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Did You Know?

Families and Reading Month

The Keystone State Literacy
Association has proclaimed April as
Families and Reading Month!



KEYSTONE STATE
LITERACY ASSOCIATION

Providing Leadership in Literacy and Education for the Commonwealth

Visit the KSLA website to download the

resources. You will find letters for teachers and families explaining the purpose of Families and Reading Month; recommended books; websites and apps for preschool, primary, intermediate, and middle school students; calendars full of fun literacy ideas; and certificates for families who participate. The family letter and calendars are available in Spanish. Feel free to share paper copies of the documents or post them electronically to your website or family communication platform. Below are some ideas for implementation in your school:

- During morning announcements in April, share a short message each day about a different staff member and his/her favorite childhood book. Older students could interview the staff members and write the messages.
- Create a bulletin board or webpage featuring staff members reading with their families or ask students to bring in photographs of them reading with their families for a bulletin board.
- Ask students' family members to create videos of themselves reading their child's favorite book and share them with the class.
- In May, announce the names of students who completed the Families and Reading Month calendars during the morning announcements or display their names on a bulletin board that families will see when they enter the school or in a message on your family communication platform.
- Distribute the Families and Reading Month certificates at an end-of-the-year awards ceremony.

Primary Grades April 2021						Y
*Ensure your child completes the suggested activity or reads for 15 minutes each day. Initial the box for that day, if you skip a day, read for 30 minutes the following day and initial 2 days. At the end of the month, sign this calendar and return it to your child's teacher. Activities listed are not required for the Certificate of Achievement.						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Child's Name & Grade		Family Member Signature		Visit a library. Get a card for your child. Check out some books.	Watch a nature program on TV. Talk about what you see.	Go outside and writt words with your chil using sidewalk chalk on the blacktop or a stick in the mud.
4	5	6	7	8	9	1
Cut a comic strip apart. Have your child put it together in the right order.	Page through a family photo album and talk about the memories the photos have captured.	Cut words out of the newspaper. Glue them on paper to make a new sentence.	Have your child practice his address and important phone numbers.	Read a new book or an old favorite to your child.	Start reading a story and stop before the end. Ask your child to predict the ending.	Have a treasure hun Leave picture or wor clues to follow to reach the treasure.
11	12	13	14	15	16	1
Help your child create a map of your home.	Have your child describe a family member or friend. Guess who it is.	Take a walk. Close your eyes and listen for the sounds of spring. Make a list of the sounds.	Help your child plant flower or vegetable seeds. Make a graph to chart their growth.	Have your child write a note or an email to a friend or relative.	Start telling a familiar story. Have your child write a new ending.	Sing favorite songs of compose a new one together.
18	19	20	21	22	23	2
Help your child write and illustrate a story about a favorite animal.	Have your child plan a fun family activity.	Have fun reading and writing with your child.	Read a story. Make puppets out of small paper bags or socks and act out the story.	Read a poem. Let your child guess what the next rhyming word will be.	Go on a letter, number, or color hunt with your child.	Go on a walk with your child and play Follow the Leader.
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Say a word to your child and ask him for a word that rhymes or create tongue twisters together.	Choose a new recipe. Read it together and have fun making it.	Play a board game after reading the directions together.	Find a cozy place to read a favorite story. Have your child retell the story.	When driving with your child, turn off the music and talk about the day's events.	Read directions for a project. Work together to create the project.	

National Poetry Month

National Poetry Month is the largest literary celebration in the world, with tens of millions of readers, students, K-12 teachers, librarians, booksellers, literary events curators, publishers, bloggers, and, of course, poets marking poetry's

national poetry month

important place in our culture and our lives every April. In 2021, the Academy of American Poets looks forward to celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of this annual celebration!



Virtual Poetry & the Creative Mind gala on April 29

Poetry Near You

2021 Dear Poet Project

Sign up for Poem-a-Day

#NationalPoetryMonth Twitter @POETSorg

Poem in Your Pocket Day -- April 29

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Pennsylvania has more than 12,000 miles of trail!



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Creating Equitable School Systems A Roadmap for Education Leaders



As LEAs plan for the school year and beyond, it is critical that educators use the planning process to reflect on successes and challenges of the school year and learn how to make instruction and assessment more engaging and effective for all students.

A Roadmap is available to ensure flexibility and responsiveness to the needs of students.

Access the recorded webinars via a playlist on PDE's YouTube channel.

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