

BOOKS TO READ!

- Abuela* by Arthur Dorros
- Bee-bim Bop!* by Linda Sue Park
- Blackout* by John Rocco
- Does a Kangaroo Have a Mother, Too?* by Eric Carle
- Grandpa Green* by Lane Smith
- Guess How Much I Love You* by Sam McBratney
- The Hello, Goodbye Window* by Norton Juster
- Llama Llama Misses Mama* by Anna Dewdney
- Mr. Rabbit and the Lovely Present* by Charlotte Zolotow
- The Napping House* by Audrey Wood
- Owl Moon* by Jane Yolen
- Peter's Chair* by Ezra Jack Keats
- The Relatives Came* by Cynthia Rylant
- What Mommies Do Best/What Daddies Do Best* by Laura Numeroff



Native American Heritage Month

November is the month set aside to highlight the significant contributions the very first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the United States. At one time, many distinct groups of Native Americans lived in South Carolina with locations across the state still bearing those Indian place names. The Native Americans played an important role in the state's history and many tribes are still active. There are a total of 30 different tribal entities in South Carolina today.










How to Share Books with Your Child

Repetition is important when sharing books with your child. If they have a favorite, read it enthusiastically! Use different voices and makes noises mentioned in the book. Point out words as you read them so your child begins to connect the words and noises you are making to what is on the page. When sharing books about ABC's, coloring or counting books, remember that you are reading for enjoyment, not to try to teach your child skills.

November: Family

GrandFamily Resource Centers are located in various county libraries throughout South Carolina. The intent of the GrandFamily Resource Centers, created by the South Carolina State Library in partnership with public libraries, is to create one location in a community where resources for grandparents who are raising their grandchildren can be housed. If you are a grandparent raising your grandchildren, be sure to check your local library for valuable resources and assistance.

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

<p>Does your family have favorite foods? Spend time cooking a meal together.</p>	<p>Count how many brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins and pets you have in your family.</p>	<p>Put on some of your favorite music and dance with your family.</p> 	<p>Draw pictures of all your family members, save for tomorrow.</p>	<p>Cut out the pictures that were drawn yesterday and make them into puppets by taping them to popsicle sticks or straws. Put on a puppet show about your family.</p>	<p>Talk about the importance of grandparents in your family. Many South Carolina libraries have GrandFamily Resource Centers. Ask about these valuable resource centers when you visit your library this month.</p>	<p>Visit Your Library!</p> <p>Check out some books about families. If possible get <i>Blackout</i> and <i>What Mommies Do Best/What Daddies Do Best</i> from this month's booklist.</p> 
<p>Talk about what kinds of activities you would do if the lights went out. If you have a copy, read <i>Blackout</i>.</p> 	<p>Mother Goose Time!</p> <p>Chook, Chook, Chook, Chook, Chook, Good morning, Mrs. Hen. How many chickens have you got? Madam I've got ten. Four of them yellow, and four of them are brown, and two of them are speckled red, the nicest in town.</p>	<p>Have your child name one thing that makes each member of your family special.</p>	<p>Talk about Veteran's Day</p> <p>Explain what the word veteran means. Do you have any veterans in your family?</p> 	<p>Write a poem about a family of turkeys.</p> 	<p>Talk about what each member of your family does best. If you have a copy, read <i>What Mommies Do Best/What Daddies Do Best</i>.</p>	<p>Have a family story time. Have each person choose a favorite book to read.</p>
<p>Play a game as a family. If you don't have a game, make one up!</p>	<p>Have your child set the table for dinner and tell you who sits at which seat. Help them write place cards with each person's name.</p> 	<p>Draw a picture of an animal home. Talk about the different kinds of homes that animals live in.</p>	<p>Song Day!</p> <p>You are my sunshine. My only sunshine. You make me happy when skies are gray. You never know dear how much I love you. Please don't take my sunshine away.</p>	<p>Science Day!</p> <p>Do a simple science experiment together. For example, fill numerous cups with water and add different colors of food coloring. Have your child mix two colors to create a new one. Help them observe what happens.</p>	<p>Mother Goose Time!</p> <p>Learn a family nighttime poem: When little Fred went to bed, He always said his prayers. He kissed his mama and then papa, And straightaway went upstairs.</p>	<p>Trace your hand to make a turkey. Draw a whole family of turkeys for Thanksgiving.</p>
<p>Talk about some of your family traditions or create a new one.</p>	<p>Have your child tell you a story about a special day they spent with another family member.</p>	<p>Dough Family!</p> <p>Make salt dough or play dough and use it to sculpt models of your family members.</p> 	<p>Talk about the history and meaning of Thanksgiving.</p>	<p>Have each family member share one thing for which they are thankful.</p>	<p>Have each family member draw a self-portrait.</p>	<p>Help your child write and send a letter to a family member.</p> 
<p>Talk a walk outside as a family.</p> 	<p>Bath Time!</p> <p>During bath time act out: Rub-a-dub-dub, three men in a tub, And who do you think they were? The butcher, the baker, the candlestick-maker, They all sailed out to sea, 'twas enough to make a man stare.</p>	<p>Have your child make up a story about their favorite animal family.</p>	<p>November is National Adoption Month.</p> <p>Talk about how families are similar and different.</p> 	<p>Talk about some of the animals in your neighborhood and whether they are part of a family.</p> 	<p>Mother Goose Time!</p> <p>Bye, baby Bunting, Father's gone a-hunting, Mother's gone a-milking, Sister's gone a-silking, Brother's gone to buy a skin to wrap the baby Bunting in.</p>	<p>Have an older adult or grandparent tell your child a story from their childhood.</p>