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STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math)

Matheson Memorial Library activities you can do at home, school, or the library. For more ideas, visit 101 N. Wisconsin St. Elkhorn, WI 53121 https://www.pinterest.com/elkhornlibrary/activity-calendars/

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 5 Theme of the week is: Bread | 6 SCIENCE | 7 TECHNOLOGY | 8 ENGINEERING | 9 ART | 10 MATH | 11 |
| Read The only way to make bread by Cristina Quintero | Mix up a simple bread recipe and watch the chemical reaction as the bread rises | Look at how different kinds of ovens work. | Build a better oven! How would you make the best oven to cook bread in? | Roll your dough into snakes and make pretzels, rolls, and other fun shapes. | Try measuring different amounts of yeast in your bread. Does it change the bread? | Try baking something outside. |
| 12 Theme of the week is: Slime | 13 SCIENCE | 14 TECHNOLOGY | 15 ENGINEERING | 16 ART | 17 MATH | 18 |
| Read Icky, sticky slime by Ximena Hastings | Using small amounts of different ingredients, mix four different kinds of slime. | Make a bouncy ball with slime. | Can you make slime tough enough to hold a structure? Experiment and find out! | Try mixing glitter, paint, and other things with your slime and see what happens. | Follow the directions to make slime, counting all your measurements carefully. | Take a walk and see if you can find any natural slimes, like slugs or fungus. |
| 19 Theme of the week is: Pumpkins | 20 SCIENCE | 21 TECHNOLOGY | 22 ENGINEERING | 23 ART | 24 MATH | 25 |
| Read Let it grow by Mary Ann Fraser | Cook a pumpkin and observe how the texture and flavor changes. | With an adult's help, use different tools to carve a pumpkin. Which works best? | Try some physics experiments with pumpkins - rolling, hanging them like a pendulum, or stacking small ones. | Paint or carve a pumpkin. | Count all the seeds in a pumpkin. | Visit a pumpkin patch and observe how they grow. |
| 26 Theme of the week is: LEGO | 27 SCIENCE | 28 TECHNOLOGY | 29 ENGINEERING | 30 ART | 31 MATH | Nov 1 |
| Read a how-to-build Lego book from the JPOP section. | Build a boat out of Lego and experiment with how it floats. | Watch a video about how LEGO is made. | Build different vehicles with Lego and see which one goes faster. | Can you make a picture with Lego pieces? (Perler bead patterns work well for this!) | Count and sort Lego pieces. | Write or draw about what you learned this week. |

If your little ones are nervous about scary things, this is a great time to talk about the science behind the spookiness so they can have fun with the make-believe of the season while knowing the real facts. This is also a good time to collect sticks, acorns, pinecones, and other natural wonders to play with and investigate indoors during the fall and winter.