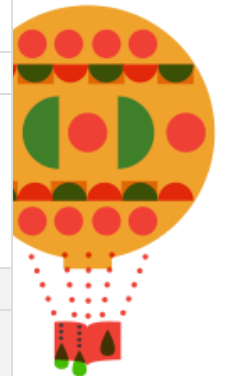
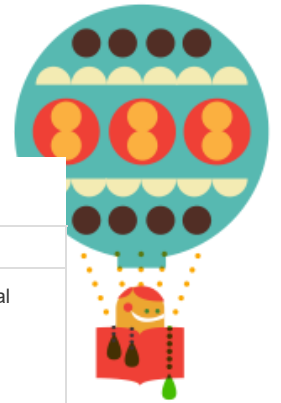


# October 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 This is the 10th month. Count up to 10 and back down to 1.	2 Take a fall walk with your parents and then read about fall.	3 Can you see your ABC's?	4 Read about Fall Harvest and try visiting a farm.	5 <b>World Smile Day</b> Look in the Mirror and practice your best smile!	6 Read a bilingual book!
7 <b>Fire Prevention Week</b> Read about Firefighters and talk about fire safety.	8 Create your own story using a new picture book!	9 Create a reading fort!	10 How many seeds are in a pumpkin?	11 Some books can sing! Read and Sing along.	12 <b>World Egg Day</b> Become an egg expert. Learn about different kinds of eggs.	13 Create Fall art prints.
14 Learn about the letter T.	15 <b>Global Hand Washing Day</b> Stop the spread of germs by washing your hands.	16 Visit a pumpkin patch and use your senses.	17 Rhyme Time. Identify words that rhyme in your favorite books.	18 Warm up with Alphabet Soup and identify your letters!	19 What's the weather like today? Learn how to read the clouds.	20 Grab a cardboard box and use your imagination.
21 <b>Apple Day</b> How long can you balance an apple on your head?	22 Learn about the letter U.	23 What sounds do the animals make?	24 <b>Full Moon</b> What does the full moon look like to you?	25 <b>World Pasta Day</b> Read about pasta and eat it too!	26 What do you do all day? Read about what others do.	27 <b>Make A Difference Day.</b> List ways you can make a difference in your community.
28 Act out your favorite Nursery Rhymes.	29 Get busy and move your body!	30 Carve a pumpkin with help from an adult.	31 <b>Halloween</b> What are your favorite Halloween activities?			

**October 1, 2018**

**Monday**

- Count to ten. Can you count backwards from 10 to 1? Watch the read aloud for *Ten, Nine, Eight* by Molly Bang. Pause the video on each page and count the objects. Can you find ten similar objects in your house that you can count from 10 back to one?  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/ten-nine-eight>

**October 2, 2018**

**Tuesday**

- Go outside and look for signs of fall. Bring a bag or bucket and make a fall collection. Can you find different colors of leaves and acorns on the ground. See how many different objects you can gather. Then visit your library to borrow some fall themed books. Try finding some of the objects you gathered in your books. Look for books like this one, *Discovering My World: Exploring Fall: Leaves Change Color* by Melvin & Gilda Berger. This book has beautiful fall pictures and even includes comprehension questions.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/discovering-my-world-exploring-fall-leaves-change-color>

**October 3, 2018**

**Wednesday**

- Practice singing the ABC's. Can you create an ABC collection? Go around your house and find an object that starts with each letter of the alphabet. If you need help thinking of objects that start with different letters, try reading *A, B, See!* by Tana Hoban. Then try some of the fun puzzles and games that go along with the book by clicking on the View Resources button below.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/b-see>

**October 4, 2018**

**Thursday**

- Fall Harvest time is here. Click on the View Resources link for some harvest book suggestions. Learn about the crops and produce farmers harvest in the fall. If you live close to a farm, try visiting one. Draw a picture of all the things you saw in the books or on your trip.  
[https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search/supported\\_grades/pre-k-2063?query=harvest](https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search/supported_grades/pre-k-2063?query=harvest)

