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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
2 Theme of the week is: Water cycle	3 SCIENCE	4 TECHNOLOGY	5 ENGINEERING	6 ART	7 МАТН	8
Read When cloud became a cloud by Rob Hodgson	How many water sources can you find in your home, school, and outdoors?	What technology can you find at home to affect the water cycle? Can you turn water into steam and/or ice?	Build a boat that can float in your sink or bathtub.	Draw pictures of the water cycle.	Measure how much water you use in a day or an hour.	Look for water outside. Is it frozen or liquid? Where does it come from?
9 Theme of the week is: Trees	10 SCIENCE	11 TECHNOLOGY	12 ENGINEERING	13 ART	14 MATH	15
Read Treemendous by Bridget Heos	Compare an evergreen branch and a deciduous branch.	Look for things that are made out of wood. How many things can you find?	Build something with popsicle sticks or wood scraps.	Take some paper and crayons on a walk and make rubbings of tree bark.	Measure some trees. Look up online the formula for measuring a tree by its shadow.	Identify trees on your weekly walk. How many different kinds can you see?
16 Theme of the week is: Germs	17 SCIENCE	18 TECHNOLOGY	19 ENGINEERING	20 ART	21 MATH	22
Read Do not lick this book! By Idan Ben- Barak	Use glitter for an experiment with "germs."	Read Small Matters by Heather Kinser and look at the pictures of microscopic bacteria.	How does the pump on a soap dispenser work? Take it apart to find out!	Draw pictures of germs.	Make a chart to remind you to wash your hands. Count how many times you wash your hands each day.	Clean things up! Look for all the places there might be germs in your house and have a cleaning party!
23 Theme of the week is: Owls	24 SCIENCE	25 TECHNOLOGY	26 ENGINEERING	27 ART	28 MATH	March 1
Read Owling by Mark Wilson	Dissect an owl pellet.	Use soft material (feather, cloth, or stuffing) to build a paper airplane. Can you duplicate an owl's wings?	Watch a documentary about owls and learn how their wings work.	Draw pictures of different kinds of owls.	How many different creatures might an owl eat in one night? Make a graph!	Take a night walk and listen for owls.

Did you know the library has storytime kits you can check out to use in your classroom or at home? Science-themed kits like Bugs or Dinosaurs have books, toys, and ideas for learning. Remember, for young children play = learning so add a little science to your day and help kids learn about their world and spark their curiosity!