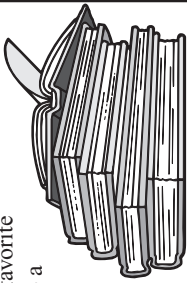
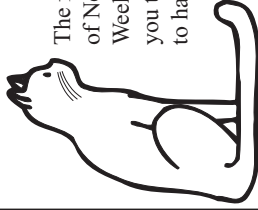
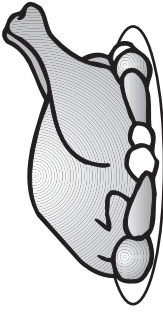

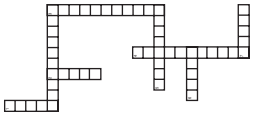
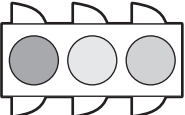
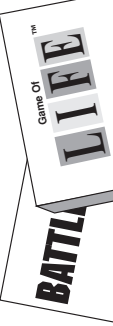


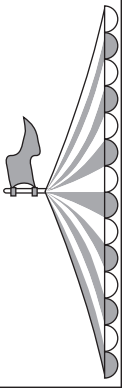
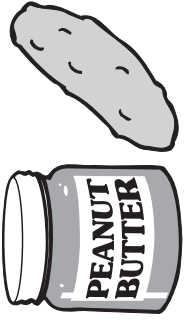


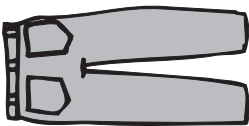
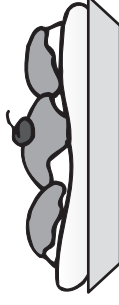
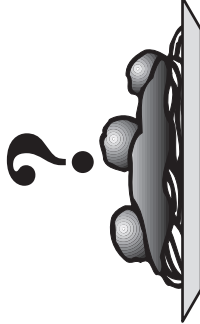



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November Calendar: free-time activities

November Free Time

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>November 1 is National Author's Day. Recommend a book by your favorite author to a friend.</p> 	<p>The first full week of November is Cat Week. Explain why you think a cat is said to have nine lives.</p> 	<p>Describe your family's favorite Thanksgiving traditions or a new tradition you'd like to start.</p> 	<p>In 1837, Illinois housewives protested against the high prices of butter (\$.08 a pound) and eggs (\$.06 a dozen). Compare today's egg and butter prices with those of 1837.</p> 	<p>On November 5, 1924, the first crossword-puzzle book was published. Create your own crossword puzzle using words from this week's spelling list.</p> 
<p>Garrett Morgan, a Black American inventor, patented the traffic light in November 1923. What would life be like today if the traffic light had never been invented?</p> 	<p>Use each letter in Thanksgiving to spell something for which you are thankful.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> T unkey H appiness A unt Beverly N ana K indness S G I V I N G </div>	<p>Milton Bradley, an American games manufacturer, was born on November 8, 1836. What is your favorite board game? Is it made by Milton Bradley's company?</p> 	<p>List the names of people you are thankful to have in your life.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content;"> Mom Dad Billy </div>	<p>On November 10, 1903, Mary Anderson patented the windshield wiper. Make a list of ten other simple inventions that make your life much safer and easier.</p> 
<p>Write a thank-you note to someone who has recently been kind or helpful to you.</p> 	<p>Jules Leotard introduced the flying trapeze at a circus in Paris in November 1859. Illustrate your favorite circus act.</p> 	<p>Illustrate and describe the most unusual snack food you've ever eaten.</p> 	<p>Walt Disney's movie <i>Fantasia</i> premiered in New York on November 13, 1940. Who is your favorite Disney character? Why?</p> 	<p>November 17 is Homemade Bread Day. In honor of this day, make up a name and design a logo for a brand-new bakery.</p> 
<p>Do your classmates prefer a particular brand of jeans? Take a poll to find out. Survey each student; then graph your data.</p> 	<p>The longest banana split ever made (over one mile long) was created in Australia on November 20, 1976. Illustrate your favorite dessert and list its ingredients.</p> 	<p>Nominate a book for the next Newbery Award. Write the title of the book, the author's name, and a brief explanation telling why it should win the award.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> And the winner is... </div>	<p>Give turkeys a break! Create an unusual Thanksgiving meal.</p> 	<p>In 1842, the first volcanic eruption recorded in the United States occurred at Mount Lassen in California. Describe this event as if you had been an eyewitness.</p> 

