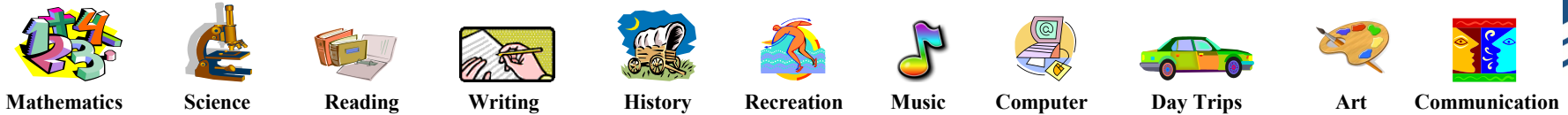













































# January 2012 Learning Calendar



P-Prekindergarten    E-Elementary    S-Secondary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1</b> In Korea, many families gather at the home of the eldest male family member on the first day of the year. How do you celebrate the new year? <b>P, E, S</b></p> 	<p><b>2</b> Talk to your family about emergency procedures. Discuss what to do if there is a fire, an accident, or severe weather. <b>P, E, S</b></p> 	<p><b>3</b> Review responsibilities for the new year. Let your children take over family duties as they are ready: cleaning dishes, feeding pets, or collecting mail. <b>P, E, S</b></p> 	<p><b>4</b> Which founder of classical physics, who was one of the greatest scientists of all time, was born on this day in England in 1643? <b>E, S</b></p> 	<p><b>5</b> Nellie Ross was inaugurated as the first female governor in the United States in 1925 in Wyoming. Name some current influential women in politics. <b>E, S</b></p> 	<p><b>6</b> Today is National Smith Day, created to recognize the most common last name in the United States. Do you know anyone named Smith, Smythe, Schmidt, Goldsmith, or Smithers? <b>P, E, S</b></p> 	<p><b>7</b> <a href="#">The National Aquarium</a> invites special needs guests into the facility 30 minutes before opening on the first Saturday and Sunday of each month. Visit today. <b>P, E, S</b></p>  
<p><b>8</b> Today is the birthday of Elvis Presley. The “King of Rock and Roll” was born in 1935; his first big hits came out in 1956. How old was he in 1956? <b>E, S</b></p>  	<p><b>9</b> Sail into a swashbuckling adventure at the Loch Raven Library’s “Urban Pirate Story Time” at 10:30 a.m. Songs, stories, and treasure included. <b>P, E</b> <a href="http://www.bcpl.info">www.bcpl.info</a></p> 	<p><b>10</b> Start a family journal this year. Have each family member contribute memories, photos, artwork, or ideas at least once a week. <b>P, E, S</b></p>  	<p><b>11</b> There are more than 100 million dogs and cats in the U.S. Take a poll among your friends to find out which animal is more popular. <b>E, S</b></p> 	<p><b>12</b> Keep your children active indoors during the winter months. Have a dance contest, or practice jumping rope. <b>P, E, S</b></p> 	<p><b>13</b> Why do those who suffer from triskaidekaphobia dislike this day? <b>E, S</b></p> 	<p><b>14</b> Join <a href="#">Port Discovery</a> for an <i>I Have a Dream</i> weekend to celebrate the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Special events will be held through Sunday. <b>P, E, S</b></p>  
<p><b>15</b> Dallas Cowboys quarterback Don Meredith once threw an 83-yard pass to teammate Bob Hayes. How far can you throw a ball? <b>P, E, S</b></p>  	<p><b>16</b> Baltimore’s <a href="#">Martin Luther King, Jr. parade</a> begins at noon. Celebrate the life of the civil rights and political leader. <b>P, E, S</b></p>  	<p><b>17</b> Benjamin Franklin was born in 1706. Which one of Franklin’s inventions is used to measure distance traveled? <b>E, S</b></p>  	<p><b>18</b> Peter Mark Roget who published the world’s best known thesaurus, was born in 1779. Write down five words and have your child write a synonym for each word. <b>E, S</b></p> 	<p><b>19</b> What American author known for his dark tales of mystery was born in 1809? (Hint: His most famous poem shares its name with Baltimore’s football team.) <b>P, E, S</b></p> 	<p><b>20</b> In the game Monopoly, the properties are named after streets in Atlantic City, N.J. Get out your favorite board game and challenge your family tonight. <b>P, E, S</b></p> 	<p><b>21</b> “The Strength of the Mind” exhibit at the <a href="#">Reginald F. Lewis Museum</a> features the creative spirit of Maryland African Americans. <b>P, E, S</b></p>  
<p><b>22</b> Create some family time reading a Sunday newspaper with your child. Talk about the week’s news, sports, and entertainment stories. <b>E, S</b></p> 	<p><b>23</b> Help your student stick to a study schedule. Make sure to have some down time in the family plans to allow for reading, writing, and research projects. <b>E, S</b></p>  	<p><b>24</b> The first Winter Olympics were held in 1924 in France. Competitive events included figure skating and skiing. What is your favorite winter sport? <b>P, E, S</b></p> 	<p><b>25</b> Look at a map or globe with your child. Point out places where it is sunny and warm. What is the temperature where you are? <b>P, E, S</b></p>  	<p><b>26</b> The world’s largest diamond was discovered in 1905 in South Africa. It weighed 3,106 karats (or 1½ pounds). Name some other precious gems. <b>E, S</b></p>  	<p><b>27</b> Check out the <a href="#">Learning At Home Resources</a> page on the BCPS’ Web site. Activities and learning games include the Fish to Learn and Football Math games. <b>E, S</b></p> 	<p><b>28</b> Snowflakes start as tiny ice crystals the size of a speck of dust. As they fall, they attach to other crystals. Draw and cut out some snowflakes for winter decorations. <b>P, E</b></p> 
<p><b>29</b> Join the “Nature Detectives” at <a href="#">Cromwell Valley Park</a> and learn how to use nature clues to identify animals from their tracks and sounds. 1–2:30 p.m. <b>P, E, S</b></p>  	<p><b>30</b> Talk to your family about the importance of showing respect for ourselves, for others, for property, and for the world. Offer examples of ways to practice respect and courtesy. <b>P, E, S</b></p> 	<p><b>31</b> What baseball great born on this day in 1919 became the first African American Major League Baseball player when he debuted with the Brooklyn Dodgers? <b>E, S</b></p> 				

# TOPICS OF INTEREST



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](http://www.aqua.org)

501 East Pratt Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
410-576-3800

The **Baltimore County Public Library** system was established with a Board of Trustees in 1948. Today there are 18 county facilities dedicated to promoting a love of reading to visitors of all ages. [www.bcplonline.org](http://www.bcplonline.org)

BCPL Administrative Offices  
320 York Road  
Towson, MD 21204

The **Port Discovery Children's Museum** in Baltimore offers three floors of interactive educational exhibits and programs. Recommended for children ages 2–10. [www.portdiscovery.org](http://www.portdiscovery.org)

35 Market Place  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
410-864-2700

The **Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture** celebrates Maryland's African American heritage with permanent exhibitions, changing exhibitions, and educational programming. [www.africanamericanculture.org](http://www.africanamericanculture.org)

830 E. Pratt Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
443-263-1800

**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 visitors 365 days a year. [www.cromwellvalleypark.org](http://www.cromwellvalleypark.org)

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