

Projects with Family Reading Partnership Calendar Pictures

Each year our calendars feature beautiful monthly images that are 12" by 12" with smaller images on other pages and the cover. Here are some projects that use those pages from your outdated calendars. Once you get going with these projects, more ideas will spring up! On some projects you will want to cover the backside with a solid piece of colored paper. Spray adhesive works well. (Use outdoors on newspaper and away from children.)

Beautiful Wall Art

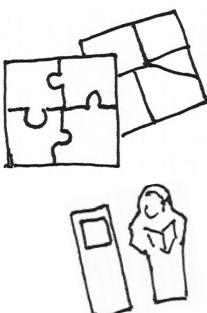
Calendar pages make wonderful read-aloud pictures for home and school! For permanence, they can be mounted on foam core, or poster board for a colorful border. Alternatively, you can cover with contact paper or laminate the pictures. Tape together a long frieze of these pictures for the halls of your school or home, or assemble all images together in a big 3' x 4' grid. Pictures are fun to mount on the back of library bookshelves. As children look for books they see reading in action!



Collage, Cutouts and Cover-ups

Use this sturdy and decorative paper for collage activities, dioramas, pop-ups, etc.

Make standup figures by mounting on cardboard then cutting out, adding an easel leg for support. Attach a cutout image onto a plain metal bookend. Use pictures to cover dull boxes or notebooks.



Puzzles

Glue picture on stiff cardboard (the cardboard that came with the calendar is excellent). Cut apart in puzzle shape, either big and easy or small and difficult.

Bookmarks

Cut out the little pictures on the back of the calendar and glue onto stiff colored paper for handsome bookmarks. Larger cutouts make a fun bookmark with character images sticking up above the book.

Gift Wrap

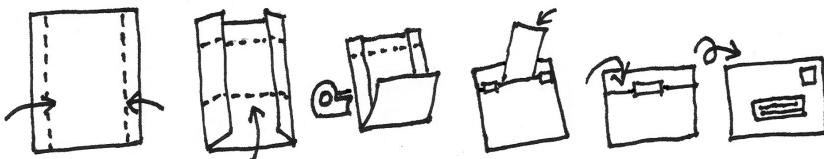
Use calendar pages as beautiful wrapping for small gifts, or tape several sheets together to cover larger ones.

Kleenex Box

In a craft store you can buy a wooden cover to go over Kleenex box. Glue some calendar images onto the surface and you have a handsome tissue dispenser.

Envelopes (The Post Office accepts these beautiful envelopes!)

Fold as illustrated with your image on the outside of the folded paper.



After filling your envelope with a letter, tape closed, add a stamp and mail! Use a white mailing label for the address so it stands out. You may want to put the address on the backside of your envelope so the postal ink doesn't mar your picture.

An envelope 6 1/8" high and 11 1/2" wide is the maximum size for a 1st class stamp, so these folded pictures easily fall in that range. (Note, if you send an envelope on the vertical orientation, it is considered oversize and will cost more) It is also important to have your address label up at least 5/8" from the bottom of the envelope to leave room for the postal bar code.