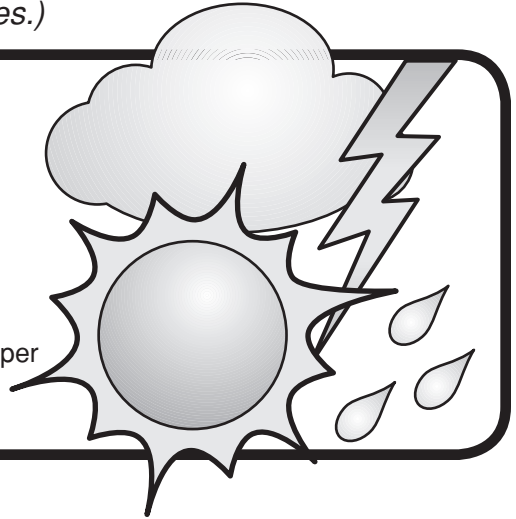
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Events And Activities For The Family

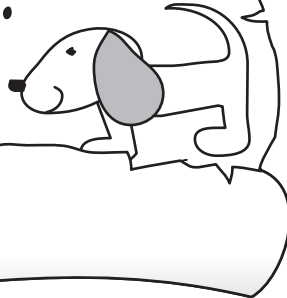
Directions: Select at least one activity below to complete as a family by the end of November.
(Challenge: See if your family can complete all three activities.)

Be A Weather Forecaster

The U.S. Weather Bureau made its first weather observation on November 1, 1870. In honor of this occasion, sit down with your family and watch a local weather forecast on television. Based on what the meteorologist has to say, have each family member fill out a "Prediction Page." On a sheet of notebook paper, have each family member write his or her predictions for the next day's forecast, such as the exact high temperature, exact low temperature, and amount of rain. The next day, compare your predictions with the weather page from your local newspaper to see which family member was right. Let the winner decide what's for dessert that night!



I am thankful
for my dog
Brutus...

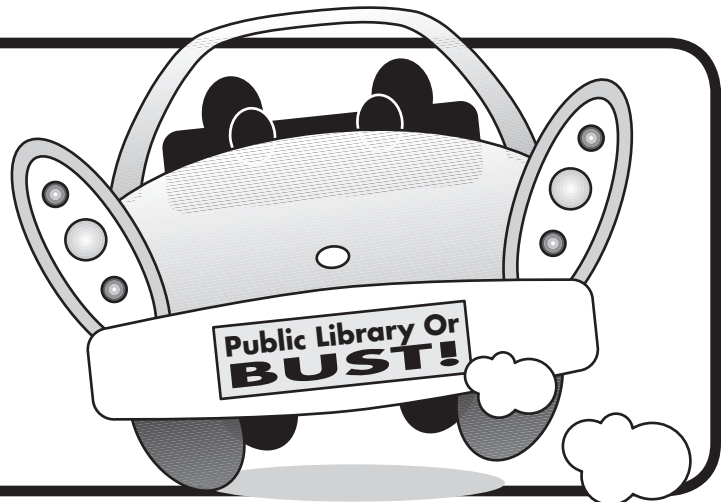


National Family Week

National Family Week is observed the week of Thanksgiving. To celebrate, start a new family tradition in your house. During the week, interview all of the family members who will be attending Thanksgiving dinner at your home. Ask each guest what he or she is thankful for and write down each answer. Leaving out any names, copy each answer onto a separate unlined sheet of paper. Illustrate each answer with crayons or markers; then roll each answer and illustration into a scroll and tie it with a piece of fall-colored yarn. Place one scroll on each guest's dinner plate. Before eating, have each guest open his or her scroll one at a time and read it out loud. See if your family can guess whose answer is on each scroll. Once the answer is revealed, let its owner keep the scroll as a holiday souvenir he or she will always be thankful for!

