



Family
Literacy
Day

Wednesday,
January 27th, 2021



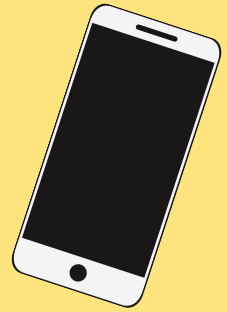
Dear Families

When we think about literacy, we routinely connect it to reading, but what we sometimes miss is that oral language is an important component of literacy. We know that when we experience something exciting, sad or interesting in our lives that many times our initial instinct is to share our experience with someone. These experiences can be a situation we encounter, a movie or video we watch or something that we read. Our desire to communicate with others is a part of what makes us human beings and is what creates and maintains relationships. As parents and caregivers, we often notice that as our children move into the teen and young adult phases of their life's communication can sometimes become more challenging. As caregivers, we need to understand that this is a typical phase that many teens and young adults go through as they transition into adults, so we need to get creative to keep those lines of communication open. As we approach **Family Literacy Day on Wednesday, January 27th, 2021** here are some activities that families can participate in to continue building and nurturing those relationships with the tween, teen and young adult's we love!

Take a Picture



Everyone in the family takes a picture of something they love, find interesting, think is funny or is a sweet reminder of a special time. Have fun with filters, angles and camera positions! Once everyone has an image take turns sharing their pictures and talk about why they chose that image. If it's a more challenging image, like the potato chip picture below, everyone can try to guess what it is before talking about why that item was chosen!



Do you know what this is? It's a close up of a potato chip!





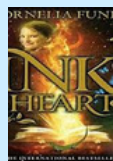
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Choose a book that has an accompanying movie. Pick a date that the book will be read by. Either read the book together or individually, once everyone has read the book watch the movie together and discuss:

- which one is better, the book or the movie, and why?
- what aspects were different and which ones were similar?
- were the characters in the movie how you pictured them in the book? What actor/actress would you have chosen instead?

Below are a few options you could choose from. Before beginning a book/movie check out [Common Sense Media](#) to determine if it's the right fit for you family.



For more options go to [goodreads](#).

GeoGuessr

GeoGuessr is a fun map-based game where you get virtually "dropped" somewhere in the world, you explore the landscape around you through Google Street View to try to figure out where you are. Once you think you know where you are you make your guess and find out if you were right!

This could be a great game for the whole family!

Go to [GeoGuessr](#)

What did you read today?

Family Literacy can be as easy as everyone taking turns sharing what they read that day! Most of us read something everyday, it could be a news article you read on social media, it could be a chapter in a novel or a textbook. Take 10 minutes and let everyone share something that they read that day. You never know, something might spark further conversation or investigation!

