





# Big Buddy Program

# July 2011 Learning Calendar

P-Prekindergarten E-Elementary S-Secondary



Writing



Communication



History
































Computers



Reading



Music

| Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday   | Sunday  |
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| 27  | 28   | 29   | 30  | 1  | 2  | 3   |
| <p>Follow Big Buddy all year on</p>   |  |  |   |  |  |   |
| <p>4 <i>Independence Day</i></p> <p>Look for the red, white, and blue on this Independence Day. Point out other colors as well. P</p>    | <p>5</p> <p>Play letter games: see how many words you can create using only the letters of your family members' names. P, E, S</p>    | <p>6</p> <p>Review summer safety tips. Why is it important to swim with a buddy? How do bike helmets protect us? P, E, S</p>    | <p>7</p> <p>In 1981 Sandra Day O'Connor was named the first female justice on the United States Supreme Court. How many women sit on the court today? E, S</p>           | <p>8</p> <p>Make recycling part of your daily routine. Check out the Baton Rouge Recycling website to learn more. <a href="http://www.brgov.com/dept/recycle/">www.brgov.com/dept/recycle/</a> P, E, S</p>  | <p>9</p> <p>The <a href="http://www.lebeauzydeco.com/">Lebeau Zydeco Festival</a> takes place today at Immaculate Conception Church in LaBeau, LA. What is zydeco music. Can you play zydeco using items you find around your house? P, E, S</p>  | <p>10</p> <p>Smoky the Bear has been educating children about fire prevention since the 1940s. Sign the Wildfire Pledge and help prevent fires. <a href="http://www.smokeybear.com">www.smokeybear.com</a> E, S</p>  |
| <p>11</p> <p>Have your child calculate the gas mileage, tolls, and cost for gas when you take a trip. How is your gas millage? How can you improve it? E, S</p>              | <p>12</p> <p>Tune in! Turn on a radio and listen to a news or entertainment program. Talk to someone older about how radio has changed in recent years. P, E, S</p>                             | <p>13</p> <p>Architect, sculptor, and inventor Erno Rubik was born in Hungary in 1944. What square, pop culture puzzle did he create in the 1980s? E, S</p>                         | <p>14</p> <p>Celebrated American artist James Abbott McNeil Whistler was born in 1834. What is Whistler's most famous painting? E, S</p>                               | <p>15</p> <p>Visit your local public library to encourage productive reading habits over the summer. Encourage reading every day. <a href="http://http://ebrpl.com/">http://ebrpl.com/</a>. P, E, S</p>   | <p>16</p> <p>French fries actually came from Belgium, not France. Research your favorite food and find the recipe. Then try making it yourself. E, S</p>    | <p>17</p> <p>Create a word search or crossword puzzle using summer activity words. Go to <a href="http://www.puzzlemaker.com">www.puzzlemaker.com</a> or use a ruler and paper to create a puzzle. P, E, S</p>     |
| <p>18</p> <p>Take care of your pets. Make sure they have plenty of water in hot months. Arrange to have someone feed and walk pets if you are away. P, E, S</p>              | <p>19</p> <p>Take a walk and incorporate patterns: skip one block, then hop a few times, run two blocks, etc. P, E, S</p>   | <p>20</p> <p>Día del Amigo, a Day of Friendship, was established in Argentina and is celebrated in many Spanish-speaking countries. Call or visit with a friend today. P, E, S</p>  | <p>21</p> <p>The world's lowest temperature was recorded in 1983 in Antarctica. It was 129° below Fahrenheit! Read a thermometer for today's temperature. P, E, S</p>  | <p>22</p> <p>American artist Alexander Calder was born in 1898. Trained as an engineer, he was famous for his colorful, intricate mobiles. Design a mobile with colors and shapes. P, E, S</p>            | <p>23</p> <p>The electric washing machine was patented in 1910. Try washing clothes without electricity for a full day. How is it washing clothes different without a washing machine? E, S</p>   | <p>24</p> <p>School starts soon! Adjust your child's bedtime and wake-up time to a school schedule now for an easy transition. P, E, S</p>   |
| <p>25</p> <p>Iguanas can stay underwater for nearly half an hour; most humans can hold their breath for 30-40 seconds. Talk with your child about water safety. P, E, S</p>  | <p>26</p> <p>Play with numbers. Add up the numbers in today's date: 7 + 26 + 2011. You can also try adding numbers in your birth date, your address, or your favorite holiday date. E, S</p>  | <p>27</p> <p>Encourage your children to find and identify shapes. Traffic lights are circles, some buildings are rectangles, etc. Keep track of their discoveries. P</p>            | <p>28</p> <p>Plan an insect expedition. Take a walk or hike and bring along a notebook. How many bugs can you see and identify? P, E, S</p>                            | <p>29</p> <p>One quadrillion ants live on Earth. How many zeros are there in the number <i>one quadrillion</i>? E, S</p>    | <p>30</p> <p>Check out live alligators at Kilberts Alligator Farms <a href="http://www.kilbertgatorontours.com">www.kilbertgatorontours.com</a>. Alligators grow about 3,000 teeth in a lifetime. How many teeth do humans grow? P, E</p>       | <p>31</p> <p>Create a comic strip based on a real-life event. E, S</p>   |



Recreation



Art



Science



Math



Day Trips