

THE FRANKLIN FIVE

GET READY FOR SCHOOL

Your kids may drag their feet, but it's important to get geared up for the upcoming school year. Buying new clothes, school supplies, and a new planner is a given, but remember to plan for transportation and meals. You could also plan extracurricular activities with your kids to help them keep a balanced schedule.

GRILL SOMETHING NEW

There's something special about food prepared outdoors. Fire and smoke make the perfect addition to almost any recipe. But many of us are nervous to cook outside. Thankfully we have the Internet. Find a new recipe and learn to master it while the weather is nice.

INVITE THE NEIGHBORS OVER

Ok, it doesn't have to be a fancy dinner with hors d'oeuvres—or even a meal at all. It doesn't even have to be your next-door neighbors. But you should invite someone over to share your home with you for a few hours this month. Play a game, watch a movie, show off your décor, sip lemonade on the porch—whatever you can.

FINISH A PROJECT

Even if half of your lofty summer projects didn't get started, make sure to finish at least one. Whether it's an outdoor landscaping project that is taking longer than expected, a cluttered closet you only made it halfway through, or a few leftover boxes from your summer move, make sure you follow through and finish.

DITCH SOME DUDS

Get rid of older clothes that aren't fit for school or just don't get worn. Can't bear the thought of parting with your favorite—but worn out—graphic t-shirt? Take a picture or scan the graphic on a computer to keep the memory before throwing it away or donating it.

MY FOCUS FOR THIS MONTH

AUGUST

FUN HOLIDAYS THIS MONTH

2 NATIONAL COLORING BOOK DAY

Coloring is a relaxing and creative pastime. Check



out our Living Color Planner, and coloring inserts that make your planning sessions more relaxing and creative.

9 BOOK LOVER'S DAY

Everyone loves a great story. Instill the love of books in others—share a book with a friend, or donate books you aren't reading to a local book exchange or school.



18 MAIL ORDER CATALOG DAY

Even with the convenience of the Internet, mail order catalogs are still a great way to browse your favorite products, including the latest from FranklinPlanner.