Children's Book Week

The third full week of November is designated as Children's Book Week. Take advantage of this opportunity by taking your family to visit the local library. In the children's section, select a book the whole family will enjoy reading. Each night of the week, spend time together as a family reading out loud from the book you've chosen. Rotate family members each night so that everyone gets a chance to read. Celebrate Children's Book Week every week by making family reading time a new tradition in your house.



National Author's Day

Observed on November 1 since 1929, National Author's Day is set aside as a day to celebrate the contributions of American authors by writing letters to favorite authors and flying American flags.

Authors from A to Z

Avi doesn't tell his real name.
Books are special to Avi—he was once a librarian.
Charlotte Doyle finds adventure on the ocean.
Dyslexia is something Avi deals with when he's writing.
Emily is Avi's twin's name.
Fighting Ground is a book about 24 hours of Jonathan's life.

Authors A To Z

Encourage your students to show they know their favorite author from A to Z with this fun research project. Allow each reader in your class to choose an author to research. The student should have read two or more of that author's stories or books before beginning to research interesting facts about the author's life, education, and sources for stories. After all the research is complete, challenge each student to create a one- or two-page "Author's Alphabet," writing one fact about the author or her books for each letter of the alphabet. Collect the decorated final drafts in a binder to keep near the classroom library as a quick preview of authors and their works that your students can use when they're looking for a good book.

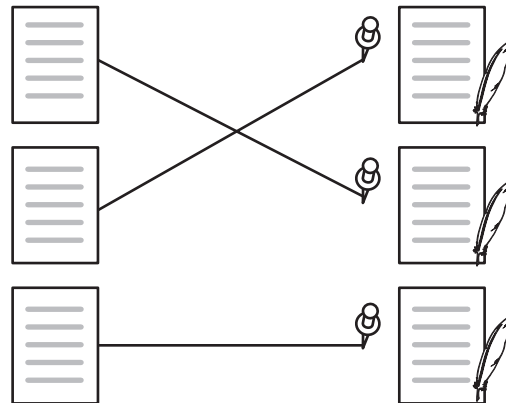
Pseudonym Sleuths

Some authors choose to use a *pseudonym*, or *pen name*, when they write. A *pseudonym* is simply a fictitious name that an author uses to disguise his real name. Turn your students into private eyes by having them search through dictionaries, encyclopedias, and other resources to find out the identities of the incognito authors listed on page 6. During the search, challenge your students to come up with other authors who use a *nom de plume* (pen name). Keep a running list of authors and their pen names as students discover them throughout the year. To encourage writing in your classroom, have each student select a pen name for himself. Only you will know each pen name's true identity. Periodically have students write under their pen names. Post the writings for everyone to enjoy reading.

Pen-Name Private Eyes

Real Names

Pen Names



Pen-Name Private Eyes

Did you know that some authors use a *pseudonym*, or *pen name*, when they write? In fact, some authors use more than one! A *pseudonym* is a fictitious name that an author uses to disguise his real name.

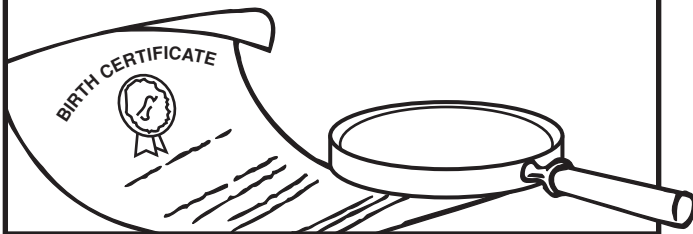
Directions: Crack the case of the *incognito* (disguised) authors by matching each author's real name to his or her pen name(s). Use reference books to help you as you play pen-name private eye!