**October 5, 2018**

**Friday**

- World Smile Day

Celebrate World Smile Day by smiling at everyone you see! Check out your smile in the mirror. Can you make different kinds of smiles? Then look for books that show characters smiling. How many smiles can you find in each book? The book *Smile!* by Roberta Grobel Intrater, is a great book to read with a parent today. Click on the View Resources button to try a game that goes along with the book and to find a Reading Aloud handout that provides tips and strategies for reading aloud books with children.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/smile>

**October 6, 2018**

**Saturday**

- Bilingual books are books that have a foreign language and English. Have an adult read the story in English and then try the other language. Can you identify any of the words in the other language? Have you heard any of the words before you read the book? Check out our list of great bilingual books and activities by clicking on the View Resources button below!

[https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search/supported\\_grades/pre-k-2063?query=bilingual](https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search/supported_grades/pre-k-2063?query=bilingual)

**October 7, 2018**

**Sunday**

- Fire Prevention Week

Visit the library and check out books about firefighters and fire safety. Books like, *Clifford the Firehouse Dog* by Normal Bridwell, are great resources for discussing the importance of knowing about fire safety and having a plan of how to get out of a building if it is on fire. Then try some of the fun online games that go along with *Clifford the Firehouse Dog* book.

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/clifford-firehouse-dog>

**October 8, 2018**

**Monday**

- Grab a picture book you have never read and flip through the pages looking at the pictures. Then go back and tell a story to an adult using just what you see in the pictures. I wonder if your story was close to the real story? Have the adult read the book to you using the author's words. Did you have any similar parts in your story? Click on the View Books button below to see some Caldecott Medal winning books. The Caldecott Medal books are books with amazing artwork and the perfect books to use for this fun activity. You will also find lots of fun activities and games that go along with the books too!

<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/collections/caldecott-winners>

**October 9, 2018**

**Tuesday**

- Ask an adult to help you create a new space to read. Use blankets, pillows, cushions, chairs and anything else you can think of to make a reading fort or cave. Then crawl inside and read some of your favorite stories. If it is dark, try using a flashlight and make your reading time even more fun. The book *Sam and The Firefly* is the perfect book to read using a flashlight. See if you can spot the firefly on each page with your flashlight. Can you read the letters the firefly uses in his words? Then try some fun online games and activities that go along with this book.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/sam-and-firefly>

**October 10, 2018**

**Wednesday**

- As you are driving around this month, look for pumpkins! I bet you will see pumpkins used as decorations all over your neighborhood. Did you ever wonder how many seeds are in a pumpkin? Do you think small pumpkins or large pumpkins have more seeds? Read the book *How Many Seeds in a Pumpkin* by Margaret McNamara to learn about pumpkins, seeds and counting! Click on the View Resources button below to watch a read aloud of this book and to find fun games and activities to play.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/how-many-seeds-pumpkin>

**October 11, 2018**

**Thursday**

- Since the weather is getting chilly, this is the perfect time to get out your coat? Are you wearing the same coat from last fall? Most adults can wear their coats for years and years because they have stopped growing but sometimes kids have a hard time wearing their coats from last year. The book *Joseph Had a Little Overcoat* by Simms Taback, shares the story of Joseph's coat that wears out and the new ways he finds to use it. The best part about this book is that you can sing along with it! Check out the video read aloud , video sing-along and the fun activities for this book by clicking on the View Resources button below.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/joseph-had-little-overcoat>

**October 12, 2018**

**Friday**

- World Egg Day  
Eggs are very important to our world. Not only do we eat them and use them in recipes, eggs are also an essential part of creating many creatures. In the book *What Will I Be?* by Nicola Davies, you can learn about many different types of eggs and the creatures who are inside them. Learn about life-cycles and the incredible job of an egg! Click on the View Resources button to find fun games and activities as well as guides that support this book. You will become an egg expert in no time!  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/what-will-i-be>



