

## Online Registration Available for 2018/19!

We are so excited to offer online registration and enrollment to the families of the Livingston County-R-III School District! Online Registration will eliminate almost ALL of the back-to-school paperwork parents typically receive at our Open House! We expect this to become live in August, and will notify the parents of all students currently enrolled with the district by email! A link will be posted on the school website ([chulaschool.org](http://chulaschool.org)). Families new to the district will also be able to register using the same link.



Before online registration can be completed, parents will need to have access to TeacherEase. If you don't already have access, you may request this using the link on the website or calling the school office (639-3135). When registration opens if you don't have access to a computer, you are welcome to use a district computer to complete registration. More information will be sent home before school dismisses for summer break.

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## From the Principal's Desk...

 Mrs. Megan Hardie

# Fairness



Students in Mrs. Leadbetter's 3rd/4th Grade class shared at morning rally the character trait of fairness—playing by the rules and taking turns, being open-minded and listening to others, not taking advantage of others, and not blaming others carelessly and treating all people fairly.

Chillicothe Summer School will be May 29-June 29, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:10 p.m. If your child(ren) are attending Summer School and want to ride the bus to Chillicothe, you will need to have them here ready to get on the bus at 7:10 a.m. each morning. They will need to be picked up each afternoon at 3:40 p.m.

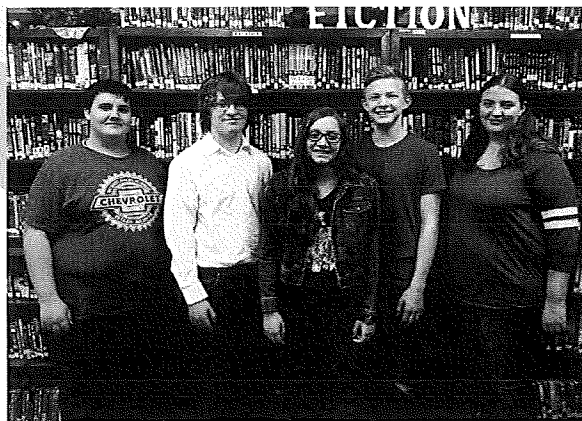
Please make sure you have back-up plans in place so children do not have to sit outside the school waiting for their ride home. If you need to change your child(ren)'s after school schedule, you will need to contact the Chillicothe Bus Barn @ 660-646-6309.

## You Are Invited...

- Preschool Graduation—Wednesday, **May 9th** at 7:00 p.m.
- 8th grade Graduation Ceremony—Friday, **May 11th** at 7:45 p.m. This is our opportunity to recognize these students' accomplishments and wish them good luck on their high school endeavors.
- Field Day for grades K-8 will be held on Monday, **May 14th**. Mr. Cassity has been preparing lots of fun games and races for that day.
- Our last day of school will be Wednesday, **May 15th**. The Annual Awards Assembly will be held that morning beginning at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be served after the assembly, and students will be dismissed @ 12:20 to begin enjoying their **SUMMER VACATION!!!**



*Thank you to all students,  
parents, faculty/staff, and  
community for a successful  
2017-2018 school year. We  
could not have done it  
without you!  
Mrs. Hardie*



Ash Chappell, Mathew Meservey, Cassity Eckert, Joshua Meservey, Bailey Elrod

**Congrats Echcat Grads!!** 

### 2018-2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The first day of school for the 2018-2019 school year will be August 22.

For the complete 2018-2019 school calendar, visit [www.chulaschool.org](http://www.chulaschool.org).

