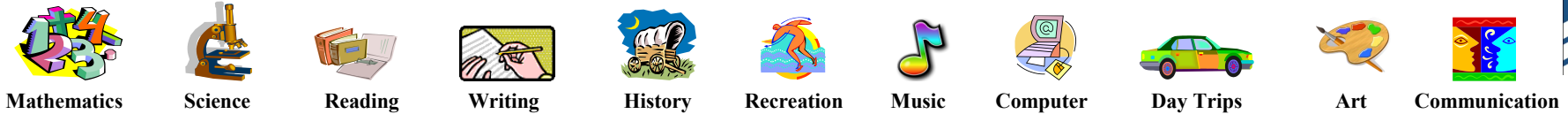






































# June 2011 Learning Calendar



P-Prekindergarten E-Elementary S-Secondary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>The Baltimore County Public Library offers a Summer Reading Club where your child can do crafts, read, and participate in fun activities. For more information, visit the library online at <a href="http://www.bcpl.info/kidspage/">http://www.bcpl.info/kidspage/</a></p>			<p>1 How high can you jump? A pig once jumped 27.5 inches! Have a contest to see who can jump as high as that pig. P, E</p> 	<p>2 Do you know what to do if an emergency occurs? Create and discuss plans and safety rules during National Safety Month. P, E, S</p> 	<p>3 Help your children create a book of summer contacts with phone numbers, addresses, and e-mail contacts of friends. This notebook can help them keep in touch over the summer. E, S</p> 	<p>4 The Edgestock Music Festival at Fort Howard Park features local bands and raises funds for youth and adult programs in Baltimore County. P, E, S 11 a.m.–10 p.m.</p> 
<p>5 <a href="#">The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore</a> recently celebrated the birth of an endangered sifaka. Visit the zoo and check out this baby lemur. P, E, S</p> 	<p>6 The school year is coming to an end. How many days remain? How many hours? How many minutes? Count them! E, S</p> 	<p>7 It's National Dairy Month. Do some research to see how many types of dairy products exist. Why is dairy important to a healthy diet? P, E, S</p>  	<p>8 One quadrillion ants live on Earth. How many zeros are there in the number <i>one quadrillion</i>? E, S</p> 	<p>9 Make sure you have a copy of your child's recommended summer reading list. Review the list and plan to check out the books from the library. E, S</p> 	<p>10 Author Maurice Sendak, who wrote <i>Where The Wild Things Are</i>, was born in 1928. How old is he now? P, E</p>  	<p>11 Visit the <a href="#">Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum</a> for Flag Day activities featuring aviation and patriotism. P, E, S 11 a.m.–2 p.m.</p>  
<p>12 Donate last year's books to <a href="#">The Book Thing</a> of Baltimore, where unwanted books find new homes. P, E, S</p> 	<p>13 When cheetahs run, they look as if they are flying because most of the time all four of their feet are off the ground. Go out and take a run today. P, E, S</p> 	<p>14 What do the stripes on the U.S. flag represent? How many stars were on the original flag? Celebrate Flag Day with pride. E, S</p> 	<p>15 Did you know that the numbers on opposite sides of a die always add up to seven? Roll some dice and add up the numbers. E, S</p> 	<p>16 In 1884 the first roller coaster began operation on Coney Island in New York City. Draw a roller coaster with your favorite features. E, S</p> 	<p>17 The world's largest s'more was made from 20,000 marshmallows and 7,000 chocolate bars. It weighed 1,600 lbs. What is your favorite summertime snack? P, E, S</p> 	<p>18 Visit a Baltimore County farmers' market with your children. Talk to the vendors and farmers about growing and preparing food. P, E, S</p> 
<p>19 How much do you know about your favorite male role model? Where did he grow up? What did he like about school? Ask him some questions. P, E, S</p> 	<p>20 Lake Baikal in Russia is the world's deepest lake. It is more than 5,000 feet deep. Look for some lakes on a map of Maryland. E, S</p> 	<p>21 It's <a href="#">Go Skateboarding Day</a>. Remember your helmet and pads when you try out this universal activity. P, E, S</p> 	<p>22 How many steps is it to the nearest mailbox? How many steps do you take when you walk a block? Practice counting your steps while walking. P, E</p> 	<p>23 The average dream lasts about 20 minutes. Keep track of your dreams for a week. Are there recurring themes? E, S</p> 	<p>24 Artist Pablo Picasso held his first major exhibit in 1901 when he was only 19 years old. Create a family gallery of favorite pieces of artwork. P, E, S</p> 	<p>25 Gelotology is the study of laughter. Tell your favorite jokes and make someone smile. P, E, S</p> 
<p>26 Visit <a href="#">the Ballestone-Stansbury House</a> in Essex from 2–5 p.m. for craft demonstrations and decorative arts and furnishings for sale. P, E, S</p> 	<p>27 Which letter of the alphabet is not used in the spelling of any of the 50 states in the United States? E, S</p> 	<p>28 About 72 percent of the earth's surface is covered by water. Name the Seven Seas of the World. E, S</p>  	<p>29 Every day, more than 16.5 million people have a birthday. Learn how to say "Happy Birthday" in another language. P, E, S</p> 	<p>30 Alligators grow about 3,000 teeth in a lifetime. How many teeth do humans grow? P, E</p>  	<p>If you are moving over the summer, don't forget to register as early as you can at your new school!</p> 	

