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Parent/Child Activity Calendar

Division of Early Childhood Education

				1 Discuss a few weather changes that take place in the Fall. (Days are cooler and shorter.)	2 Ask your child to point out numbers. Look at signs, cereal boxes, license plates, etc.	3 Make a puzzle by pasting a large magazine picture onto cardboard. Cut into 5 or 8 pieces
4 Carve a shape into one half of a potato and dip it in paint. Make potato prints on a piece of paper.	5 Play with your child. If she wants to be a teacher, pretend to be the student.	6 Teach your child his address and phone number. Review it often if he knows it already.	7 Let your child draw on paper towels with washable markers. Spray towel with water—watch the colors blend.	8 When it's time to put away the toys, turn on some "clean up" music—it's what teachers do!	9 Talk about families. Explain that there are many different kinds of families. Give your child some examples.	10 Visit the farmer's market to see the pumpkins. Talk about different dishes made with pumpkin.
11 Practice following directions. Say, for example, "Take some leaves off the pile and make a smaller pile."	12 Give your child an old scarf or hat to play dress-up with.	13 Show your child a pattern by alternating carrot and celery sticks. Can she tell what comes next?	14 Look at familiar things in a new way. A shoebox can become a doll's bed or boxes can be houses or buildings.	15 Ask questions that require more than 'yes' or 'no' such as "What was your favorite part of the story?"	16 Have a family movie night with popcorn. Talk about what was real and what was pretend.	17 Take a walk with your child to see how many kinds of leaves she can find.
18 Practice using the telephone. Help your child call a friend or relative.	19 Show your child a new shape today. If he already knows the basics, introduce a hexagon or an octagon.	20 Count the cracks in the sidewalk when you take a walk.	21 Make emotion faces together and guess what each face feels.	22 Take turns telling a story. Say, "There was a family who lived in a ..." Let your child fill in the blank.	23 "Catch" your child being good today. Make praise specific, 'You worked so hard ...'	24 Cut an apple into parts and divide them equally. Explain to your child that both of you are getting half.
25 Practice saying the days of the week with your child. Talk about what makes weekends special.	26 In the grocery store, ask your child to find 3 purple items.	27 Write your child's name in large letters on paper. Have him glue Cheerios over the letters.	28 Make leaf art. Glue, trace or draw leaves on paper. Do you know what trees they come from?	29 Place several pairs of your child's socks in a pile and invite him	30 Talk with your child about foods that make us think of autumn (apples, pumpkins, etc.)	31 Have an old-fashioned Halloween. Fill a mixing bowl with small apples, water and bob!