# Menus

**School:** Livingston County R-3

**Meal:** All

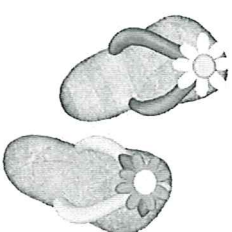
**Month:** May 2018

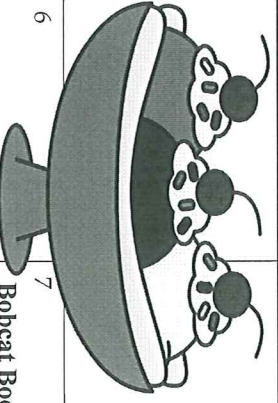
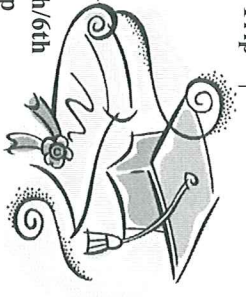
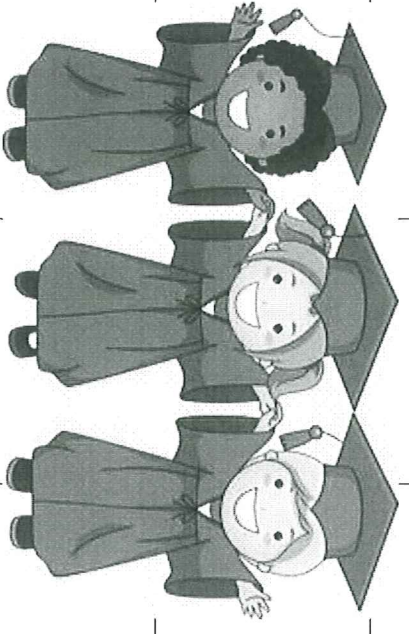
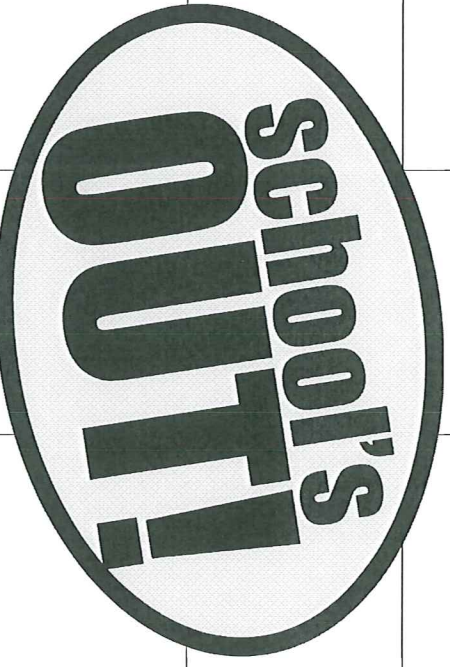
**Academic Year:** 2017-18

May				
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<p>30</p> <p><b>Breakfast:</b> Whole grain waffles, reduced calorie syrup, fruit, juice, milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Whole grain chicken patty, mashed potatoes, carrots, whole wheat bread &amp; butter, fruit, milk</p>	<p>1</p> <p><b>Breakfast:</b> Whole grain cereal, whole wheat toast, fruit, juice, milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> BBQ Pork Ribette, au gratin potatoes, broccoli, whole wheat bread &amp; butter, fruit, milk</p>	<p>2</p> <p><b>Breakfast:</b> Breakfast burrito, fruit, juice, milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Mac &amp; cheese, cole slaw, peas, whole wheat bread &amp; butter, fruit, milk</p>	<p>3</p> <p><b>Breakfast:</b> Whole grain biscuit, sausage patty, fruit, juice, milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Grilled cheese, tomato soup, celery sticks, fruit, milk</p>	<p>4</p> <p><b>Breakfast:</b> Whole grain French toast, reduced calorie syrup, fruit, juice, milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Hamburger patty on whole wheat bun, potato wedges, baked beans, fruit, milk</p>
<p>7</p> <p><b>Breakfast:</b> Doughnut, sausage patty, fruit, juice, milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Hamburger patty on whole wheat bun, potato wedges, carrots, fruit, milk</p>	<p>8</p> <p><b>Breakfast:</b> Whole grain cereal, whole wheat toast, fruit, juice, milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Spaghetti w/meat sauce, tossed Romaine salad w/low-fat Ranch dressing, mixed vegetables, whole wheat bread stick, fruit, milk</p>	<p>9</p> <p><b>Breakfast:</b> Whole grain waffle, reduced calorie syrup, fruit, juice, milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Turkey &amp; cheese on whole wheat bread, baked chips, raw baby carrots, celery sticks, fruit, milk</p>	<p>10</p> <p><b>Breakfast:</b> Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Pepperoni pizza, tossed salad w/Romaine, green beans, fruit, milk</p>	<p>11</p> <p><b>Breakfast:</b> Scrambled eggs, whole wheat toast, fruit, juice, milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Beef &amp; bean burrito, refried beans, whole kernel corn, fruit, milk</p>
<p>14</p> <p><b>Breakfast:</b> Breakfast chicken patty, whole grain biscuit, fruit, juice, milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Turkey &amp; cheese on whole wheat bread, chips, cookie, milk</p>	<p>15</p> <p><b>Breakfast:</b> Cereal, whole wheat toast, fruit, juice, milk</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Ham &amp; cheese on whole wheat bread, chips, ice cream, milk</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>



