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Pre-K to 2nd GRADE: BLUE
 3rd and 4th GRADE: GREEN
 5th and 6th GRADE: RED

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4 Make your own cave. Place blankets over chairs and tables. Provide a flashlight and snack food for "pretend spelunking". Read stories of animals and insects that might live in a cave.

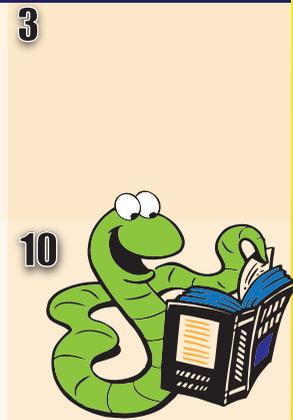


6 **Dig It Up!** With your parents' help organize a geocache. Families search for hidden "caches" which hold simple object treasures by using handheld GPS tools.



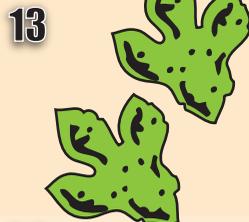
8 Play act Jack and the Beanstalk. Where will you plant the magic beans? Find something to make the beanstalk; a sock or paper towel roll. Add paper leaves.

2 Select a family member who knows your child well. Ask him/her to write a letter to your child. The letter should tell a story, event, or something about your child.



9 Hungry caterpillar snack. Cut green grapes in half and arrange them "worm-like" on lettuce leaves. Use raisins for eyes and cut olives for antennae. Enjoy while reading!

11 Famous Digs! Stonehenge is a prehistoric monument in Wiltshire, England. Dig through books and list ideas of how you think they were moved to this place.



14 Read about people who work underground. Use a brown paper bag to fashion a work helmet with a headlight made from yellow paper and a canning jar lid.

15 Cut words from a newspaper or magazine. Arrange them on a paper to tell a story about a **digging** animal.

16 Archeological dig. Use a cardtable with a sheet. Designate outside area and lay out various items, your "finds". Examine, discuss, and list your collection.

17 Utah's Own, Green Jello!!! With the help of a parent, measure water, cook, COOL partially, add gummy worms, or gummy "fossil" fish, then refrigerate until set.

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20 Dinosaurs ruled the earth millions of years ago. Dinosaur feet can be cut from thin, colored foam. **Dig** through books to find different types of dinosaur claws.

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Write and illustrate a story about your favorite **burrowing** animal. Is it a meerkat, mole, prairie dog, or a pocket mouse?

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Earth's layers. Use a clear, cylinder vase to display "geologic" layers. Rocks, dirt, shells, yarn, fabric, and other items will create a visual of the earth's layers.

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Meerkats are **burrowing** animals. Check out a book or disc from your library about meerkats to read or watch. How do meerkats protect each other?

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27 Approximately 1,000 ancient Chinese Terra Cotta Warrior figures have been unearthed. Find China on a map, locate the town where they were found, and list facts.

28 Rocks and gems are the earth's treasures. Find a book at your library to read about them. What is your birthstone? Where in the world is your birthstone found?

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31 Create "compost" cupcakes (regular cake mix) with frosting and bits of toppings; crushed cookies, gummy worms, cut mini-marshmallows, nuts, and sprinkles. YUM!

ADD UP YOUR READING HOURS FROM JUNE 1ST TO AUGUST 31ST. Remove the card from the center of the calendar, fill it in, and return it to the Governor. Or report online at www.governor.utah.gov, click on the 20 Minutes Reading icon. You will receive a Certificate of Achievement for completing the 2013 Summer Reading Challenge.



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