



Books by the Bushel

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Black History Month	National Cherry Month	National Children's Dental Health Month	American Heart Month	1 Learn the tooth-brush song (see included lyrics)	2 Bubble Gum Day	3 Feed the Birds Day
4 Thank a Mailperson Day	5 Go to a familiar place and look for the people who work there. What jobs do they do? What tools do they use?	6 Label a few belongings with your child's name. Read the labels together.	7 Wave all your Fingers at Your Neighbor Day	8 Kite Flying Day! (in the middle of winter?!)	9 National Pizza Day	10 Learn the Friends Song (see included)
11 Make a Friend Day	12 Read a book about friendship.	13 Cut a heart into your child's sandwich. Talk about the shape and what it means.	14 Valentine's Day	15 National Gum Drop Day	16 Do a Grouch a Favor Day (Cheer up a friend today!)	17 Random Acts of Kindness Day
18 Cut out pictures of food and paste them on sheets of paper to make a menu.	19 President's Day	20 Cherry Pie Day (see included recipe idea)	21 Use different colors of paint, crayons or play dough to talk about diversity.	22 Walk your Dog Day	23 Using paperbags, color each bag a different color and have your child sort their blocks by color.	24 Cut a slot in the top of an oatmeal box, have your child drop cards into the slot.
25 Play "Go Fish" with homemade letter cards.	26 Tell a Fairy Tale Day	27 Polar Bear Day (see included craft idea)	28 Read books with rhyming words & let your child fill in the words as you read them.	Canned Food Month	Great American Pie Month	National Grapefruit Month



The Toothbrush Song

(sung to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat")

Brush, brush, brush your teeth
Brush them everyday.
We put toothpaste on our brush
To help stop tooth decay.

Floss, floss, floss your teeth.
Floss them every day!
Using the string to clean between
Keeps the plaque away!

Clean, clean, clean your teeth.
Clean them every day!
Your teeth will sparkle for years to come
In the most beautiful way!

Brush, brush, brush your teeth.
Brush them every day!
Happy, healthy teeth you'll have
If it's done this way.



Cherry Pie Cups

Easy and adorable! Bake individual little pies in muffin cups using refrigerated pie crust.

Ingredients:

- 1 box refrigerated pie crusts, softened as directed on the box
- 1 can (21 oz) cherry pie filling



Steps

1. Heat oven to 425°F. Remove crusts from pouches; unroll on work surface. Use a glass to cut out 3 1/2- or 4-inch circles from crust; discard scraps.
2. Fit circles into 12 ungreased muffin cups, pressing in gently. Spoon about 2 tablespoons pie filling into each crust-lined cup.
3. Bake 14 to 18 minutes or until edges are golden brown and filling is bubbly.

Polar Bear Craft

Polar bears love chilly weather! Winter is a great time for your child to create his very own textured polar bear. Not only will your child gain practice identifying shapes, he'll put his fine motor skills to work drawing and cutting them out. After the project is complete he'll have an adorable companion to give him warm fuzzies throughout the season.

What You Need:

Paper plate
Cotton balls
Black and white construction paper
Scissors
Pencil
Glue stick



What You Do:

Ask your child to name the shape of a paper plate. Place the plate in front of him.
Encourage him to name the shape of the end of a cotton ball. Explain the difference between a circle and an oval. Have him cover the entire paper plate in cotton balls, gluing them directly to the plate.
Have him draw and cut out two black circles for his bear's eyes, and two large white circles for the bear's ears.
Help him glue the circles in place.
Ask him if he can draw an oval on the black paper to create the polar bear's nose. Cut it out and glue it in place.
Ask if he can count the number of circles he drew and cut out. What about the number of ovals?

Learn These Friends Songs

Friends

I have a friend whose name is
(child's name),
And we have fun together.
We laugh and play and sing all day,
In any kind of weather.

The More We Get Together

The more we get together,
Together, together,
The more we get together,
The happier we'll be.
For your friends are my friends,
And my friends are your friends.
The more we get together,
The happier we'll be.

Friend of Mine

Tune: Mary Had a Little Lamb

Will you be a friend of mine,
a friend of mine, a friend of mine?
Will you be a friend of mine
and (insert an action) around with me?
_____ is a friend of mine,
friend of mine, friend of mine,
_____ is a friend of mine,
who (insert same action) around with me.