# May 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 1st/2nd Field Trip	4 7th/8th Field Trip	5 
6 Bobcat Booklovers' Field Trip	7	8	9 12:20-Preschool Dismissal	10	11 3rd/4th & 5th/6th Field Trip	
		7:30-School Bd. Mtg.	7:00-Preschool Grad		7:45-8th Grade Graduation	
13	14 Field Day	15 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 12:20-Early Out	16	17	18	19
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## Preschool News

Hello and Happy Spring! The weather has been so nice for us the last few days that we have taken most of our learning outside. Our flowers are blooming so beautifully in our flower garden and that prompted a study about seeds and plants. While digging in the dirt, we discovered many earthworms and thought it would be interesting to learn more about them and build a worm farm. We discovered in our learning that worms are very good for the soil. We kept them in our classroom for a few days before returning them to the flower garden.



We will end our school year with a field trip to Simpson Park in Chillicothe with our families. We are looking forward to a fun day. Preschool Graduation will be held on Wednesday, May 9 at 7 pm.

What a wonderful time we have had this school year. It's so hard to believe that in just a few short days we will be graduating and moving on. We have made so many wonderful memories together and we are thankful for the friendships we have made. Have a wonderful summer!

Mrs. Mindy & Mrs. Tabby

## Kindergarten News

April has been a busy month for us!

We had 14 eggs delivered on the 18th for us to put in our incubator. We have been watching them and turning them every day. We have also been learning about baby chicks. We are excited to see our first ones hatch soon...we hope!

We took our end-of-the-year field trip to Blank Park Zoo on Friday the 20th. The weather was perfect and we had a lot of fun looking at all the interesting animals. Then we got to enjoy a picnic lunch before coming back home. We were pretty tired by the time we got home but were happy with the trip.

We took the Stanford test. That's the first big test we have ever taken. We have had plenty of practice on how to sit and listen and how to fill in the bubble. We are going to do GREAT!

We are looking forward to our spring concert and art show coming up this Friday. We have put a lot of work into our projects and can't wait to show our family.

We are looking forward to May and the end of kindergarten. I can't believe we are almost in 1st grade!

Mrs. Cypert



## First & Second Grade News

Despite cold weather at the beginning of April, we were ready to plant seeds! We set up our greenhouse and have several seeds growing in our classroom. First grade conducted an experiment to show how different kinds of light affect how plants grow. Second graders conducted experiments to show the effects of different temperatures, soils, and liquids have on plants. One group learned the important lesson of making sure that you or your partner actually plants a seed in your cup. About a week and half went by of a plant being in a nice warm spot by the boiler and there was no sign of it sprouting. Mr. Russ did some investigating and found that there was no seed in the cup. Important lesson learned! We've had some good laughs about that the past couple of weeks.

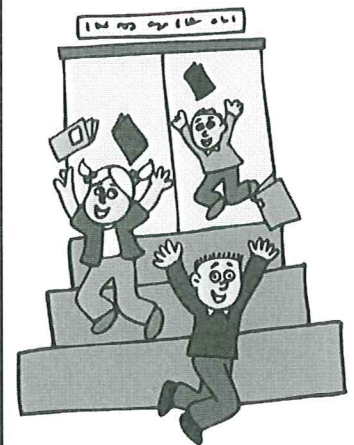
We're getting ready to begin our last science unit on space in anticipation of our field trip on May 3. We'll be visiting Science City and the Planetarium. We're excited to check out the force and motion playground and see the planetarium show featuring one of our favorite book series, *The Magic Tree House*.

We've had a wonderful year in first and second grade. Miss Wanda and I are excited to keep our first graders for another year and sad to see our second graders go. They're a funny, smart, and loving group. We know they'll be great in third grade, but we wouldn't mind keeping them a little longer.

