
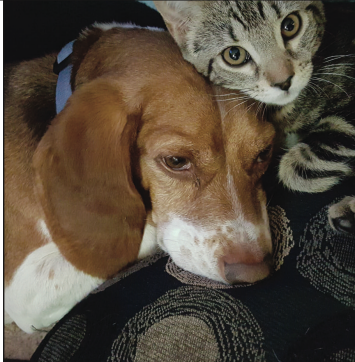






WEEK	THEME OF THE WEEK	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES
1	 <p>International Music Day Oct 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Songs We Love From The Movies Quiz Top 25 Singers of All Time Crossword Puzzle Visit our own Sing-Along and do the following: Make an Instrument, Sing an American traditional song together, Watch these TV clips of your favorite artists Discussion Questions: <i>What type of music do you like? What music device (car radio, juke box, radio) did you listen to music as a teenager? Who is your favorite artist? Have you ever attended a concert or performance? What was your first 45 record? How do you listen to music today?</i>
2	 <p>World Animal Day Oct 4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If I Could Talk to the Animals Anagram Name Animal Groups Quiz Watch an animal movie like Black Beauty, Lion King, Born Free, Charlotte's Web, Dr. Dolittle How many animals can you name from A to Z? Visit our own Engage the Mind, Animals A-Z Visit a zoo or farm Go and feed the ducks Discussion Questions: <i>What is your favorite animal and why? Which animal do you think is the funniest looking? Strongest? Smartest? Most Gentle? Fastest? Did you ever have a pet? Tell me about your pet – their name, habits, how you cared for it.</i>
3	 <p>Pumpkins</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown Word Search Pumpkin Angel Decorating Craft Kit Go pick a pumpkin at a pumpkin patch, a farm stand, or the supermarket. Buy or bake the perfect pumpkin pie Buy a sugar pumpkin (those small adorable ones), cut it open and remove the pulp and seeds. Guess the number of seeds inside. Then count to see how close you came! Lightly salt and roast the pumpkins seeds. Use the pulp from the same pumpkin and make pumpkin puree. 8 Cool Facts About Pumpkins 
4	 <p>Halloween or All Saint's Eve's Oct 31</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Halloween/All Saint's Eve Word Search Jack-O'-Lantern Hat Craft Kit Peanuts Halloween Craft Kit Discuss what famous duos you could be as a couple. For example, Batman and Robin. Visit our own Engage the Mind, Name 150 Famous Duos How and when did Halloween start; what is its origin? Watch Halloween History Discussion Questions: <i>Can you recall a memorable costume you had as a child or young adult? How about for your kids? Did you sew or purchase the costumes? Did you go trick or treating? What was your favorite candy trick or treating? What candy or treats did you hand out?</i> 

THIS MONTH IN OCTOBER...

October 1, 1908 – Henry Ford's Model T, a car for all people went on sale.

What was your first car – make, model, year, and color? How did you pay for it? Were did you go with your car – work, pleasure, long road trips, drive-ins?

October 2, 1968 – California's Redwood National Park was established. Redwoods are the tallest trees growing up to 400 ft spanning over 2,000 years.

Are you a tree hugger? What types of trees are on your property? What is your favorite tree and leaf? Did you have a tire swing growing up or raising your kids? What do you enjoy about fall?

October 3, 1863 – President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation declaring the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day.

How do you celebrate Thanksgiving – what's on your table? Do you have a favorite stuffing recipe? Do you make homemade cranberry sauce (easiest thing in the world – one bag of cranberries, one cup of water and one cup of sugar; boil until they pop and enjoy!)? Who was present at this holiday? What's your favorite holiday and why?

October 3, 1226 – St. Francis of Assisi Died – He was born in Assisi, Umbria, Italy and renounced his family's wealth and founded the Friars Minor (Franciscan Order); known as the patron saint of animals.

Who is your favorite saint? Who do you know whose life is closest to a saint? Did you ever take a pet to an animal blessing?

October 6, 1927 – The first "talkie" opened in New York. The Jazz Singer starring Al Jolson was the first full-length feature film using spoken dialogue.

What was the first movie you ever saw? How much did the ticket cost? Where was the theater? What is your all-time fav movie? What can you tell me about it?

October 8, 1871 – The Great Fire of Chicago erupted. Over 300 persons were killed and 90,000 left homeless as the fire leveled 3.5 square miles destroying 17,450 buildings.

Have you ever been to Chicago? What is your favorite part about Chicago – the architecture? the pizza (the sauce is on top over the cheese!)? the Bob Newhart Show?

October 9, 1970 – John Lennon's Birthday – he was born in Liverpool, England. A member of the Beatles and tragically murdered in NYC on Dec 8, 1980.

Who is your fav Beatle? Fav Beatle song? Did you have their albums? Did you ever see them in concert?

October 13, 1754 – Molly Pitcher's Birthday - She was born near Trenton, NJ (as Mary Ludwig) and was a water carrier at the Battle of Monmouth in 1778 during the Revolutionary War. After her husband, artilleryman John Hays, collapsed, she took his place at his cannon.

And now you know all about the Molly Pitcher Rest Stop on the New Jersey Turnpike!!!

October 20, 1968 – Jacqueline Kennedy married multi-millionaire Greek businessman Aristotle Onassis, ending five years of widowhood following the assassination of JFK.

Who is your favorite Kennedy? Where were you when JFK was shot? Have you even been to Cape Cod?

October 21, 1879 – Thomas Edison successfully tested an electric incandescent lamp with a carbonized filament at his lab in Menlo Park, NJ keeping it lit for over 13 hours.

Which electrical appliance do you miss the most in a blackout? As a youth, can you remember when your family got a new appliance that was big stuff? Tell me about it? How did it change your life?

October 27, 1904 – The NYC subway began operating running from City Hall to W. 145th, the first underground and underwater rail system in the world.

Did you ever work in NYC? Did you use the subway? How much did it cost to buy for a token? As a young adult, did you ever take the subway home in the wee hours of the morning and feel safe?

October 30, 1872 – Emily Post's Birthday – She was born in Baltimore, MD. She wrote books on etiquette and a syndicated newspaper column giving advice on manners.

List 3 manners you feel are most important to you. Do you feel people still have manners anymore? When were you most offended by someone's poor manners? Which manners or proper etiquette do you feel are missing most these days?