Authors' Real Names

Authors' Pen Names

- ___ 1. Louisa May Alcott, author of *Little Women*
- ___ 2. Hans Christian Andersen, author of fairy tales
- ___ 3. Isaac Asimov, science-fiction writer
- ___ 4. Charles Dodgson
- ___ 5. Theodor Seuss Geisel
- ___ 6. Edgar Rice Burroughs, author of *Tarzan* books
- ___ 7. Charles Dickens, author of *A Christmas Carol*
- ___ 8. L. Frank Baum, author of *The Wonderful Wizard Of Oz*
- ___ 9. James Fenimore Cooper, author of *The Last Of The Mohicans*
- ___ 10. Joan Aiken, author of *The Wolves Of Willoughby Chase*

- a. Dr. A, Paul French
- b. Lewis Carroll, author of *Alice's Adventures In Wonderland*
- c. Norman Bean, Craig Shaw Gardner
- d. Boz, Timothy Sparks
- e. A. M. Barnardd
- f. Villiam Christianu Walter
- g. Jane Morgan
- h. Theo Lesieg, Dr. Seuss, author of *The Cat In The Hat* and others
- i. Nicholas Dee, Rosie Lee
- j. John Estes Cook, Edith Van Dyne



Directions: Write each underlined letter found in the pen-name list above in the correct blanks below to answer the following question: What is another word for a pen name?

f d c e j a b h g i

Bonus Box: On the back of this sheet, list three reasons why an author might choose not to use his or her real name. After seeing these authors' pen names, how do you think an author chooses a pseudonym to use?

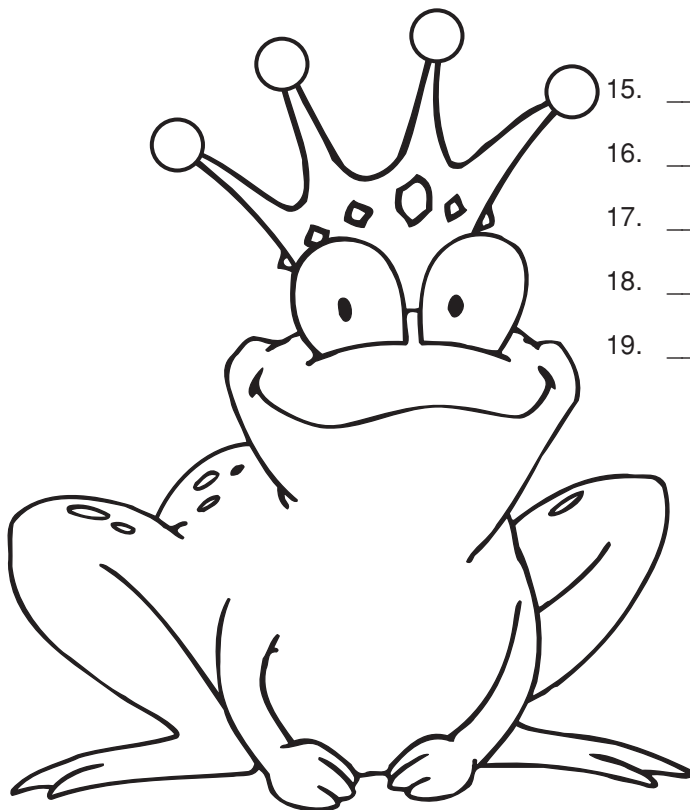
A Prince (Or Princess) Of An Idea!

Children's writer Madeleine L'Engle, author of *A Wrinkle In Time*, calls writing an "essential function, like sleeping and breathing." She has a real writer's habit: she writes every single day.

Directions: To be as dedicated to writing as Madeleine L'Engle, you must always be on the lookout for things to write *about*. List below several story ideas. These do not have to be detailed; a simple word or phrase will do. Just jot down something that will make you remember the topic you want to write about. Keep this list handy and add to it anytime a new writing idea pops into your mind. During your spare time or journal-writing time, choose a topic to write about. You never can tell when you have a real prince (or princess) of an idea on your hands!

Writing Ideas

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