

BOOKS TO READ!

A Birthday Basket for Tia by Pat Mora

A Mother for Choco by Keiko Kasza

What Mommies Do Best/

What Daddies Do Best by Laura Numeroff

In My Family/En mi familia

by Carmen Lomas Garza

The Relatives Came by Cynthia Rylant

Mr. Rabbit and the Lovely Present

by Charlotte Zolotow

Apple Pie 4th of July by Janet S. Wong

Bee-bim Bop by Linda Sue Park

The Hello, Goodbye Window by Norton Juster

The Daddy Mountain by Jules Feiffer

Just Like Daddy by Frank Asch

Princess Penelope by Todd Mack

Big Sister, Little Sister by Leuyen Pham

Olivia by Ian Falconer

Bebe Goes to the Beach

by Susan Middleton Elya

Just Grandma and Me by Mercer Mayer

Just Grandpa and Me by Mercer Mayer

Abuela by Arthur Dorros

Whose Mouse Are You? by Robert Kraus

Peter's Chair by Ezra Jack Keats

Sunday Week by Dinah Johnson and Tyrone Geter

The Gullah Culture

The term "Gullah" (or "Gee-chee" in Georgia) describes communities of people who live on the Sea Islands of South Carolina and Georgia. The unique blend of the West African culture, combined with European and Native American influences, resulted in the distinct culture that is known as Gullah. Gullah traditions are the customs, beliefs, and ways of life that have been passed down among Sea Island families. Making sweetgrass baskets, quilting, and knitting fishing nets are a few of the crafts that parents and grandparents teach children. Folklore, stories, and songs have also been handed down over the years. In June, the **Sweetgrass Cultural Arts Festival** highlights the unique artistry of over 100 basket makers over the two day celebration. Local residents perform a variety of entertainment consisting of Gullah/Geechee culture songs, dance, storytelling, and skits. Artists and crafters showcase their paintings and handmade crafts. Local restaurants and food vendors provide an assortment of authentic Lowcountry foods throughout the festival.


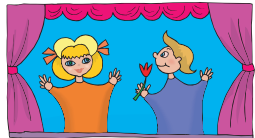



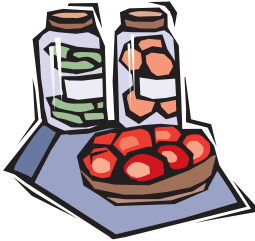





South Carolina Spotlight: Ronald and Natalie Daise

Storyteller and author Ronald Daise and his wife Natalie perform around the country with their Sea Island Montage performances, which include singing, dancing, and storytelling focused on Gullah heritage. Natalie and Ronald also starred in the award winning Nick Jr. show, "Gullah Gullah Island" and continue to share the joy of learning about the Gullah culture through books, music, and crafts. They live in Beaufort, South Carolina with their children.



November: Family

“Come Jine We” for a down-home celebration called Penn Center Heritage Days, showcasing the unique cultural legacy of the Gullah people and history of Penn School on St. Helena Island. Penn Center's current mission is to preserve and promote the Sea Island history, culture, and environment.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>Does your family have special favorite foods? Spend time cooking a meal together.</p>  | <p>Talk about what family means to you. Have an older adult tell your child a story from their childhood.</p> | <p>Put on some music and dance with your family.</p> | <p>Spend time drawing pictures of the members of your family. Do some live nearby and others far away? Talk about the difference.</p> | <p>Cut out the pictures from yesterday and make them into puppets by taping them to popsicle sticks or straws. Put on a puppet show about your family.</p>  | <p>Find objects in your home that start with the same letters as each family member's name.</p> | <p>Take time to read together. Visit the library if you can. Find three books about families to read together. Ask a librarian if he or she has any favorites!</p> |
| <p>Write a poem about a family of turkeys.</p> | <p>Talk about some of the animals in your neighborhood and whether they are a part of a family.</p>  | <p>Have your child name one thing that makes each member of your family special.</p> | <p>Talk about Veterans Day</p> <p>Explain what the word veteran means. Do you have any veterans in your family?</p>  | <p>Have a family story time and read a book together. Have each person pick a favorite story.</p> | <p>Mother Goose Time!</p> <p>Chook, Chook, Chook, Chook, Chook, Good morning, Mrs. Hen How many chickens have you got? Madam I've got ten. Four of them are yellow, And four of them are brown, And two of them are speckled red, The nicest in the town.</p> | <p>Celebrate family volunteer day. Can you spend some time helping out a family member?</p> |
| <p>Play a game as a family together. If you don't have one, make one up!</p>  | <p>Ask your child to set the table and have them tell you who will sit at each place. You can make a heart for each place setting.</p> | <p>Help your child draw a picture of an animal home. Talk about the different kinds of homes that animals have.</p> | <p>Sing You are My Sunshine</p> <p>You are my sunshine. My only sunshine. You make me happy when skies are gray. You never know dear how much I love you. Please don't take my sunshine away.</p> | <p>Talk about what kinds of foods are in the same family.</p>  | <p>Learn a family nighttime poem from Mother Goose:</p> <p>When little Fred went to bed, he always said his prayers. He kissed mama and then papa, and straightaway went upstairs.</p> | <p>Trace your hand to make a turkey. Draw a family of turkeys for Thanksgiving.</p> |
| <p>Talk about some of your family traditions or create a new one.</p> | <p>Have your child tell you a story about something they have done with another family member.</p> | <p>Trace the handprints of each family member and label them.</p>  | <p>Talk about the history and meaning of Thanksgiving.</p> | <p>Have each family member list one thing that makes them feel grateful.</p> | <p>Have each family member draw a self-portrait.</p> | <p>Help your child write a letter to a family member.</p>  |
| <p>Take a walk or go out somewhere as a family.</p>  | <p>Let your child pick out books for family members to read to them.</p> | <p>Tell a Story</p> <p>Have your child make up a story about their favorite animal family.</p> | <p>Adoption Month</p>  | <p>Child Safety Month</p> | <p>Family Stories Month</p>  | <p>National Native American Heritage Month</p> |