

Ignite Your Child's

Imagination



Research shows an active imagination helps your child to become more creative now and as an adult. Thinking creatively allows your son or daughter to see things differently and come up with unique approaches. Innovative thinkers tend to be more confident and learn better.

To fire up your child's imagination:

- Take a nature walk and have your child create a story about it.**
- ✈ **Carve out a space for ...creativity time... and encourage its use.**
- Ask questions to develop critical thinking skills.**
- ♥ **Provide materials for your child's interests or projects.**
- ☺ **Discuss the importance of creativity, including your own.**

**Encourage your children to use their imagination.
Show them how!**



APRIL 2014! CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Fun Activities
During
Child Abuse
Prevention
Month
– and Every
Month!

April

marks the annual campaign to remind families and their supporters to protect children from neglect and abuse. Celebrate the month at home with engaging activities and discussions. Use these suggestions or create your own list.

Enjoy!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 APRIL FOOL'S DAY! Can you surprise your child in a fun and clever way?	2 Go for a walk and count pinwheels	3 Write a story together	4 It's family FILM NIGHT . Then discuss it	5 Visit a MUSEUM
6 Talk about FIVE THINGS the family is grateful for	7 Let the kids decide the dinner menu	8 Teach a childhood dance	9 WEAR BLUE DAY! Learn about your child's favorite app	10 Discuss a current event at dinner	11 Dance to loud music	12 Fly a <i>kite!</i>
13 Read your child's favorite book	14 Create a family bucket list!	15 Listen to your child's favorite song	16 Create a new photo album	17 Have a <i>scavenger hunt!</i>	18 Play a board or online game	19 Go on a nature walk
20 Talk about the role of Holidays	21 Plan a colorful DINNER for the weekend	22 Buy some <i>seeds</i> to plant indoors or outside Earth Day	23 Discuss how as a family to help the less fortunate	24 Tell JOKEs	25 Camp out in the living room	26 Volunteer as a family
27 Try new food from a different culture	28 Talk about the importance of Dreams	29 Make cupcakes!	30 <i>Write letters to older relatives</i>	Watch for information about "Wear Blue Day on April 9" throughout Virginia!		