



#### BOOKS TO READ!

*Fancy Nancy* by Jane O'Connor

*Harold and the Purple Crayon*  
by Crockett Johnson

*The Gingerbread Boy* by Paul Galdone

*Twelve Tales from Aesop* by Eric Carle

*Lulu* by Charlotte Steiner

*When I'm Big* by Sam McBratney

*Not a Box* by Antoinette Portis

*Not a Stick* by Antoinette Portis

*Go Away, Big Green Monster* by Ed Emberley

*Pete's a Pizza* by William Steig

*Emma Kate* by Patricia Polacco

*Anno's Alphabet* by Mitsumasa Anno

*Anno's Magical ABC* by Mitsumasa Anno

*I Love You, Stinky Face* by Lisa McCourt

*Let's Pretend* by Margaret Miller

*In the Night Kitchen* by Maurice Sendak

*Where the Wild Things Are*  
by Maurice Sendak

*Henry's Amazing Imagination*  
by Nancy Carlson

*Imagination: A Journey of the Mind*  
by Dawn Anfuso

*Puff, the Magic Dragon* by Peter Yarrow,  
Lenny Lipton, and Eric Puybaret

*The Different Dragon* by Jennifer Bryan,  
Bobbie Combs, and Danamarie Hosler

*How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?*  
by Jane Yolen and Mark Teague

*How I Became a Pirate*  
by Melinda Long and David Shannon

*Cindy Ellen: A Wild Western Cinderella*  
by Susan Lowell and Jane Manning

*Giddy Up, Cowgirl!* by Jarrett J. Krosoczka

*Madlenka* by Peter Sis







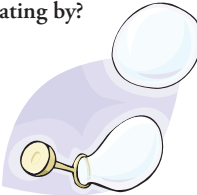

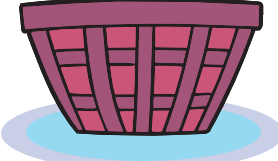

*Grandpa's Great City Tour*  
by James Stevenson

South Carolina's place names have many influences. Without leaving the state, you can travel to Denmark or Bordeaux, ascend to Rock Hill or Mount Pleasant to ask St. Paul or St. George about Goat Island or Clover. Perhaps you'll be thinking of those fair ladies Hannah, Lydia, or Ruby; the men Elliott, Floyd, and Dale; or our illustrious leaders Jefferson, Jackson, and Clinton. Whether you find yourself in Six Mile or Ninety Six at the Peak or Rocky Bottom, while playing with Buffalo or strolling Southern Shops, you might dream about Liberty, Prosperity, and Lucknow. All of these places are located in South Carolina and they all have a story. Take a few minutes to find out about the place names of your community and share as a family...and you are sure to be welcome in Welcome, SC!

# August: Imagination

“One of my favorite quotations is Frederick Douglass’s belief that ‘Once you learn to read, you will be forever free.’ In my life, reading has made me free to experience the worlds of others through fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and plays. And reading has made me free to become a writer myself. I hope that my words will inspire others the way that Frederick Douglass inspired me.”

— Dianne “Dinah” Johnson, South Carolina author of many books including *Quinnie Blue*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Can you make up a recipe together and cook something fun? Try and use healthy ingredients!</p> 	<p>Make a fort or castle with pillows or blankets and play in it.</p>	<p>Tell a story together. Take turns saying what will happen next.</p> 	<p>Go outside, lie on the ground, and look up at the clouds. What do the clouds look like? Watch them move and keep saying what you see.</p>	<p>Can you make a hat out of things in your house? Where would you wear your hat?</p> 	<p>Have an imaginary tea party with your child. Sing <i>I'm a Little Teapot</i> together.</p>	<p>Visit your library. Pick out some favorite books. Will you be going to school this year? If so, read <i>Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten</i> and <i>Miss Nelson is Missing</i>. Take home books by Donald Crews for tomorrow.</p>
<p>Take out the Donald Crews books and let your child tell you a story to go with the pictures.</p>	<p>Draw a picture of an imaginary animal like a unicorn or dragon, or make up your own and name it.</p> 	<p>Read half of a story together then let your child make up the ending.</p>	<p>Do you have a broom or stick? Pretend it is a horse and ride around the driveway or yard. Talk about horses and what you know or like about them.</p>	<p>Make up a short song about August and sing it together.</p>	<p>Neil Armstrong went to the moon this month. Draw a picture of what you think lives on the moon.</p> 	<p>“Paint” on the sidewalk or dirt using water, and watch it evaporate. If you have chalk, you can also write with chalk.</p>
<p>Read a book and ask your child to imagine what would have happened if the characters in the story made different choices.</p>	<p>Pretend you're seeds and then grow into a flower. Sing to the tune of <i>The Farmer in the Dell</i>.</p> 	<p>Ask your child what they would like to be when they grow up and have them draw a picture.</p>	<p>Talk about how August makes you feel. Then pretend it is Winter. How do you feel now?</p>	<p>Make bubble solution with dish detergent. Sit outside and blow bubbles. Do you see any shapes in the bubbles floating by?</p> 	<p>Set up a pretend kitchen and cook something with your child. Talk about keeping things clean and washing your hands.</p>	<p>Play Guessing Box! Use a tissue box or cut a hole in a box. Pick out items together to put in the box. Let your child put his or her hand into the box and without looking, guess what the object is. Encourage your child to describe the way the object feels using words like soft, hard, bumpy, smooth, or squishy.</p>
<p>Do you have old clothes? Play dress up together and put on a little show. If you have babies, play peek-a-boo with a handkerchief.</p>	<p>Travel in your mind! Use your imagination to go on a South Carolina trip. Where would you go? What would you see?</p>	<p>Read a book with your child. Ask them to imagine what happens after the book ends.</p>	<p>Use dolls, action figures, or stuffed animals to act out a story.</p> 	<p>Mother Goose Time! Do the hand motions to <i>Hickory Dickory Dock</i>.</p> <p>Hickory, Dickory, Dock. The mouse ran up the clock. The clock struck one. The mouse ran down. Hickory, Dickory, Dock.</p>	<p>Song night! Sing <i>Do Your Ears Hang Low?</i> with hand motions.</p> <p>Do your ears hang low? Do they wobble to and fro? Can you tie them in a knot? Can you tie them in a bow? Can you throw them o'er your shoulder Like a Continental Soldier? Do your ears hang low?</p>	<p>Set up a pretend fruit and vegetable stand. Talk about how many things your child will “buy.”</p>
<p>A Family Masterpiece! Cover the floor with paper and have everyone draw to make one large picture. If you have small pieces, then make a family paper quilt.</p>	<p>Imagine that a box or laundry basket is a car for your child. Make car noises and talk about the parts of the car.</p> 	<p>Read some fairy tales together. If you don't have any, make up your own story about a character from a fairy tale.</p>	<p>Use your fingers to make bunnies. Act out a finger play that you make up!</p>	<p>Create a made up animal from salt dough. What does it look like? What is it called and why?</p>	<p>Bring some objects with you into the bath tub. Play with them. Tell a story with them about their life in the water.</p> 	<p>Take a walk outside and play <i>I Spy</i>.</p>