during National Kite Month. P, E, S </p>	
<p>10 Explore the oceanic environment at the National Aquarium’s “Jellies Invasion” exhibit and “Our Ocean Planet” dolphin show. P, E, S  </p>	<p>11 In 1996 President Bill Clinton declared April National Poetry Month. Pick a meaningful topic and write a poem. E, S </p>	<p>12 Play a prediction game. Try to guess how often a coin will land heads up or tails up. Flip the coin 50 times. Tally the results and compare predictions. P, E, S </p>	<p>13 Pack a 0% trash lunch. Use reusable containers instead of plastic bags and use cloth napkins instead of paper ones. P, E, S </p>	<p>14 In 1865 President Abraham Lincoln was shot while attending a play in Washington, D.C. He died the next day. Who was his assassin? E, S </p>	<p>15 Students from Baltimore School for the Arts will present Baltimore at the Crossroads: Civil War Stories at the Maryland Historical Society from 4:30–5:30 p.m. E, S </p>	<p>16 Join a Saturday morning bird walk at Cromwell Valley Park. Learn how to use binoculars and locate birds from 8–10 a.m. 410.887.2503. E, S </p>	
<p>17 “Kids Unplugged” at the Irvine Nature Center encourages families to take a break from electronics. Activities include crafts and a drum circle from 11 a.m.–4 p.m. P, E, S </p>	<p>18 Many animals are born in the spring. Some baby animals have special names. What is a baby deer called? What baby animal is called a joey? P, E, S </p>	<p>19 Baltimore County libraries offer story times, computer classes, and used books for sale. Make sure everyone in the family has a library card. P, E, S www.bcplonline.org </p>	<p>20 What means of transportation do you use? Try walking or riding a bike. For longer trips, talk to your friends about carpooling. E, S </p>	<p>21 In colonial days, students wrote with a feather pen dipped in ink. Try dipping a pencil in washable paint and writing your letters. P, E </p>	<p>22 Earth Day was established in 1970 to increase awareness and appreciation for the environment. Share your ideas for protecting the earth. P, E, S </p>	<p>23 Create a family time capsule. Gather up items that mean something to each family member. Place the items in a box; pick a date in the future to open the box. P, E, S </p>	
<p>24 The Library of Congress was established in 1800 by President John Adams. Where is the Library of Congress? E, S </p>	<p>25 At dinnertime, have each family member talk about the best part of the day. Ask for details; find out what makes each person happy. P, E, S </p>	<p>26 Water is always a healthy choice if you are thirsty. Fill up a reusable bottle and carry it with you or leave it in the refrigerator for a steady supply of cold water. E, S </p>	<p>27 It’s Tell A Story Day. Read aloud or retell most of your favorite story. Stop before the end and come up with a new ending. How does the ending compare to the original one? P, E, S  </p>	<p>28 Wear your school colors today! Talk to your friends about other ways to show off your school spirit. E, S  </p>	<p>29 Write family thank-you notes. List the reasons you are thankful and let family members know why they are important. E, S </p>	<p>30 Our first U.S. President was inaugurated in 1789. What was his name and where was he sworn in? (Hint: The ceremony was not held in Washington, D.C.) E, S </p>	

TOPICS OF INTEREST



The Emmart-Pierpont Safe House in Rockdale was built in 1791. The home has been identified as part of the Underground Railroad, a vast network of people who helped fugitive slaves escape to the North and to Canada. The home is now owned by Jeff and Shirley Supik, who have committed to preserve the history of the freedom seekers.

<http://mysite.verizon.net/epsafehousesupik/index.html>

The National Aquarium in Baltimore is home to more than 10,500 specimens and 560 species. Exhibits are designed to replicate natural environments and avoid the unnatural mixing of species. www.aqua.org

The Maryland Historical Society was founded in 1844 as a resource for the people of Maryland and others interested in Maryland history. Library and museum collections central to the state's history promote research and educate the public through publications and fine art.

www.mdhs.org

Cromwell Valley Park is a 380-acre stream valley park of cultivated gardens, open fields, woods, hedgerows, orchards, and wooded piedmont hills. It is open for visitation 365 days a year.

www.cromwellvalleypark.org

The **Irvine Nature Center** in Owings Mills provides environmental education for Baltimore-area schools, students, and the public. The center includes a museum, nature store, and walking trail.

www.explorenature.org

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