



Backpack-tivity: An @Home Learning Activity

Family Calendar

Introduction:

As you complete this activity, you'll talk about the special days your family celebrates.

Materials:

You'll need a computer with an Internet connection or 12 pieces of white drawing paper and a ruler, a pen or a pencil, and crayons, colored pencils, or markers.

Directions:

Family Partner: Download and print the calendar pages from Education World's Teacher Tools and Templates page at http://www.educationworld.com/tools_templates/index.shtml#Calendars or help your child create your own calendar on 12 pieces of white drawing paper.

Student and Family Partner: Make a list of family birthdays, religious or cultural holidays, family trips or events, and any other special days you celebrate or want to remember. As you fill in those days on the calendar, talk about why they are special. Recall family traditions associated with those events. If possible, attach to the calendar photographs of previous celebrations. Color the pictures on the Education World calendar or draw your own pictures if you've made your own calendar.

Talk About It:

What is your favorite memory of a past family celebration? What made that day special? Write about it on these lines.

Learn More:

Read about Holidays Around the World at <http://falcon.jmu.edu/~ramseyil/holidays.htm>.

This activity was completed by _____ and _____.