Happy Summer!

Don't forget to send any Boxtops you have with your favorite Chula Student. We'll send them in when school is out!

Miss Stone



### Third & Fourth Grade News

Despite having some yucky weather at the beginning of the month, April has flown by! We were very busy practicing and reviewing for the MAP test. We also got our class book finished and sent off to be published. They turned out great! One day we invited the preschool room in to do some GoNoodle videos with us. It was a blast! We also love going outside every once in awhile and playing with the preschoolers. The next couple of weeks will be very busy as we wrap up the school year with some projects, field day, and a field trip. Summer will be here before we know it!



Mrs. Leadbetter

### Fifth & Sixth Grade News

Warm weather is FINALLY here, and I asked my class what they are looking forward to the most.

**Thomas Chappell:** I want to go to water parks!

**Emily Chriner:** I like to ride my bike around Chillicothe and go swimming.

**Sabrina Curtis-Garrett:** I love to swim in the pool!

**Kamdyn Hinnen:** I want to go swimming!

**Destiny Holtzclaw:** I like to go to Chilli Bay and to my parents' homes.

**Madalyn Howe:** I like to go on vacation and swimming!

**Noah Meservey:** I love to go swimming, playing video games, and playing with my dogs.

**Rachael Meservey:** I love swimming and playing with my dog, Cocoa.

**Jackson Searcy:** I want to go fishing!

**Maci Stover:** I like to go on vacation and tube.

**Nick Swan:** I like to go swimming.

**Kaylie Holtzclaw:** I like going on vacation.

**Phebie Sanders:** I love to volunteer at the animal shelter and to go swimming.

**Katie Searcy:** I like to go to the beach every summer.

Happy Summer from 5th and 6th grade!!

Mrs. Pauley

### **Save those receipts!**

When the school submits eligible receipts, Hy-Vee will donate a portion of the total to the school! Qualifying receipts must:

- Be a minimum of \$25
- Not have gasoline, pharmacy, tobacco, or alcoholic items
- Be from the Chillicothe store
- Be dated during the current school year



### Seventh & Eighth Grade News

"That diploma you hold in your hands today is really just your learner's permit for the rest of the drive through life. Remember, you don't have to be smarter than the next person; all you have to do is be willing to work harder than the next person." ~Jimmy Lovine~

On May 11 at 7:45 P.M., our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will graduate. These five students from Chula will be moving on to Chillicothe, Meadville, or Trenton High School. These students are:

**Ash Douglas Chappell**, son of David Chappell and Shawn Oliver. Ash plans to attend Trenton High School.

**Cassity Dawn Eckert**, daughter of Rubyn and Shasta Eckert. Cassity plans to attend Meadville High School.

**Bailey LeAnn Elrod**, daughter of Sarah Moffett and Jason Elrod. Bailey plans to attend Meadville High School.

**Joshua Daniel Meservey**, son of Steven and Christie Meservey. Joshua plans to attend Chillicothe High School.

**Mathew Harris Meservey**, son of Joe Meservey and Mari Meservey. Mathew plans to attend Chillicothe High School.

Life has two rules. #1. Never quit. #2. Always remember rule #1. Mrs. Warner and I wish these students much success and happiness as they embark upon their high school careers!

Mrs. Kerr



# Early Years

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## KID BITS



### Drink up!

Little ones are more susceptible to dehydration than older children are. When the temperature climbs, remind your child to take water breaks during outdoor play. You might help him set up a "Hydration station" with plastic cups and a pitcher of water so he can serve himself like a big kid.

### Teacher goodie bag

Some of the best end-of-year gifts for teachers are supplies to use in class next year. Have your youngster decorate a paper lunch sack and fill it with pencils, crayons, stickers, or notepads from a dollar store. Help her add a thank-you note, too. She can deliver the present on the last day of school.

### Positive talk

Your child will respond better if you tell him what to do, rather than what not to do. For instance, say, "Walk, please" instead of "No running!" or "Put your toys away" rather than "Stop leaving your toys everywhere." Negative instructions (ones beginning with *stop*, *don't*, or *no*) rarely tell him how to fix what he's doing wrong.