# July 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>For activities to help maintain your child's math, reading, and spelling skills over the summer, visit the BCPS Parent Support Services Web site, Summer Learning Resources at <a href="http://www.bcps.org/offices/dpd/summer-learning-resources.html">http://www.bcps.org/offices/dpd/summer-learning-resources.html</a>.</p>							<p>1 Baltimore County offers free summer concerts at locations throughout the county. Call 410-887-3871 for general information. <b>P, E, S</b></p>	<p>2 Visit the <a href="#">African American Festival</a> at M &amp; T Bank Stadium for a celebration of African American ancestry. Exhibits and entertainment run through Sunday. <b>P,E,S</b></p>
<p>3 Exercise helps your mind and body. Make sure your family is active for at least part of the day, and be sure to drink plenty of water! <b>P, E, S</b></p>	<p>4 Look for the red, white, and blue on this Independence Day. Point out other colors as well. <b>P</b></p>	<p>5 Play letter games: see how many words you can create using only the letters of your family members names. <b>P, E, S</b></p>	<p>6 Review summer safety tips. Why is it important to swim with a buddy? How do bike helmets protect us? <b>P, E, S</b></p>	<p>7 In 1981 Sandra Day O'Connor was named the first female justice on the United States Supreme Court. How many women sit on the court today? <b>E, S</b></p>	<p>8 Have some soapy, slimy fun! Make a bubble solution for your children with 1/8 cup dishwashing liquid and one cup of water. <b>E, S</b></p>	<p>9 Jacob Fussell of Baltimore was the first person to manufacture ice cream on a large scale. Conduct an ice cream survey. What flavor is the most popular? <b>P, E, S</b></p>		
<p>10 Smoky the Bear has been educating children about fire prevention since the 1940s. Sign the Wildfire Pledge and help prevent fires. <a href="http://www.smokeybear.com">www.smokeybear.com</a> <b>E, S</b></p>	<p>11 Have your child calculate the gas mileage, tolls, and cost for gas when you take a trip. <b>E, S</b></p>	<p>12 <a href="#">The Maryland Science Center</a> offers preschool story time, including music, science, and hands-on activities, every Tuesday from 11 a.m.–2 p.m. in the Kids Room. <b>P</b></p>	<p>13 Architect, sculptor, and inventor Erno Rubik was born in Hungary in 1944. What square, pop culture puzzle did he create in the 1980s? <b>E, S</b></p>	<p>14 Celebrated American artist James Abbott McNeil Whistler was born in 1834. What is Whistler's most famous painting? <b>E, S</b></p>	<p>15 Visit your local public library to encourage productive reading habits over the summer. Encourage reading every day. <a href="http://www.bcpl.info">www.bcpl.info</a>. <b>P, E, S</b></p>	<p>16 Oregon Ridge, Rocky Point, and Miami Beach Parks feature swimming areas that are open through the summer. Visit <a href="http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov">www.baltimorecountymd.gov</a> for more information. <b>P, E, S</b></p>		
<p>17 Create a word search or crossword puzzle using summer activity words. Go to <a href="http://www.puzzlemaker.com">www.puzzlemaker.com</a> or use a ruler and paper to create a puzzle. <b>P, E, S</b></p>	<p>18 Take care of your pets. Make sure they have plenty of water in hot months. Arrange to have someone feed and walk pets if you are away. <b>P, E, S</b></p>	<p>19 Take a walk and incorporate patterns: skip one block, then hop a few times, run two blocks, etc. <b>P, E, S</b></p>	<p>20 Día del Amigo, a Day of Friendship, was established in Argentina and is celebrated in many Spanish-speaking countries. Call or visit with a friend today. <b>P, E, S</b></p>	<p>21 The world's lowest temperature was recorded in 1983 in Antarctica. It was 129° below Fahrenheit! Read a thermometer for today's temperature. <b>P, E, S</b></p>	<p>22 American artist Alexander Calder was born in 1898. Trained as an engineer, he was famous for his colorful, intricate mobiles. Design a mobile with colors and shapes. <b>P, E, S</b></p>	<p>23 Visit the <a href="#">Irvine Nature Center</a> for seminars about native vegetation and conservation. Call 410-484-2413. for more information. <b>P, E, S</b></p>		
<p>24 Write a movie review of your favorite summer movie. Compare it to critics' reviews. <b>E, S</b></p>	<p>25 Iguanas can stay underwater for nearly half an hour; most humans can hold their breath for 30-40 seconds. Talk with your child about water safety. <b>P, E, S</b></p>	<p>26 Play with numbers. Add up the numbers in today's date: 7 + 26 + 2011. You can also try adding numbers in your birth date, your address, or your favorite holiday date. <b>E, S</b></p>	<p>27 Encourage your children to find and identify shapes. Traffic lights are circles, some buildings are rectangles, etc. Keep track of their discoveries. <b>P</b></p>	<p>28 Plan an insect expedition. Take a walk or hike and bring along a notebook. How many bugs can you see and identify? <b>P, E, S</b></p>	<p>29 Write a book or story using your children and their friends as the main characters. Incorporate their personalities and positive traits. Ask them to act out the story. <b>P, E, S</b></p>	<p>30 English novelist and poet Emily Bronte was born in 1818. How many titles can you name that were written by Emily and her sister Charlotte Bronte? <b>E, S</b></p>		

