



October 2009

Let your child use school tools.

Encourage your child to explore creativity through drawing, writing and cutting.

- Have your child label and decorate a box for his/her art materials.
- Set simple rules for when and where your child may use art materials.
Examples: "Only use glue in the kitchen." or, "Color only at the table." or, "Only cut paper with your scissors."
- Teach your child how to hold, open and close scissors.
- Provide construction paper, old magazines and junk mail cards to cut.
- Talk with your child about his/her pictures and create a small art gallery to display favorites.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1 Library Day



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3 **To Do Together:**
Go to the dollar store or craft store for crayons, chalk, paper, etc.



4 **Fire Prevention Week Begins**

Reminder:
October is Fire Prevention Month. Change batteries in fire and smoke detectors.

5 **Talk to Me:**
Ask your child to tell you about their favorite toy.



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8 **Read to Me:**
Pick two books to read today about fall or Halloween.

9 **Practice:**
Zippers, snaps and buttons.

10 **Play Outside:**
Draw on the sidewalk or driveway with chalk.



11 Orange Week:
Look for things that are orange this week.



12 Columbus Day

13 Learn Colors:
Eat a fruit or vegetable that is orange.

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15 Library Day



16 Play outside:
Kick or throw a ball, play hopscotch, or jump rope.

17 Sweetest Day
Plan an Outing:
Visit a local orchard to pick apples.

18 Grocery Store:
Have your child help make a shopping list.



19 Practice:
Cutting shapes out of paper.

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21 What . . . ?
Rhymes with the word whale?

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23 Numbers and Counting:
Sort and count things like socks, canned foods, buttons, etc.

24 Enjoy Fall:
Collect different fall leaves or visit a pumpkin patch.

25 Art Time:
Talk about fall and draw a picture of a tree, pumpkins, etc.

26 Snack Time:
Have a crunchy apple with cheese or peanut butter!

27 Letter Time:
Find things that begin with the letter "O."

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29 Library Day



30 Be with Me:
Take a walk and play an "I Spy" game.

31 Halloween



Books to Celebrate October:

Autumn Is for Apples by Michelle Knudsen
The Seasons of Arnold's Apple Tree by Gail Gibbons
The Apple Pie Tree by Zoe Hall
A Picture Book of Christopher Columbus by David Adler
Dot the Fire Dog by Lisa Desimini
Arthur's Fire Drill by Marc Brown
Dragon's Halloween by Dav Pilkey
The Vanishing Pumpkin by Tony Johnston



October is National Apple Month