### Worth quoting

"Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are."  
*Mason Cooley*

### Just for fun

**Q:** What's the easiest way to catch a whale?

**A:** Have someone throw it to you.

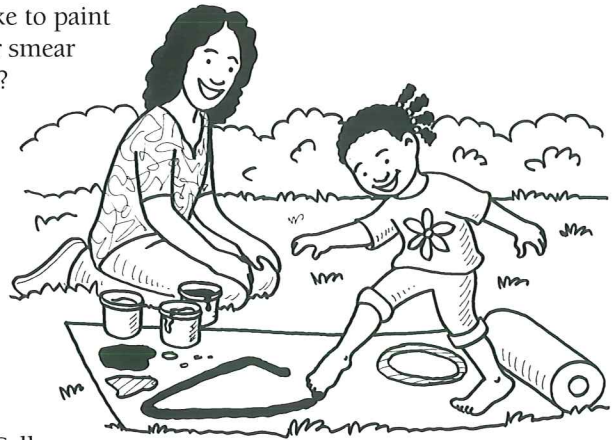


## Messy outdoor learning

Would your youngster like to paint with her toes, make mud, or smear shaving cream on a window? Now that warmer weather has arrived, head outside for messy learning fun all summer long.

### Colorful shape painting

Finger paints aren't just for fingers. Spread paper on the ground, and add blobs of red, yellow, and blue paint. Then, let your child paint shapes with her toes. Call out a shape and a color. Can she create a blue triangle? Which colors would she combine to make a green circle or an orange square? She could experiment to find out.



### Muddy counting

Together, mix up a bucket of mud using soil from the backyard and water. Afterward, play this version of hide-and-seek to practice counting. Ask your youngster to close her eyes while you stir a few plastic toy animals into the mud. Tell her how many to dig out with her

hands. She'll need to count the toys as she goes to make sure she finds them all.

### Foamy ABCs

Squirt shaving cream into your child's hand, and have her smear it on a window or glass storm door. Now it's a "canvas" to write on. Take turns using a finger to write the alphabet in order, one letter at a time. Draw a picture of something that starts with each letter. For B, she might draw a bike. *Note:* Erase, or add more foam, when you run out of room. ♥

## Looking ahead to next year

The move to kindergarten or first grade means your child's school day will change. Here are things he may face and ways to smooth the transition during the summer.

● **All-day school.** You might need to adjust your youngster's bedtime so he gets more sleep and has energy to learn.

● **No nap.** Phase out your child's midday nap, or move it to after-school hours.

● **Larger building.** Tour the school to help him feel comfortable.

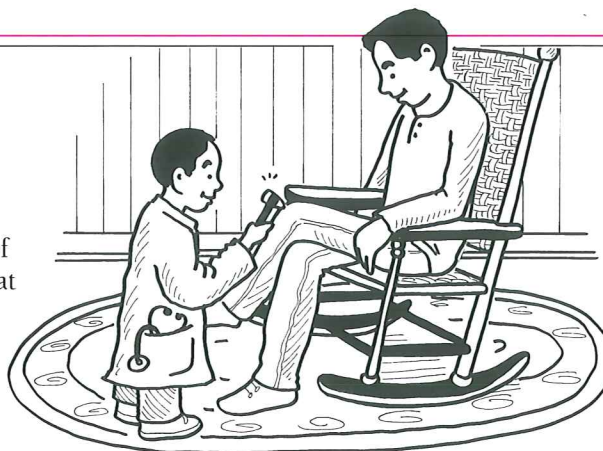
● **Lunch in a cafeteria.** Set up a pretend cafeteria at home and role-play together. Take turns being a cafeteria server, cashier, lunchroom aide, and student. ♥



## Playtime tips for tired parents

It's playtime. Your child is a bundle of energy, but you're worn out from a day at work. Sound familiar? Use these ideas to connect with him after a long day.

**Take a supporting role.** Volunteer for a quiet part in your youngster's game. If he wants to be a doctor, you could relax in a chair and be his patient. Or you may be the police officer directing traffic while he zooms around with his toy cars.



**Try sit-down activities.** Have him make a tabletop version of bowling with dominoes as "pins" and a small ball to roll toward them. Or hold a mini "puppet show." Sit near a lamp, and use your hands to create shadow puppets on the wall for each other—can you make a rabbit, a duck, or a bird?