# August 2011 Learning Calendar



Mathematics



Science



Reading



Writing



History



Recreation



Music



Computer



Day Trips



Art



Communication

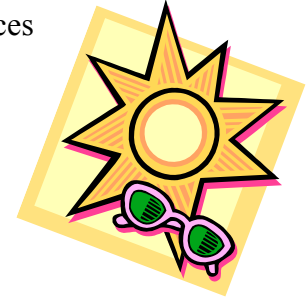
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Purchase school supplies early!</b></p>	<p><b>1</b> Cook a kid-friendly dinner with your family. Have children help to plan the menu, shop for ingredients, and prepare the meal. <b>P, E, S</b></p>	<p><b>2</b> After visiting a park, playground, or beach, always leave it better than you found it. Clean up your mess, and encourage others to do the same. <b>P, E, S</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> Prepare a frozen fruity treat with juice cubes. Freeze your favorite juice in ice cube trays. Add fruit juice cubes to drinks or eat them as a frozen snack. <b>P, E, S</b></p>	<p><b>4</b> Set your dinner table as if you were having a formal meal. Where do the fork, knife, and spoon belong? Learn together about table setting. <b>E, S</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> What is your favorite vacation destination? How would you convince others to visit there? Create a commercial including a persuasive script and fun activity ideas. <b>E, S</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> Visit the International Festival for a celebration of our area's cultural diversity. Activities run through Sunday at Poly/Western High School. 410-396-3141 <b>P, E, S</b></p>
<p><b>7</b> What is the temperature today? Check internet weather sites to see what the weather is around the world. Why does weather vary? <b>E, S</b></p>	<p><b>8</b> A hummingbird's heart can beat 1,000 times a minute. Learn how to take your pulse; practice taking it at a quiet time and then after a run. <b>E, S</b></p>	<p><b>9</b> The electric washing machine was patented in 1910. Try washing clothes without electricity for a full day. How is it washing clothes different without a washing machine? <b>E, S</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> French fries actually came from Belgium, not France. Research your favorite food and find the recipe. Then try making it yourself. <b>E, S</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> "Roots" author Alex Haley was born on this day in 1921. Interview members of your family to learn your family history. Create a family tree of your own. <b>P, E, S</b></p>	<p><b>12</b> Check the newspaper for sales on school supplies. Allow your children to pick some of the items and work on a budget. <b>E, S</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> Create a statue of yourself using aluminum foil. Lie on the floor and have a partner mold foil into shape over your body. Lift and hang yourself on the wall! <b>P, E</b></p>
<p><b>14</b> Baltimore's World Trade Center is the tallest pentagonal building in the world. What is a pentagon? <b>P, E, S</b></p>	<p><b>15</b> Do plants grow better with rain water or tap water? Set up a summer science experiment and keep track of results. <b>E, S</b></p>	<p><b>16</b> Starting a new school this year? Check out the school's Web site at <a href="http://www.bcps.org">www.bcps.org</a>. Have your child talk to neighbors or friends who know the school. <b>P, E, S</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> Play with paper airplanes today. Create planes out of recycled newspaper and cardboard boxes. Which planes fly farther? <b>P, E, S</b></p>	<p><b>18</b> Learn a new trick today: try magic, jumping rope, or juggling. Visit your local library for books or videos about your new trick. <b>P, E, S</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> Try marble art with your children: dip a marble in paint, and let your child roll it around a blank piece of paper. Use multiple colors and look for patterns. <b>P, E</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> Tune in! Turn on a radio and listen to a news or entertainment program. Talk to someone older about how radio has changed in recent years. <b>P, E, S</b></p>
