**Family Reading Partnership *Read to Me!* Calendar**

**Story and Reading Ideas for Families**

**Old Calendars**

* Use pictures from old calendars to make a book. Cut them out and glue to folded cardstock. You can leave some blank pages to write your own story or have just pictures so you can make up a new story to say aloud each time.
* Make greeting cards from old calendars, gluing images to folded cardstock so you can add your own sentiment inside.
* Create a collage using any of the small or large pictures in old calendars.
* Create miniature story cards by cutting out the small pictures on the back of the calendar or cutting small pictures from the larger pictures. Pull a card one at time or line them up and tell a story. Mix them up and tell a new story!
* Make stick puppets by cutting out characters and/or objects from the calendar and gluing them to craft sticks. Make up your own story or retell the one the characters are from.
* Use the small book cover images from inside the calendar as stamps when playing post office.

**New or Old Calendars**

* Take a peek through the calendar and look at the titles of the books where each featured art piece is from. Borrow those books from the library, either all at once, a few at a time, or month by month, and see if you can find the page in each book that the artwork is from.
* Draw your own pictures about what the characters in the featured illustration might do next!

**New Calendar**

* Look ahead to the holidays or other special events happening this month. Borrow books from the library or pull some off your own shelves that relate to these activities.
* Hold a reading challenge to see how many books or minutes each family member can read in a given week or month. Mark results of the challenge on the calendar and celebrate by sharing the stories you read during that time.
* Mark off days of the week by drawing a picture on the day or coloring in the days as they pass.

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