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... it is a dynamic learning hub for kids of all ages!

## Family Fun Activities for October

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Using decades of experience as a teacher & multicultural facilitator, Maestra Casiano provides a fun, free online learning hub for kids of all ages! You can find many fun-tastic ideas for family learning opportunities including:

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- Videos & music
- Holiday printable activities
- Read-aloud stories & book lists
- STEAM projects
- Daily activity suggestions
- Movie night suggestions

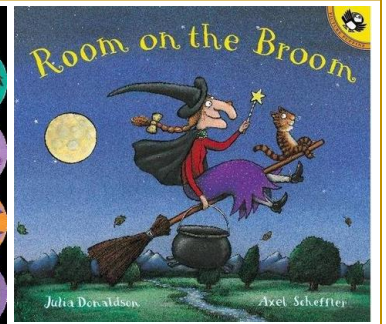
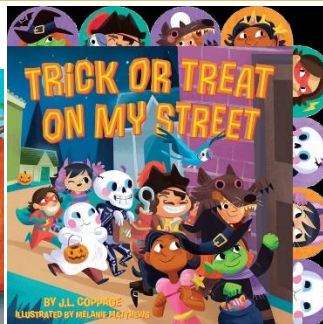
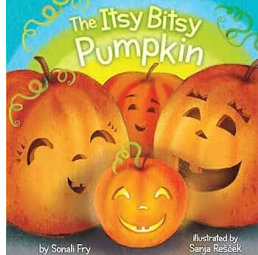
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## Halloween Is Eerily Approaching

Books  
Under  
**\$5**



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Let's Celebrate!  
**NATIONAL  
INDIGENOUS  
PEOPLES DAY**  
**OCTOBER 14, 2024**  
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PLAY  
LEARN  
AND  
GROW  
TOGETHER



Want to foster a love of learning at home?  
**Tip #5: Provide Opportunities for Structured & Unstructured Play**

## TIP #5 Provide Opportunities for Structured & Unstructured Play

One major mistake that people make is assuming that “play” is simply recreational. This is *not* accurate. Play has a vital role in children’s development. Different types of play allow for various opportunities for children to learn from others through interaction & allow them to take an active role in the learning experiences they have. During play, children can apply what they are learning; explore what interests them, develop communication skills, build interpersonal skills, & so much more.



Parents & teachers need to ensure that some time is set aside daily for free play or unstructured play. During this time, conversations with peers, siblings, & others can take place which allows for the promotion of healthy social-emotional health, confidence building, vocabulary development, self-regulation, etc. for children. Children should be afforded opportunities to make mindful choices & decisions during unstructured play time. Children should be encouraged to be creative & use their imaginations through use of a variety of tools such as building blocks, costumes, art supplies, etc. This is more or less “free choice” time for kids to explore their preferences & interests.

Structured play is also important. During structured play opportunities, children can hone their executive functioning skills. They can build activity stamina, learn to follow rules, process instructions, develop tolerance for different perspectives, learn to wait their turn, develop strategies & engage in critical thinking. Construction sets, board games, card games, puzzles, & ‘organized’ sports help children to develop goal orientated focus on task completion by using problem-solving skills. These opportunities can also help develop leadership skills, build confidence, foster critical thinking in decision making, build resilience, broaden perspectives, facilitate team-building, promote communication, relieve tension, & address anxiety.

It is important to balance screen “play” time & screen-free “play” time to promote holistic growth! The use of computerized technology offers opportunities to explore & expand upon different skills but it should not take the place of physical activity or physical interaction which are equally important!

*Who says learning can't be fun?*



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