



## THE FRANKLIN FIVE

### GET READY FOR SCHOOL

Your kids may drag their feet, but it's important to get geared up for the upcoming school year. Buying new clothes, school supplies, and a new planner is a given, but remember to plan for transportation and meals. You could also plan extracurricular activities with your kids to help them keep a balanced schedule.

### PLAN A ROAD TRIP

A road trip doesn't have to be long and hectic. Take a Saturday and get away. Stop often along the way so the kids don't get bored. Visit a quirky roadside shop, or stop to photograph the scenery. Try a new diner for lunch, or pack a picnic. It will turn an ordinary Saturday into a lifelong memory.

### GRILL SOMETHING NEW

There's something special about food prepared outdoors. Fire and smoke make the perfect addition to almost any recipe. But many of us are nervous to cook outside. Thankfully we have the Internet. Find a new recipe and learn to master it while the weather is nice.

### INVITE THE NEIGHBORS OVER

Ok, it doesn't have to be a fancy dinner with hors d'oeuvres—or even a meal at all. It doesn't even have to be your next-door neighbors. But if you invite someone over to share your home with you for a few hours you'll learn something new. Play a game, watch a movie, or sip lemonade on the porch. You'll be glad you did.

### PRACTICE HABIT FIVE

As a new school year begins, now might be the best time to dust off habit five, seek first to understand, then to be understood. This practice seems to be fading in social circles, but it doesn't need to. You and your children will discover the amazing negotiating power that comes when the people you talk with feel understood.

## MY FOCUS FOR THIS MONTH

# AUGUST

## FUN HOLIDAYS THIS MONTH

### 2 NATIONAL COLORING BOOK DAY

Coloring is a relaxing and creative pastime. Check out our Living Color Planner, and coloring inserts that make your planning sessions more relaxing and creative.



### 9 BOOK LOVER'S DAY

Everyone loves a great story. Instill the love of books in others—share a book with a friend, or donate books you aren't reading to a local book exchange or school. Did you know that when you read a paper book your mind has a greater ability to map the information so you can recall it later? It's true.



### 18 MAIL ORDER CATALOG DAY

In the days of slower transportation and small farming towns, mail order catalogs were a refreshing link to the outside world. Even with the convenience of the Internet, mail order catalogs are still a great way to browse your favorite products, including the latest from FranklinPlanner.

