

Explorations

Fall

History

- Make a timeline for your kitchen or child's room and record the birthdays of all family members, holidays and events important to your family.
- Talk with your child about upcoming holidays and their meanings. Look for information in books or online about the history of the holiday (Veteran's Day, Columbus Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving)
- Visit historic sites and museums in your community and on family trips, get on their mailing lists so that you are aware of special programs and events planned for children.

Government

- Discuss community issues at home. Ask your child to tell what their opinion is on the issue. Allow your child to speak first. Ask them to tell why they think that way.
- Vote and tell your child when you are going to do it.

Geography

- Post a state map in your home. Use it to show distances and where things are happening.
- When referring to the location of a friend's home, a business or gas station locate it using the words north, south, east, and west. "We are visiting Angela she lives on the south side of Elm Street."
- Identify where the sun rises each morning with your child. Mark that direction east.



Culture

- Discuss how your family's religious or cultural values affect the decisions that you make as a family. These decisions are an important part of their cultural heritage; discuss them with your child.

Economics

- While you are putting together meals for your family have your child read labels and discover where things in your home were made? What country? Look at the labels of the food you eat. Where did it come from? Find the state or country on a map.
- When you are in the car identify the businesses that you pass as ones that produce goods and ones that provide services.