



**SPEECH LANGUAGE THERAPY TOPICS
FALL SEASON MONTHLY THEMES AND EVENTS FOCUS**



Description: This product contains a listing of select fall season themes, holidays and notable events for the months of September through December.

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SEPTEMBER**1st Week of School**

- **Younger Students:** The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn
- **Older Students:** Holiday: **History and Importance of Labor Day**
- **All Students:** Back to school activities: Focus on listening comprehension, vocabulary, social skills.
- Learn how the month got its name

9/8

- **Older Students: Pardon Day** (Social Skills Focus: Importance of Politeness/Tactfulness)

9/9

- **Younger Students: National Teddy Bear Day:** Read a book about teddy bears (e.g., Corduroy by Don Freeman; My Friend Bear by Jez Alborough)

9/10

- **Younger Students: Grandparents Day** (story with focus on grandparents)

9/13

- **Younger Students: National Peanut Day:** Learn the history of peanut butter, do a sequencing task (making a peanut butter sandwich/peanut butter cookies, etc.)
- **Older Students:** talk about peanut allergies and safety, etc. **or**
- **Older Students:** It is also **Uncle Sam Day** (e.g., discuss history & importance of who he was)

9/16

- **Younger Students: Working Parents Day.** Discuss their parents jobs, then do a unit on Community Helpers, etc.
- **Older Students (Multicultural): Mexican Independence Day** (compare & contrast with US Independence Day)

9/19

- **Older Students: Constitution Day** (Read a passage regarding how the American Constitution came into effect)

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- **International Talk Like a Pirate Day**
 - **Younger Students: Books** (e.g., How I Became a Pirate; Pirates Don't Wear Diapers, by Melinda Long, etc.) and pirate related vocabulary of reduced complexity
 - **Older Students:** History of Pirates; Famous Pirates, Pirate Flags and Ships; Pirate Vocabulary (advanced); Pirate word context clues (find materials on <https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/>)

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- **Older Students: World Gratitude Day** (Social Skills Focus: Gratitude and Appreciation)

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- **Younger Students: Elephant Appreciation Day** (Learn about elephants)

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- **Younger Students: International Rabbit Day** (Read books about bunnies)

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- **All Students: National Comic Book Day** (read/make a comic; talk about history of comic books)

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- **Johnny Appleseed Day** (learn the legend)
 - **Younger Students:** (apple themed activities)
 - **Older Students:** (Social Skills Focus: Kindness and Generosity)

9/27

- **All Students: Native American Day** (Learn in general or about specific people; e.g., Pocahontas)

9/28

- **National Good Neighbor Day**
 - **All Students:** Social Skills Focus
 - Conversation about what they know about their neighbors
 - The difference between strangers vs. neighbors
 - What makes a good neighbor vs. a bad neighbor
 - Why is it important to be nice to neighbors?
- **General September Themes**
 - **National Hispanic Heritage Month**
 - **Football Season**
- **September in History**
 - **Great Fire of London - September 2-6, 1666**
 - **Star Spangled Banner was written by Francis Scott Key – September 13-14, 1814**
 - **Pilgrims on Mayflower left England - September 16, 1620**
 - **Creation of People's Republic of China – September 21, 1949**
 - **California joined United States on September 9, 1850**

OCTOBER**Activities for ALL Students:**

- **Fall Season changes (worksheets, books and non-fiction text)**
- **What makes the seasons? (books, activities)**
- **Apples and Pumpkins (crafts, books, sequencing activities, recipes)**
- **Disease and Germs Education (books, activities)**

Specific Notable Events:**10/1**

- **World Vegetarian Day**
- **Younger Students:** Food Pyramid; Focus on Vegetables; Herbivorous Animals
- **Older Students:** Who is a vegetarian?

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- **All Students: Do Something Nice Day** (Social Skills Focus: Nice Deeds)
- **All Students: World's Teacher's Day** (Books about teachers; Thank you cards for teachers, etc.)

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- **World Smile Day**
- **All Students:** Pragmatic Skills Focus
- **Younger Students:** Focus on Emotion Recognition
- **Older Students:** Nonverbal Body Language Interpretation

10/9

- **Columbus Day**
- **All Students:** History of the Holiday; Geography (of his travels); Who really discovered America?
- **Fire Prevention Day**
- **Younger Students:**
 - Books about firefighters
 - Fire safety at home and during camping
 - What to do in a fire emergency
- **Older Students:**
 - Recognizing and preventing fire hazards
 - How do forest fires get started?

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- **Emergency Nurses Day**
- **All Students:** Learn about the vital role nurses play in medicine

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- **Moments of Frustration Day**
- **All Students:** Pragmatic Skills Focus: Dealing with Frustration

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- **Friday the Thirteenth**
- **All Students:** Learn about the superstitions behind this day
- **Older Students: International Skeptics Day**

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- **Dictionary Day**
- **All Students:** How to use a paper or online dictionary to look up unfamiliar words

10/23

- **National Mole Day**
- **All Students:** Read Children's Books about Moles

10/25

- **World Pasta Day**
- **Younger Students:** Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs by Judy Barrett (or any other book on pasta); Spaghetti Recipe Sequencing Activity
- **Older Students:** The history of pasta (in China); Marco Polo, [Pasta Skeleton Craft](#)

