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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 https://www.pinterest.com/elkhornlibrary/activity-calendars/

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sep. 29 Theme of the week is: Leaves	Sep 30 SCIENCE	1 TECHNOLOGY	2 ENGINEERING	3 ART	4 MATH	5
Read Full of fall by April Pulley Sayre	Experiment with leaves to find out what color they will turn.	Use scissors to cut out your own leaf patterns.	Build a nest of leaves. How can you make them stick together?	Make leaf rubbings	Collect different leaves and compare them. How many shapes are the same? Are they symmetrical?	Write or draw about what you learned this week. Take a walk and observe the leaves on the trees.
6 Theme of the week is: Pumpkins	7 SCIENCE	8 TECHNOLOGY	9 ENGINEERING	10 ART	11 MATH	12
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?	Design a face for your pumpkin and use the best tool from yesterday to create your design.	Use mini pumpkins to make prints with paint.	Count all the seeds in a pumpkin.	Visit a pumpkin patch and observe how they grow.
13 Theme of the week is: Slime	14 SCIENCE	15 TECHNOLOGY	16 ENGINEERING	17 ART	18 MATH	19
Read Too Sticky! By Jen Malia	Using small amounts of different ingredients, mix four different kinds of goo.	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.
20 Theme of the week is: Bread	21 SCIENCE	22 TECHNOLOGY	23 ENGINEERING	24 ART	25 MATH	26
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	How would bread bake differently in different ovens?	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.
27 Theme of the week is: LEGO	28 SCIENCE	29 TECHNOLOGY	30 ENGINEERING	31 ART	Nov 1 MATH	Nov 2
Read I'm fun too by Jonathan Fenske	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.