



# Books by the Bushel

May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
National Bike Month National Get Caught Reading Month	National Photograph Month Foster Care Month		1 Mother Goose Day- read your favorite nursery rhymes together	2 Baby Day- Read a book to a baby!	3 National Space Day- read a book about space!	4. Star Wars Day- May the 4th be with you!
5 Cinco de Mayo	6 Summer Reading Challenge Begins	7 National Teacher's Day	8 Read the book "I'm A Little Teapot" and do the motions together	9 How many words can you come up with that rhyme with May?	10 Child Care Provider Day	11 National Train Day- Make a train together (See Attached)
12 Mother's Day National Police Week	13 National Frog Jumping Day- Read a book about a frog and jump around like a frog!	14 Read a book that has the word "mom" in it	15 National Chocolate Chip Day- use chocolate chips to make groups of 5 and 10 and count how many chocolate chips you have	16 National Barbeque Day	17 National Pizza Party Day- Make a homemade pizza together!	18 Visit Your Relatives Day- Draw a pictures of your relatives to give to them!
19 Sit outside and read a book together!	20 Pick Strawberries day- pick strawberries together, wash them, and put them on top of ice cream!	21 Make a fort out of blankets and chairs. bring books in your fort and read!	22 National Vanilla Pudding Day- Make your own Vanilla Pudding! (See Recipe)	23 Lucky Penny Day	24 Make a pretty spring bookmark together!	25 Tap Dance Day- make up your own tap dance routine and perform it together!
26 How many squares can you find today?	27 Memorial Day	28 Take a bike ride together through the park for National Bike Month- don't forget your helmet!	29 Read a book that has the word "flower" in it	30 Water A Flower Day- Plant a flower together and place it in a sunny spot!- don't forget to water it!	31 Have your child draw their favorite flower using sidewalk chalk	National Hamburger Month National Strawberry Month



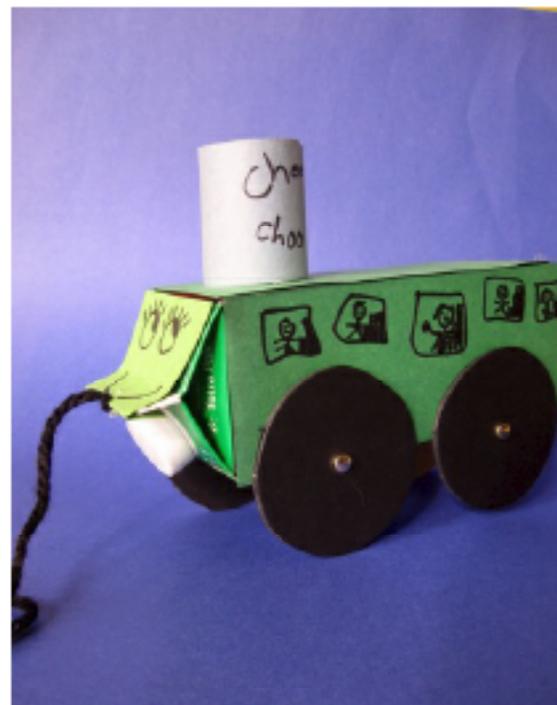
# Make a Milk Carton Train

Many children love playing with trains, and love to imagine themselves the engineers of their own little engines. Let your child take his imagination to the tracks with this fun arts and crafts activity. The best part: it's green! Household items that usually get tossed in the trash get a second life: watch as an empty milk carton and toilet paper tube morph into a fun toy train.

This project will help your child practice creative thinking and develop his fine motor skills. By envisioning the perfect design for his engine and constructing it with his own hands, he'll sharpen his critical thinking and problem solving skills. Tracing shapes onto construction paper also offers good practice in shape recognition. And once his train engine is complete, he'll have a blast chugging the little thing around the house. Toot toot!

## What You Need:

- Half gallon milk carton, rinsed and thoroughly dried
- Toilet paper tube
- Scissors
- Colored construction paper
- Glue or rubber cement
- Markers or crayons
- String
- Tape



## What You Do:

1. Help your child place the milk carton on its side on a sheet of construction paper. Have your child trace out the shape of the carton and cut out the resulting rectangle. Make one rectangle cutout for each side of the carton.
2. Help your child cover each side of the milk carton with the rectangle cutouts. Have your child cut out four circles from black construction paper to be the train's wheels.
3. Help your child cut out a long rectangular piece of construction paper to cover the toilet paper tube. The width of this rectangle should equal the length of the toilet paper tube. Help him paste the paper onto the tube. This will be the train's smoke stack.
4. Lay the milk carton on its side and ask your child to glue the wheels onto the train where he thinks they should go. For reference, the pointed part of the milk carton will be the front of the train.
5. Help your child glue the toilet paper tube to the top of the train.
6. Have your child use markers to draw in the rest of the details on the train. He can also glue squares of white paper along the side of the train like windows and draw passengers or the train conductor sitting inside. Let your child's imagination run free. When he's finished decorating, tape a piece of string to the front of the train so he can pull it along behind him.

Now your child can turn the living room into his very own train station. All aboard!

# Vanilla Pudding

## Ingredients:

- 4 1/2 Cups Milk
- 1 Cup Sugar
- 1/3 Cup Cornstarch
- 1/2 teaspoon Salt
- 5 Egg Yolks, Beaten
- 2 teaspoons Vanilla



## Instructions:

- Heat 4 Cups of Milk in saucepan over medium heat, until steaming.
- Whisk the sugar, cornstarch, and salt in bowl, whisk in the egg yolks and remaining 1/2 cup of milk
- Whisk half of the hot milk into the egg mixture until smooth, then gradually whisk the egg-milk mixture into the saucepan. Cook over medium heat, whisking constantly, until the mixture starts to boil. Continue to cook, whisking constantly, until it has thickened to a pudding-like consistency, about 3 to 4 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in the vanilla.
- Cool slightly, stirring a few times to prevent a skin from forming. Place a piece of plastic wrap directly on top of the pudding and refrigerate until completely cooled and thickened, about 4 hours.
- Add food coloring to make your pudding your favorite color! Also, add fruit toppings to the pudding to add extra flavor!