



Parent Newsletter

NOVEMBER READING ADVENTURES

November is the perfect time to slow down and share a good story together. This year, we're inviting you to make storytime an adventure with your child! Action for Children's Reading Adventures celebrate both National Family Literacy Month and National Adoption Month, encouraging families to read, learn, and connect in meaningful ways. Each week, explore a new theme — from connection and discovery to math and being you — and see how reading together can bring you closer together and make their world bigger! Try these tips to make storytime come alive. 

Celebrate family, connection, and the joy of reading all month long. Scan to see the weekly themes, find book ideas, and enter the giveaway!



Talk the story out loud

Not in the mood to read every word? Describe the pictures, talk about what's happening, or ask your child what they think will happen next. Those back-and-forth interactions build vocabulary and observation skills.



Use your voice

Bring storytime to life by giving characters silly voices, singing lines, or adding sound effects. When children see you enjoying the story, they learn that reading is a fun adventure instead of just a chore.



Connect creatively

Can't be in the same room? Read together, even from afar! Get creative with video calls, voice notes, or record yourself reading a short story or poem. Making the effort to connect and interact makes a difference!



OUR STORY TREE CRAFT

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Large sheet of paper or poster board
- Paper towel roll
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue stick or tape
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils
- (Optional) photos and leaves

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Glue the paper towel roll to the poster board to create the base of the tree.
2. Draw or cut out branches from construction paper and glue them onto your poster board.
3. Cut several leaf shapes or add in leaves you've found outdoors— one for each family member, memory, or favorite story.
4. On each leaf, write or draw something that tells part of your family's story: a special memory, a favorite book, or something that makes your family unique. You can also choose to add photos that are special to your family.
5. Glue the leaves onto the branches to grow your "Story Tree."
6. Add more leaves throughout the month as you read together or make new memories!

Source: Action for Children

Coming Up...

Grove City Thanksgiving Market at Pinnacle | Various locations | November 23 | 11am - 4pm

Don't miss the Thanksgiving Market at Grove City's beautiful Pinnacle Ballroom at Pinnacle Golf Club! This venue is absolutely gorgeous — you have to see it for yourself!

Medina Candlelight Walk | 39 Public Square, Medina, OH, 44256 | November 21 - 23 | Free

Throughout the weekend, the shops and restaurants of the 9-block Medina historic district will be open later into the evening to welcome up to 50,000 people. The event features over 1,500 luminaries, 5,000 votive candles, 15,000 Christmas lights, a truckload of sand, a 13' Christmas tree, a 60-unit parade, 62-holiday flags, and more.

Looking for food resources?

Go to www.freshtrak.com to search for food distribution events in your area by entering your zip code. Our Parent and Youth Ambassador team is also here to help; just call 614-224-0222!

Have you been impacted by the government shutdown? Tell us how and let AFC help advocate.