**October 13, 2018**

**Saturday**

- Gather a collection of leaves, acorns and pine cones from the ground. Bring the items home and use them as tools to paint a fall masterpiece! Roll the pine cone in paint and then roll it on your paper. Create different patterns with different pine cones. Paint the leaves and acorns and press them down on your paper. What can you see in the prints? Read a book like, *Guided Science Readers: Seasons—Level A: I Love Fall* to see ideas of other fall items you could use to make more fall art prints.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/guided-science-readers-seasons%E2%80%94level-i-love-fall>

**October 14, 2018**

**Sunday**

- Read your favorite picture book and look for the letter t. What words start with t? What words end with t? What sound does t make? Can you find items in your house that start with the letter t or end with the letter t? Practice writing the letter t. Click on the Build Writing Skills link below to find suggestions for play activities to help young children build language, thinking, and physical skills that they will use to develop early writing skills.  
[https://www.rif.org/sites/default/files/Support\\_Materials/ActivitiesthatBuildWritingSkills.pdf](https://www.rif.org/sites/default/files/Support_Materials/ActivitiesthatBuildWritingSkills.pdf)

**October 15, 2018**

**Monday**

- Global Hand Washing Day  
 Today is a great day to learn about how to stop germs from spreading. Read the book *The Berenstain Bears Come Clean For School* by Jan Berenstain, to learn about proper hand washing and how often you should wash your hands. Then click on the link below to find activities, lessons and games that go along with this book and remind us to wash our hands often!  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/berenstain-bears-come-clean-school>

**October 16, 2018**

**Tuesday**

- Your five senses help you take in information. Read the book *My Five Senses* by Alikei, to learn how your senses of seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting, and touching help you learn and experience the world around you. Then use those skills at your local pumpkin patch. What can you learn from using your senses? Don't forget to check out the fun activities and games that go along with the book by clicking on the link below.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/my-five-senses>

**October 17, 2018**

**Wednesday**

- Dr. Seuss is known for his fun stories that often rhyme. Read *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss to hear lots of rhyming words. Draw pictures of some of the rhyming words from the story on index cards. Then play a rhyme matching game! You can watch a video read aloud of the book, access an educator guide and play fun games and activities by clicking on the View Resources button below.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/green-eggs-and-ham>

**October 18, 2018**

**Thursday**

- The days are getting cooler. The perfect way to warm up is to eat soup. Try a bowl of Alphabet Soup and identify your letters in your spoon before taking a bite! You can also practice identifying your letters in the book *I Spy Letters* by Jean Marzollo. How many letters can you find?  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/i-spy-i-spy-letters>

**October 19, 2018**

**Friday**

- Read the book *Clouds* by Anne Rockwell and learn how the clouds can give you clues about what the weather will be like for the day. This book helps to explain the many types of clouds and the weather patterns associated with them. Go outside and try to identify the clouds you see. What do you think today's weather will be? You can use cotton balls to make cloud cards (pull the cotton balls to stretch them out or pile them up to make them big and fluffy) to remind you of about the types of clouds and the weather that is associated with them. Click on the link below to see some resources that support the book.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/clouds>

**October 20, 2018**

**Saturday**

- Find a box that isn't being used and start using your imagination. The bigger the box you find the more you'll be able to imagine! Just like George in *The Nowhere Box* by Sam Zuppardi, your box will be able to take you to other places without leaving home. Invite your siblings, friends and neighbors to play to because using your imagination is so much more fun with others! Click on the View Resources button below to find guides, games and activities that support the book.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/nowhere-box>

**October 21, 2018**

**Sunday**

- Apple Day  
Celebrate Apple Day by reading about apples and eating one too! Visit your library to find tons of great books about apples. You can learn how a huge apple tree grows from a tiny apple seed, find an apple recipe book or read a funny story about an apple. Check out this funny story *Ten Apples Up On Top* by Dr. Seuss. In this story, three friends try to balance apples on top of their heads. How long can you balance an apple on your head? Can you walk and keep it balanced on your head? Click on the View Resources button below to find a word list and fun games that go along with the book.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/ten-apples-top>