<p><b>21</b> Organize a book swap with your friends. Pick your favorite titles and agree to trade a book for a few weeks. Arrange a time to meet and discuss the books you have read. <b>E, S</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> Create a summer memory book. Include favorite activities, photos, and drawings. Have your child include stories with thoughts and goals for next summer. <b>P, E, S</b></p>	<p><b>23</b> Play dress-up. Use old clothes and allow children to create their own characters. <b>P, E</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> School starts next week! Adjust your child's bedtime and wake-up time to a school schedule now for an easy transition. <b>P, E, S</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> Shop with your child for nutritious lunch and snack items. Make sure to encourage children to try new items. <b>P, E, S</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> On this date in 1920, women in the U.S. were granted the right to vote. Why is this right important? <b>E, S</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> The Maryland Renaissance Festival offers visitors a trip back to the 1500s. Check <a href="http://www.rennfest.com">www.rennfest.com</a> for more information. <b>P, E, S</b></p>
<p><b>28</b> In 1963 Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech during the March on Washington. Find the speech online and read it. <b>P, E, S</b></p>	<p><b>29</b> Today is the first day back to school for students. Stick an encouraging note in your child's backpack or lunch box. <b>P, E, S</b></p>	<p><b>30</b> Plan to attend the back-to-school events at your child's school. Talk to teachers about how to contribute to learning at home. <b>P, E, S</b></p>	<p><b>31</b> Create a well-lit, comfortable, and TV-free schoolwork spot for your children; review homework policies for the coming school year. <b>E, S</b></p>	<p>Tour one of the five area BCPS resource centers that provide products and services for families, educators, and community members. Visit Parent Support Services online at <a href="http://www.bcps.org/offices/dpd/pss.html">http://www.bcps.org/offices/dpd/pss.html</a> for locations and hours.</p>		

# TOPICS OF INTEREST

The **Baltimore County Public Libraries** (BCPL) 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  
410-887-6100



**Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks** hosts thousands of programs including individual and team sports, arts and crafts, social clubs, and special events throughout the year.

400 Washington Avenue  
Towson, MD 21204  
410-887-3871

[www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/recreation/index.html](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/recreation/index.html)



## CHILDREN'S MAGAZINES

***American Girl***—For girls ages 8-12; includes craft projects, games, and advice.

***Boys' Quest***—For elementary-age boys; includes stories, poems, and activities.

***Creative Kids***—For children ages 8–14; features creative works written for kids, by kids.

***Highlights for Children***—For children ages 4–12; includes games, stories, riddles, and hidden picture features.

***Jack and Jill***—For children ages 7–10; features current events, stories, and activities.

***Kids Discover***—For children ages 6 and older; covers nature, science, and geography.

***National Geographic Kids***—For children ages 8–14; focuses on adventure, wildlife, and science issues.

***Nickelodeon Magazine***—For children ages 8–15; covers youth movies, music, and sports.

***Ranger Rick***—For children ages 7 and older; promotes nature and environmental awareness with stories and games.

***Sesame Street Magazine***—For children ages 2–6; features learning through stories and activities with well-known characters.

***Zoobooks Magazine***—For children ages 6–12; includes games, puzzles, and illustrations about animals, birds, reptiles, and insects.