**Add play to routine tasks.** Turn dinner into a picnic with stuffed

animals. Or combine a guessing game with making the grocery list. You provide clues ("We need your favorite square breakfast food"), and let him figure out what you should write (waffles).♥

**PARENT TO PARENT**

## Imagination boxes

I learned this trick from my daughter Hannah's preschool teacher. The classroom has a stack of plastic boxes filled with items to play scenarios, such as "post office" or "marching band." Hannah loves these boxes so much that we decided to make some at home.



First, Hannah wanted a "bank" box. We decorated a cardboard box, and she added pretend money, a calculator, paper and pencil, and some used gift cards for "credit cards." We also found items to create boxes for "zoo," "school," and "grocery store."

We plan to add more boxes to Hannah's collection over time. She likes being able to grab a box and have everything she needs to play!♥

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## ACTIVITY CORNER

### How long? How much? How heavy?

These simple activities will introduce your little one to measurement concepts.

**Length:** Ask your child to line up her crayons from shortest to longest. She'll practice comparing lengths—and see right away which colors she uses the most and the least.

**Volume:** Give your youngster a 1-cup measure and two different-sized containers. How many cups of water does she think each will hold? She can count as she pours to see how close she came. Repeat with other containers, and she'll see her estimates getting more accurate over time.

**Weight:** Play "Which is heavier?" Let your child fill two identical bags with toys. She might put dolls in one and toy cars in the other. Have her hold one in each hand and say which feels heavier. Then, help her weigh them on the bathroom scale to check.♥



**Q & A**

## Finding a sitter

**Q:** How can I find babysitters for evenings or weekends? And how can I make sure they'll take good care of my son?

**A:** Word of mouth is often the best way to find a sitter. Ask friends and neighbors who they use or whether they have children in high school or college who can babysit. If your son is in day care, his provider might be able to sit or to recommend a sitter.

Start by calling potential sitters until you find one who sounds like a

good fit for your family. Then, have her come over so you can watch her play with your child. If you like what you see, try her out. Write down instructions ("Please give Tommy a rice cake and milk around 7 p.m."), and go over rules ("You can use your phone after bedtime, but no guests").

Afterward, ask your youngster what they did and if he had fun. If he seems comfortable with the sitter, you might hire her again.♥



# Home & School

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### SHORT NOTES

#### The art of flexibility

Being flexible will allow your child to switch gears if plans change at the last minute or something doesn't work out as expected. Help him learn to "flex" his mind by playing board games with new rules you make up. Also, discuss how it's possible to do the same thing in different ways, such as taking two routes to the same house.

#### Hands-on studying

With household materials like sugar or rice, your youngster could add variety to her studying. Suggest that she spread sugar or rice into a baking dish and write spelling words or math facts with her finger. Using her senses can cement the information in her mind.

#### Annual checkup time?

If your child needs a checkup before school starts in the fall, book his appointment early. Pediatricians' schedules fill up quickly in the summer. *Tip:* Most schools require specific immunizations, so check that your youngster is up to date.

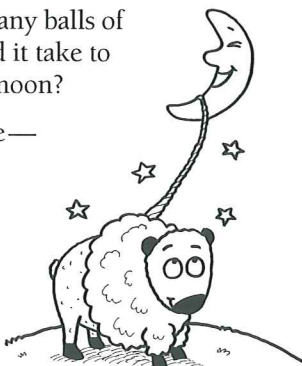
#### Worth quoting

"If you look the right way, you can see that the whole world is a garden."  
*Frances Hodgson Burnett*

### JUST FOR FUN

**Q:** How many balls of yarn would it take to reach the moon?

**A:** Just one—if it's big enough!



## Month-by-month learning

How can you keep the learning going while school is out? Try these fun ideas for taking advantage of monthly celebrations! Your child's skills will stay sharp, and you'll enjoy family time, too.

### May

Let your youngster cycle her way to math practice during *National Bike Month*. Encourage her to set a goal for time spent biking, and then take regular family bike rides. She can create a graph to track her progress. Perhaps she'll make a picture graph and draw 1 bike wheel for every 15 minutes of cycling. She'll be able to calculate her time at a glance.

### June

Inspire your child to use persuasive writing during *National Safety Month*. Together, brainstorm safe behaviors (wear seat belts in the car, stay indoors during thunderstorms). Next, have her make posters with slogans ("Be on the safe side: Buckle up before you ride!"), facts ("Seat belts save lives"), and photos of family members following the rule.