**October 22, 2018**

**Monday**

- Take some time today to learn all about the letter u. Look through your favorite books and find as many letter u's as you can. What sound does it make? What are some words that start with u? Practice writing U and u. Click on the A to Z Coloring Pages link below to access alphabet coloring pages. Print U out and have fun coloring!  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/material/z-coloring-pages>

**October 23, 2018**

**Tuesday**

- Even though we can't understand what animals are saying, we can make their cool sounds! Check out the book *Moo, Baa, La La La* by Sandra Boynton, to learn what sounds animals make. Try making some animal sounds yourself. Click on the View Resources button to see a video read aloud of the book.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/moo-baa-la-la-la>

**October 24, 2018**

**Wednesday**

- Full Moon  
On a full moon night, the moon looks big and bright. Many people think they can see a face on the moon, while other say it looks like a big golf ball. Kitten in *Kitten's First Full Moon* by Kevin Henkes, mistakes the moon for something else too. Can you guess what she thinks the moon is? Visit your library to check this book out. Tonight try going outside before you go to bed to look for the moon in the sky. What do you think the moon looks like?  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/kittens-first-full-moon>



**October 25, 2018**

**Thursday**

- World Pasta Day

Ask an adult if you can eat a pasta dish for dinner to celebrate World Pasta Day. Pasta is a common favorite food among kids. Is it your favorite food too? Read about a village that had too much pasta in *Strega Nona* by Tomie dePaola. Then check out the amazing resources including a video read aloud, lesson plans and guides that go along with the book.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/strega-nona>

**October 26, 2018**

**Friday**

- There are lots of different jobs people have. Have you ever wondered what people do when they go to work? Read the book *What Do People Do All Day?* by Richard Scarry to see what people doing different jobs do. Maybe you'll find a job that you want to do when you grow up! If you don't have access to the book, check out the video read aloud in the View Resources button below. Then think of some adults in your life, (parents, grandparents, neighbors and friends) were their jobs mentioned in the book? If not, create your own book of what they do by drawing pictures and sharing it with them.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/what-do-people-do-all-day>

**October 27, 2018**

**Saturday**

- Make a Difference Day.

Everyone can do something to make a difference in the community. Think about small ways you can help. If you need some inspiration, view the eBook *Lewis the Duck Lends a Helping Wing* by Bill Duncan and Christian Duncan. Lewis does a lot to help his community. Ask your family members to get involved too. Then enjoy the fun games, activities and printable coloring book pages that go along with the story by clicking on the View Resources button below.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/lewis-duck-lends-helping-wing>

**October 28, 2018**

**Sunday**

- Recite your favorite nursery rhymes with some friends and then try acting them out. If you can't think of any, visit your library to check out a *Mother Goose* book. Click on the View Resources button to see some favorite *Mother Goose* book suggestions.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search?query=%22mother+goose%22>

**October 29, 2018**

**Monday**

- It's important to exercise your body. The best part of exercising is that it can be lots of fun! Learn about the parts of your body and how to keep them busy and moving in *The Busy Body Book* by Lizzy Rockwell. Then try out some of the fun activities, guides and games that go along with the book by clicking on the View Resources button below.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/busy-body-book>

**October 30, 2018**

**Tuesday**

- Jack-o'-lanterns are pumpkin lanterns with a carved out face. Visit your library to read the story *The Biggest Pumpkin Ever* by Steven Kroll. Talk about what shapes could be used in carving a pumpkin face. What design can you come up with using shapes? Draw it on a pumpkin and ask a grown up to help you carve it out. Put a light inside it and see your jack-o'-lantern design glow!  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/biggest-ever-biggest-pumpkin-ever>

**October 31, 2018**

**Wednesday**

- Halloween  
It's Halloween! Read *Clifford's First Halloween* by Norman Bridwell to help you get in the Halloween spirit. Clifford wants to try everything: trick-or-treating, candy apples, and homemade haunted houses. What are some of your Halloween activities? Click on the View Resources button below to find some fun games that go along with the book.  
<https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/cliffords-first-halloween>