

October 2011 Learning Calendar



Mathematics



Science



Reading



Writing



History



Recreation



Music



Computer



Day Trips


































Art

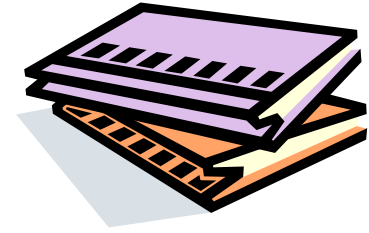


Communication

P-Prekindergarten E-Elementary S-Secondary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<p>1 Cromwell Valley Park hosts a Children's Gardening Club at the Willow Grove Nature Education Center. The club meets 9:30 a.m.–noon. Call 410-887-503 P, E </p>
<p>2 The Oregon Ridge Nature Center's annual Honey Harvest Festival features activities, music, crafts, and snacks. 11 a.m.–4 p.m. P, E, S </p>	<p>3 <i>Stewardesses</i> is the longest word typed with only the left hand. <i>Lollipop</i> is the longest word typed with the right hand. Practice your keyboarding skills today. E, S </p>	<p>4 Bookmark Baltimore County Public Schools' Web site at www.bcps.org. Check regularly for updates and schedules. P, E, S </p>	<p>5 The Randallstown Library hosts Evening Story Time at 7 p.m. Check story times for your local library at www.bcpl.info. P, E </p>	<p>6 The cartoon dog Marmaduke is a Great Dane. Scooby-Doo's real first name is Scoobert. Draw a funny dog cartoon and create a story. E, S </p>	<p>7 It's flu vaccination time. For a list of vaccination clinics, visit the Baltimore County Health Department Web site or call 410-887-2243. P, E, S </p>	<p>8 In 1544 King Henry VIII married his last wife. Who was she? Learn more at the Maryland Renaissance Festival in Crownsville. P, E, S </p>
<p>9 Play dirty! Go outside and dig with your kids. Talk to them about soil: how it is formed and how plants grow. P, E </p>	<p>10 Help your child build social skills. Practice starting conversations and sharing ideas. P, E, S </p>	<p>11 Use household objects for everyday lessons: line up objects by size; have older children guess the weight of items. P, E </p>	<p>12 "The Natural Work of Art" at the Holt Center in Overlea explores what connects art and nature. Sessions run 6:30–7:30 p.m. through Dec. 14. 410-887-5307 P, E, S </p>	<p>13 The first telephone directory ever issued contained only 50 names. It was published in New Haven, CT. Look up a friend's phone number in a phone book. E, S </p>	<p>14 The first live telecast from space was broadcast in 1968 when the Apollo 7 astronauts gave a tour of their spacecraft. Who were the first American astronauts to walk on the moon? E, S </p>	<p>15 Baltimore County Farmers' Markets feature fresh fruits, vegetables, and breads from area farms. Talk to vendors about canning and storing for the winter months. P, E, S </p>
<p>16 Today is National Dictionary Day, celebrated on Noah Webster's birthday. Who was Noah Webster? E, S </p>	<p>17 The world's largest city, Davao City in the Philippines, covers an area of more than 1,500 square miles. How many square miles is Baltimore City? E, S </p>	<p>18 Talk to your children about alcohol and drugs. Role play with them about how to respond when they are offered these substances. E, S </p>	<p>19 Keep your family healthy this fall: wash, wipe, and clean! Have soap and sanitizers readily available; clean hands and surfaces regularly. P, E, S </p>	<p>20 Read with your children every chance you get, from picture books to daily newspapers. Talk about what you have read together. P, E, S </p>	<p>21 Have fun with numbers while traveling in your car: add up the numbers on license plates; then try to multiply, subtract, or divide them. P, E, S </p>	<p>22 Take an after-dinner walk with your family. Try different movements like skipping and hopping. P, E, S </p>
<p>23 The Visionary Art Museum features creations by self-taught artists. P, E, S </p> <p>30 Tackle a puzzle with your child. Use small jigsaw puzzles with younger students. P, E </p>	<p>24 United Nations Day (UN) celebrates the organization's mission of peace. Name some UN members. E, S </p> <p>31 Pumpkins are a good source of Vitamin A. Carve a pumpkin and bake a pie today! P, E, S </p>	<p>25 Spend some time talking about money. Discuss the value of savings and budgets. Does your family have an allowance policy? P, E, S </p>	<p>26 Consider volunteer opportunities for your family: walk a neighbor's dog or schedule a park clean up. Find out what causes your children would like to support. P, E, S </p>	<p>27 Do a household energy check. Turn off equipment and appliances when not in use. Visit www.nrdc.org as a family. P, E, S </p>	<p>28 What national monument that is a gift from the people of France was officially unveiled in New York Harbor in 1886? E, S </p>	<p>29 Candle and kerosene lights on antique fire engines are lit up for Lantern Night at the Fire Museum of Maryland in Towson. Visitors in costumes are admitted free. 6–8 p.m. P, E </p>

TOPICS OF INTEREST



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

2002 Cromwell Bridge Road
Baltimore, MD 21234
410-887-2503

The **Oregon Ridge Nature Center** offers year-round family activities. The center also houses environmental displays and live animals, including snakes, frogs, and turtles. www.orgeonridge.org

13555 Beaver Dam Road
Cockeysville, MD 21030
410-887-1815

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

BCPL Administrative Offices
320 York Road
Towson, MD 21204

The **Maryland Renaissance Festival** recreates a sixteenth century English village on 25 acres of woods and field. Entertainment includes music, stage shows, and jousting in addition to 130 craft shops and traditional food outlets. www.rennfest.com

1821 Crownsville Road
Annapolis, MD 21401
800-296-7304

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