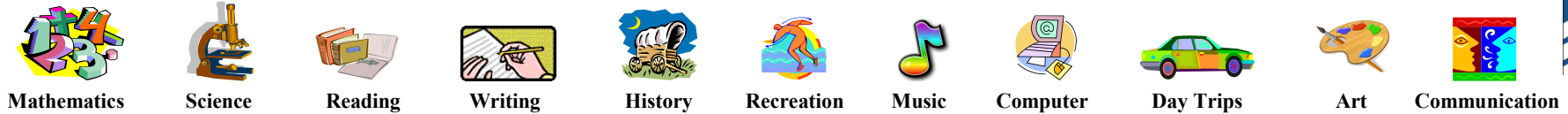



































May 2011 Learning Calendar



P-Prekindergarten E-Elementary S-Secondary

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>1 Visit the 44th annual Towsontown Spring Festival around Courthouse Square. Activities include music, dance, magic, and games. 1-7 p.m. P, E, S </p> | <p>2 Dr. Benjamin Spock was born in 1903. His book, <i>Dr. Spock's Baby and Child Care</i> helped millions of parents raise children. E, S </p> | <p>3 Teens are excited and may be anxious about upcoming graduations. Be patient when talking about future plans, goals, and expectations. S </p> | <p>4 The Baltimore Orioles baseball team is named for the state bird of Maryland. What two other major league baseball teams are named for birds? E, S </p> | <p>5 <i>Dreamt</i> is the only English word that ends in the letters mt. What are some other unique words in the English language? E, S </p> | <p>6 Visit Holt Park for an "After Dark Amphibian Adventure." Learn about native frogs and their calls and then venture into the park to listen for them. 7:30-9 p.m. P, E </p> | <p>7 The Fire Museum of Maryland will host its annual "Steam Show" to celebrate summer hours. Visit from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. P, E, S </p> |
| <p>8 Is it warm enough today for No Socks Day? Head outside and wiggle your toes in the wind! P, E </p> | <p>9 The average person needs 37 grams of protein to stay healthy. Name some sources of protein. E, S </p> | <p>10 In 1994 Nelson Mandela was sworn in as the first black president of South Africa. Who is president of that country today? E, S </p> | <p>11 Play historical "Who Am I?" Pick a character from a history lesson and invite friends to ask questions about that person. E, S </p> | <p>12 Nearly 900 million people in the world speak Chinese; 341 million speak English. Learn to say and write "hello" and "thank you" in Chinese. P, E, S </p> | <p>13 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>14 Visit the "Material Girls: Contemporary Black Women Artists" exhibit at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum. P, E, S </p> |
| <p>15 The Pumpkin Theater in Owings Mills presents the musical comedy <i>How to Eat Like a Child</i>. Show times are 1 and 3 p.m. P, E </p> | <p>16 <i>BCPS News</i> airs at 7 a.m., 11 a.m., and 6:30 p.m. on Comcast Cable Channel 73 and Verizon FiOS Channel 34. View it online at The Education Channel. P, E, S </p> | <p>17 The ancient Greeks were the first to toss coins into water for good luck. They threw coins into wells, hoping to keep the wells from running dry. Make a wish! P, E, S </p> | <p>18 Make a family list of at least five activities you would like to do this summer. Work on a plan with your family to accomplish those things together. E, S </p> | <p>19 How do animals communicate? Pretend to be your favorite animal and figure out how to share thoughts without using words. P, E </p> | <p>20 In 1927 American pilot Charles A. Lindbergh flew from New York to Paris for the first successful solo nonstop transatlantic flight. What was the name of his plane? E, S </p> | <p>21 Today is the running of the 136th Preakness Stakes, the second thoroughbred race of horse racing's "Triple Crown." What are the other two races? E, S </p> |
| <p>22 The game of Chinese checkers was actually invented in Germany in the late 1800s. Play your favorite board game. P, E, S </p> | <p>23 Author Margaret Wise Brown was born in New York in 1910. Have you read <i>Goodnight Moon</i>? Reread your favorite children's book. P, E </p> | <p>24 The average American will eat 880 chickens, 14 cows, 770 lbs. of fish, 35 turkeys, and 12 sheep in his or her lifetime. What is your favorite meal? P, E, S </p> | <p>25 The first <i>Star Wars</i> movie opened in 1977. It remained the highest grossing film of all time for nearly 20 years. What is your favorite action adventure story? E, S </p> | <p>26 The human body is about 70 percent water. How watery is your body? If you weigh 100 lbs, you are 70 lbs of water. Estimate your water weight. E, S </p> | <p>27 Today is the last day of classes for high school seniors. Ask your students what they valued most about their school experiences this year. E, S </p> | <p>28 Call your local police or fire station and request a visit. Talk to the firefighters and police officers; thank them for their hard work. P, E </p> |
| <p>29 View the "Jim Lucio: Totems" exhibit at Baltimore's Contemporary Museum. The display features totem poles created out of old toys, lamp parts, and other collectibles. P, E, S </p> | <p>30 Take time to remember those who serve in the military. Memorial Day was established to honor those who died in service to our country. P, E, S </p> | <p>31 On No Tobacco Day, talk to students about the dangers of smoking. Role play with your child on how they should respond when offered a cigarette? E, S </p> | <p> Contact your local school for information regarding kindergarten registration. </p> | | | |

TOPICS OF INTEREST



The **Towsontown Spring Festival** is the largest outdoor festival in Maryland and one of the largest on the East Coast. Nearly 250,000 visitors are expected to attend the two-day event, featuring more than 450 vendors and 50 entertainment acts.

www.towsontownspringfestival.com

400 Washington Avenue
Towson, MD 21204
410-825-1150

The **Lillian Holt Park and Center for the Arts** in northeast Baltimore County offers a variety of art classes, music, poetry, and art exhibits. Holt Park includes 13 acres of wooded trails, an arboretum, gardens, a greenhouse, an outdoor amphitheater, and a meditation garden path.

<http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/recreation/countyparks>

34 Elmont Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21206
410-887-5307

The **Fire Museum of Maryland** opened its doors in 1971 to educate the public about the history, people, equipment, and techniques of fire service. The museum is open Saturdays only from September through December. www.firemuseummd.org

1301 York Road
Lutherville, MD 21093
410-321-7500

The **Reginald F. Lewis Museum** of Maryland African American History and Culture showcases permanent exhibitions, changing exhibitions, and educational programming of African American heritage. www.africanamericanculture.org

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

The **Pumpkin Theatre** in Stevenson was founded in 1967 as part of the Drama Department at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland. Each year the non-profit organization presents a series of family-friendly musical theatre. www.pumpkintheatre.com

Pumpkin Theatre Box Office
Ruxton Towers
8415 Bellona Lane, Suite 115
Baltimore, MD 21204
410-828-1814

The **Contemporary Museum** presents exhibits and art with a social and political focus at its permanent Mount Vernon location and in changing venues throughout Baltimore City. The museum also provides educational outreach to underserved communities throughout the city.

www.contemporary.org

100 W. Centre Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
410-783-5720