

November

2011 Math Activity Calendar

National Game & Puzzle Week coincides with National Family Week November 20–26. Bring a game to Thanksgiving and involve the whole family in some quality time together!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>1 National Authors Day Spend the day reading some books about math. How about David Schwartz's <i>How Much Is a Million?</i> Or Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith's <i>Math Curse</i>?</p>	<p>2 Look for Circles Day We don't know why this is a holiday, but we thought we'd go with it because, well, we like circles. Go forth and look for circles!</p>	<p>3 Front-page headline in 1948: "Dewey Defeats Truman." Very exciting! But wrong! Truman won the electoral vote by a 303-189 majority. What percentage of votes did President Truman receive?</p>	<p>4 King Tut's Tomb Discovered, 1922 Tutankhamun was born around 1341 BC. How many years ago was that? Be careful in your calculation. Hint: we're no longer in the BC years.</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>13 International Tongue Twister Day Celebrate the day by writing your own math tongue twister! How many times can you say it? Ten tumultuous triangles tried triangulating a tricky trapezoid.</p>		<p>15 America Recycles Day Did you know glass can be recycled over and over and never wears out? Make an effort to recycle every day and save valuable resources.</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 During Domino Day in 2006 over four million stones were toppled! It took a team of 90 builders about two months to build it! Set up a domino course today.</p>		<p>19 National Game & Puzzle Week starts tomorrow (November 20–26). Pull out some of your favorite puzzles and board games today. Enjoy them with friends and family this week.</p>
<p>20 On this date in 1923, Garrett Morgan patented the three-position traffic signal. This replaced two light signals for "stop" and "go." How long do traffic lights stay yellow?</p>	<p>21 Pilgrims signed the Mayflower Compact in Provincetown Harbor in 1620. Starting in England, their journey took 66 days. On average, how many miles did they travel each day?</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Fibonacci Day Start your series with 0 and 1. Then add the last two numbers to get the next. 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13... Where is this sequence found in nature?</p>	<p>24 Thanksgiving Count all of the reasons you are thankful for family and friends in your life. Are you still counting?</p>	<p>25 National Flossing Day Humans have 32 permanent teeth, while dolphins typically have 250! Estimate how long it would take to floss if you had a dolphin's set of chompers.</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 Just for Fun! Go to the U.S. Census Bureau's FactFinder Kids' Corner to find out population statistics. Compare the urban and rural populations in your state to other states.</p>	<p>28 Magellan Reaches the Pacific in 1520 He left Spain and sailed through what is now the Straits of Magellan. How many miles separate each location?</p>	<p>29 Square Dance Day Swing your partner round and round! But before you do, compute the area of the dance floor to make sure you have enough room to do-si-do!</p>				