10/31

- **Halloween** (week-long event)
- **All Students:**
 - Non-fiction: History of Halloween; Halloween Associated Vocabulary; Sequencing Activities (Going trick-o-treating; carving a pumpkin, etc.)
 - Fiction-Picture Books
- Pragmatics: Appropriate trick-or-treating behavior; Halloween Safety Tips
- **October in History**
 - **Thurgood Marshall, first African American sworn into US Supreme Court - October 2, 1967**
 - **Soviet Union launches the first satellite into space - October 4, 1957**
 - **Statue of Liberty dedicated in NY Harbor - October 28, 1886**
 - **Great Depression Started - October 29, 1929**
 - **Mt. Rushmore completed -October 31, 1941**
 - **Nevada joined United States on October 31, 1864**

NOVEMBER**Activities for ALL Students:**

- Daylight Savings
- Aviation History Month
- Geography Awareness Week (November 12-18)
- Young Readers Week (November 12-18)
- Diabetes Awareness Month
- Government
- Election Day
- Veteran's Day
- Native American Heritage Month
- Pilgrims and Pioneers
- Thanksgiving

Specific Notable Events:**11/4**

- **Election Day**
- **King Tut Day:** Learn about his treasure or spend time on learning about ancient Egypt, the pyramids, or mummies

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- **Saxophone Day**
- **Older Students:** Learn the history of the musical instrument as well as the names of famous saxophone players (e.g., John Coltrane, Stan Getz, etc.)

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- **Veteran's Day**

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- **World Kindness Day**

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- **World Diabetes Day**

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- **America Recycles Day**

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- **International Tolerance Day**

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- **National Adoption Day**
 - **Children's Books:** A mother for Choco by Keiko Kasza

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- **Absurdity Day:** Focus on Correcting Absurd Sentences and Pictures

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- **Thanksgiving**

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- **Red Planet Day:** Learn the History of Mars

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- **You Are Welcome Day**
- **Square Dance Day**
 - **Take a fun sensory break**

DECEMBER**Activities for ALL Students:**

- **Winter Season Changes (worksheets, books and non-fiction text)**
 - **Websites: TPT, ReadWorks, Newsela, Edhelper, ABCTeach, etc.**
- **Holidays to Learn About**
 - **Boxing Day**
 - **Las Posadas**
 - **Kwanzaa**
 - **Hanukkah**
 - **Christmas**
 - **New Year's Eve Around the World**

Specific Notable Events:**12/6**

- **St. Nicholas Day:** Compare and contrast St. Nicholas with Santa

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- **Pearl Harbor Day:** Learn the importance of this event in history

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- **Hanukkah: Multicultural Traditions:** Compare and Contrast
 - Read children's books about Hanukkah

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- **Winter Solstice (shortest day of the year)**

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- **Christmas**

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- **Boxing Day**

New Smart Speech Therapy Resources and Resource Bundles

- **Best Practices in Bilingual Literacy Assessments and Interventions**
- **Comprehensive Literacy Checklist For School-Aged Children**
- **Dynamic Assessment of Bilingual and Multicultural Learners in Speech Language Pathology**
- **Differential Assessment and Treatment of Processing Disorders in Speech Language Pathology**
- **Practical Strategies for Monolingual SLPs Assessing and Treating Bilingual Children**
- **The Checklists Bundle**
- **General Assessment and Treatment Start Up Bundle**
- **Multicultural Assessment Bundle**
- **Narrative Assessment and Treatment Bundle**
- **Social Pragmatic Assessment and Treatment Bundle**
- **Psychiatric Disorders Bundle**
- **Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Assessment and Treatment Bundle**

Other Helpful Smart Speech Therapy Resources

- **Assessment Checklist for Preschool Aged Children**
 - <http://www.smartspeechtherapy.com/shop/speech-language-assessment-checklist-for-a-preschool-child/>
- **Assessment Checklist for School Aged Children**
 - <http://www.smartspeechtherapy.com/shop/speech-language-assessment-checklist-for-a-school-aged-child/>
- **Differential Diagnosis of ADHD in Speech Language Pathology**
 - <http://www.smartspeechtherapy.com/shop/differential-diagnosis-of-adhd-in-speech-language-pathology/>
- **Behavior Management Strategies for Speech Language Pathologists**
 - <http://www.smartspeechtherapy.com/shop/behavior-management-strategies-for-speech-language-pathologists>
- **Narrative Assessment of Preschool and School Aged Children**
 - <http://www.smartspeechtherapy.com/shop/narrative-assessments-of-preschool-and-school-aged-children/>
- **Creating Functional Therapy Plan**
 - <http://www.smartspeechtherapy.com/shop/creating-a-functional-therapy-plan-therapy-goals-soap-note-documentation/>
- **The Role of Frontal Lobe in Speech and Language Functions**
 - <http://www.smartspeechtherapy.com/shop/the-role-of-frontal-lobe-in-speech-and-language-functions/>
- **Executive Function Impairments and At Risk Pediatric Populations**
 - <http://www.smartspeechtherapy.com/shop/executive-function-impairments-in-at-risk-pediatric-populations/>
- **Assessing Social Pragmatic Skills of School Aged Children**
 - <http://www.smartspeechtherapy.com/shop/assessing-social-pragmatic-skills-of-school-aged-children/>
- **Treatment of Social Pragmatic Deficits in School Aged Children**
 - <http://www.smartspeechtherapy.com/shop/treatment-of-social-pragmatic-deficits-in-school-aged-children/>
- **Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder An Overview of Deficits**
 - <http://www.smartspeechtherapy.com/shop/fetal-alcohol-spectrum-disorder-an-overview-of-deficits/>
- **Speech Language Assessment and Treatment of Children with Alcohol Related Disorders**
 - <http://www.smartspeechtherapy.com/shop/speech-language-assessment-and-treatment-of-children-with-alcohol-related-disorders/>