### July

Celebrate *National Park and Recreation Month* by exploring nature. Visit local parks, and have your youngster record her observations and use them to design field guides. Take along paper and colored pencils so she can sketch and label plants and animals, describe streams, or map out trails.

### August

Build communication skills with *National Radio Day*. Challenge your child to "launch" a radio station. She should think about her audience and purpose—who her listeners would be and the type of programming they would want. Now she can develop scripts and record broadcasts!♥

### It's a wrap

Help your youngster bring the school year to a successful close with this to-do list:

- Thank teachers and other school staff. Your child could make cards or write thoughtful notes to show his appreciation.
- Suggest that he offer to assist his teacher with year-end jobs like taking down bulletin boards or packing up classroom games.
- Have your youngster find and return any books he borrowed from his teacher or the school library.♥



## Gaining life skills

The older your youngster gets, the more he'll be able to do for himself. Teach him basic life skills with these ideas.

**Do tasks together.** Your child may be too young to cook dinner or clean the entire bathroom by himself, but he can move toward doing those jobs by helping you. Give him a task, such as stirring casserole ingredients and pouring the mixture



into a baking dish—then you put it in the oven. Or you might scrub the shower while he wipes down the mirror and sink.

### Hand over the reins.

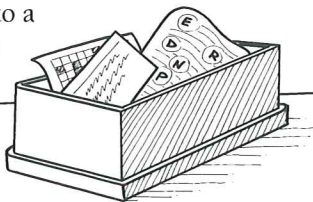
Decide what tasks your youngster may be ready for by thinking about what he can already do. If he knows how to make his bed, maybe you'll teach him to change the sheets. Demonstrate putting on the fitted sheet, tucking in the top sheet, and replacing the pillowcase. The next time, let him try it by himself with you nearby for help. Eventually he'll be ready to do it on his own.♥

## ACTIVITY CORNER

### “Escape” puzzles

Escape rooms, where players have to solve puzzles to get out, are popular these days. Here's a way to bring the idea home for free. The bonus? Your youngster will work on logical thinking as she and her friends play.

**1. Choose a story line.** Each child should think of a “mission,” perhaps one related to a topic they're studying or a book they're reading.



**Example:**

“Escape Mars before a dust storm strikes.” She can write the scenario on an index card and place it in a shoebox.

**2. Create clues.** Have each player make up five puzzles to put in her box. For a Mars puzzle, your youngster might circle letters in a magazine article that can be arranged to spell *red planet* or make a crossword puzzle with words like *spaceship* and *cold*.

**3. Escape!** Now the children trade boxes and do the puzzles. The first person to solve all five has “escaped.” After they're all finished, they can make new boxes and play again.♥



## Q & A

### Keep a family journal

**Q:** I'd like for my son to write more this summer. Any suggestions?

**A:** Your son may be motivated to write more if you make it a family event. Consider starting a household journal, and you'll wind up with a record of your summer together!

Place a notebook and a cup of pens or pencils in a visible spot, maybe on the kitchen counter. Ask everyone to write at least one entry per week. You might write about everyday things, such as swinging on a swing set, or special events like an Independence Day parade. Perhaps your child will add pictures to illustrate journal entries. Or he could tape in mementos like ticket stubs and photographs.

At the end of each week, take turns reading entries aloud. When he goes back to school in the fall, your son may want to share your journal with his new teacher. This is a nice way for her to learn something about your child and his family.♥



## PARENT TO PARENT

### Talk about drugs

Our local police department held an information night about keeping kids away from drugs and alcohol. My daughter Bella is only 8, so I wasn't planning to attend until a friend asked me to go with her. I'm glad I did.

I found out that it is important to talk to children about drugs early and often. Taking the officers' advice, I went home and brought up the subject in a way Bella could understand. I explained that drugs

and alcohol are unhealthy and make it hard for people to do things they enjoy, such as swimming or reading. I also pointed out that these substances are illegal for kids and that if anyone asks her to try them, she should tell me or another adult right away.

Bella promised to say no to drugs. Of course, I know it may not be that easy when she's older and facing peer pressure. But at least the door is open, and we will keep talking about this challenging topic.♥



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