

# Parental Involvement in Education Month October 2011

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## Preschool



## Elementary School



## Celebrating Family Engagement from Cradle to Career!

						1 Ask your child's school for a copy of their Parent Involvement Policy.
2 Visit a farmers market with your child and discuss the value of healthy eating habits.	3 Help your child mark school holidays, birthdays, and other important events on a planning calendar.	4 Research an important part of history and discuss how it affects current times.	5 Read with your child. You read the even-numbered pages; let the child read the odd-numbered pages.	6 Make homemade frozen treats. Fill ice tray with juice & place cut straws in cubes & freeze.	7 Listen to music from a different country with your child and explore their culture.	8 Family game night. Play Scrabble or any other board game as a family.
9 Share your positive memories or learning experiences from school with your child.	10 Make an emergency kit for your child's book bag. Include important phone numbers, bus fare, etc.	11 Ask your child's school when the next PTA/PTO meeting is and attend.	12 Use a folder to store notices and other messages from school. Keep it handy.	13 Make a map of your neighborhood or town with child. Highlight important locations.	14 Sing one of your child's favorite songs together. Act out the words.	15 Play catch or a safe sport with your child and possibly their friends outside.
16 Take a walk together. Collect leaves, flowers and seeds to make artwork.	17 Cook dinner together. Measuring is a great way to learn math. Reading directions is great for literacy.	18 Work with your child to set up a homework routine.	19 Play a card game with your child that can build math and reasoning skills.	20 Visit your child's school website & explore the many ways to use a computer together.	21 Praise your child and be specific: "Great job on that book report you just finished! Way to go!"	22 Let your child "catch" you reading. Explain what and why you read and why it's so important.
23 Go shopping together and have your child use a calculator to add up the cost of the food.	24 Ask your child what he wants to be when he grows up and why.	25 Check out a library book on stars and space. On a clear night look at the stars together.	26 Start discussing Halloween and general safety tips with your child.	27 Meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress.	28 Draw on or carve a pumpkin with your child. Place in window or front of house	29 Ask your child to read to you while you cook dinner.
30 Meet with your child's friends or family to discuss plans for Halloween.	31 Take your child Trick-or-Treating or have a party at home as a family.	<b>Select one activity per week and celebrate Family Engagement Month with your family</b>				