Starting a love of reading, one book at a time!

**Monthly Activity**

Creating special traditions with your family can help everyone feel more connected, especially now. Use the questions and activities below to get started crafting your own unique family tradition. You can also use this as an opportunity to discuss traditions you had as a child with your little one.

### A New Tradition

1. Ask your child, "What special meal or recipe could we make together on a weekend (or any particular night)? What makes it special? What do you like about this meal?"
2. Then, ask them to think about how you could make your new tradition extra special. For example, your child could make special placemats, or everyone at the table could share the best part of their week.
3. Share the ideas with other family members and decide together on your new tradition.
4. Then, encourage your child to draw your new tradition and explain it in their own words. Next, help your child write down what they've said under the drawing.
5. Lastly, display the picture of your family tradition for everyone to see.

This activity is inspired by Sesame Street in Communities’ activity, “A New Family Tradition.”

### Monthly Family Reading Tip

Reading to your child every day is a great way to build a strong interest in reading and a foundation for success in school. One way you can keep kids engaged while reading is by stopping at different points in the story and asking them what they think will happen next (i.e. make a prediction). This builds excitement for continued reading of the story as kids will want to see what happens! You can do this throughout the book and have the fun of seeing if their prediction was correct or if something else occurred instead.