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Fall-into-Fun

Activities for your Homeschool

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Fall-into-Fun Activity

Word Search for ages K-2

Find all 31 words. Look across (left to right) and down.
Words with two parts have no spaces in the puzzle.

O D Z Z E D N A T U R E W A L K
O A B Y H E G M L V S F U S U C
R S S I C A C G A C O R N Q U O
C O M M U N I T Y Z R E E U C Z
H A Y K F E D W R I T E B I O B
A H H F I X S N X M P D A R R H
R A O M E P V N C F L O G R A E
D R M F L L E A R N I M I E K A
R V E O D O R E A D A P P L E V
A E S E T R B T Y C O U N T T T
W S C A R E C R O W H M F U J P
N T H V I R G I N I A P A R P B
B O O K P C I M E N G K L U Z Q
H R O U Z R Z A F A M I L Y M Z
W Y L E A F R U B B I N G L P R
Z P L S Q K M I F A K T H A Z Y

WORDS TO FIND

- ☐ FALL
- ☐ LEAF
- ☐ ACORN
- ☐ APPLE
- ☐ PUMPKIN
- ☐ CORN
- ☐ HAY
- ☐ SCARECROW
- ☐ SQUIRREL
- ☐ RAKE
- ☐ ORCHARD
- ☐ HARVEST
- ☐ NATURE WALK
- ☐ FIELD TRIP
- ☐ LEAF RUBBING
- ☐ READ
- ☐ BOOK
- ☐ STORY
- ☐ COUNT
- ☐ SORT
- ☐ WRITE
- ☐ DRAW
- ☐ CRAYON
- ☐ LEARN
- ☐ EXPLORE
- ☐ HEAV
- ☐ HOMESCHOOL
- ☐ FREEDOM
- ☐ FAMILY
- ☐ VIRGINIA
- ☐ COMMUNITY



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Word Search—Answer Key

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A H H F I X S N X M P D A R R H
R A O M E P V N C F L O G R A E
D R M F L L E A R N I M I E K A
R V E O D O R E A D A P P L E V
A E S E T R B T Y C O U N T T T
W S C A R E C R O W H M F U J P
N T H V I R G I N I A P A R P B
B O O K P C I M E N G K L U Z Q
H R O U Z R Z A F A M I L Y M Z
W Y L E A F R U B B I N G L P R
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Secret-Word Sudoku

Solve the numbers. Discover the word!

*	4	5	2	*	1
2					5
4	5	2			3
6			*	5	2
5	2				
*	3	4	*	*	

CAN YOU CRACK THE CODE?

Read the starred cells from left to right, one row at a time,
starting at the top. Use the code below to turn numbers into letters.

1=I	2=Y	3=F	4=M	5=L	6=A

What's the secret word?

Bonus: What is one fall activity you enjoy doing together? _____



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Secret-Word Sudoku—Answer Key

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* 3	4	5	2	* 6	1
2	6	1	3	4	5
4	5	2	6	1	3
6	1	3	* 4	5	2
5	2	6	1	3	4
* 1	3	4	* 5	* 2	6

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F	A	M	I	L	Y



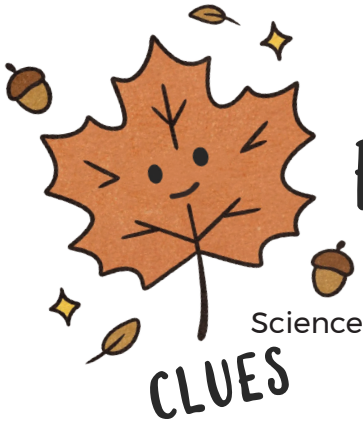
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ACROSS

4 A place where you can borrow books—a great stop for summer reading (7)

5 Long ago in China, people tossed stalks of this plant into fires to make loud pops—the very first fireworks (6)

8 The James, York, Rappahannock, and Potomac Rivers all flow into this large bay (10)

10 Name of the musical cricket in The Cricket in Times Square (7)

11 Ocean animal that has no brain, heart, or bones (9)

17 Tall tower with a bright light that guides ships. A famous one stands at Cape Henry. (10)

18 A place where a river's fresh water mixes with salty ocean water (7)

20 An animal that hunts other animals for food (8)

21 Metal that makes fireworks burn blue (6)

22 Number pattern hiding in sunflower seed spirals, pinecones, and seashells (9)

23 The upward push of water that helps things float (8)

24 A notebook for writing and sketching what you see and learn (7)

25 Chirping insect that author George Selden heard in a subway station (7)

DOWN

1 Giant computer from 1946 that filled a room and used about 18,000 vacuum tubes (5)

2 The slow wearing away of sand and soil by wind and water (7)

3 A collection of your best drawings, writing, and projects (9)

4 Patrick Henry said, "Give me ___ or give me death!" (7)

6 John ___, who wrote to his wife, Abigail, in 1776 that independence should be celebrated with "illuminations" (5)

7 Famous children's book award. The Cricket in Times Square earned this honor in 1961. (7)

9 A bee, butterfly, or other visitor that carries pollen from flower to flower (10)

12 Big science word for the way young sunflower buds follow the sun across the sky (12)

13 Sticking with something even when it is hard (12)

14 A person chosen to speak and vote for others at a meeting, like the leaders who heard Patrick Henry in 1775 (8)

15 A true book about a real person's life (9)

16 Settlement the English colonists started in 1607 after landing at Cape Henry (9)

19 The part of a computer that holds information. People have this, too! (6)

WORD BANK

ADAMS - BAMBOO - BIOGRAPHY - BUOYANCY - CHESAPEAKE - CHESTER - COPPER
CRICKET - DELEGATE - ENIAC - EROSION - ESTUARY - FIBONACCI - HELIOTROPISM
JAMESTOWN - JELLYFISH - JOURNAL - LIBERTY - LIBRARY - LIGHTHOUSE - MEMORY
NEWBERY - PERSEVERANCE - POLLINATOR - PORTFOLIO - PREDATOR

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Answer Key

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N					L	I	B	R	A	R	Y		B	A	M	B	O	O		
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ACROSS: 4. LIBRARY 5. BAMBOO 8. CHESAPEAKE 10. CHESTER 11. JELLYFISH 17. LIGHTHOUSE 18. ESTUARY 20. PREDATOR 21. COPPER 22. FIBONACCI 23. BUOYANCY 24. JOURNAL 25. CRICKET

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Word List and Sources

26 words drawn from *Homeschool Living* posts (May 27 through September 30, 2026).

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CHESAPEAKE	The James, York, Rappahannock, and Potomac Rivers all flow into this large bay	Beach Science and Coastal History
CHESTER	Name of the musical cricket in *The Cricket in Times Square*	George Selden
COPPER	Metal that makes fireworks burn blue	Fireworks and Freedom
CRICKET	Chirping insect that author George Selden heard in a subway station	George Selden
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