

## **INDEPENDENCE**

September: Get Out of Your Comfort Zone	Get comfortable with trying out things that "stretch" you, and allow you to be more independent than before. Stepping outside your comfort zone is where the growth happens!
October: Spread Your Wings	How can you extend or build upon what you tried in September for your Let Grow Project?  Now that you've challenged yourself with something outside of your comfort zone, what comes next? How can you stretch or extend that first Project?  For example, if your first Project was making your own breakfast,
+.	<ul> <li>you could spread your wings by:</li> <li>Making breakfast for your siblings or your whole family.</li> <li>Making your own lunch for at least three days in a row.</li> <li>Planning dinner, writing the shopping list, and buying the groceries you need.</li> </ul>

## **PROJECT IDEAS**

Inspiration to get you started! Choose from the list, or come up with your own idea.

ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE SCHOOL
Head to the kitchen and make something for	Build an outdoor fort.
yourself (prepare your own breakfast, lunch, or snacks; plan a dinner and make it).	Build a treehouse.
Make breakfast for the family.	Climb a tree.
Bake something delicious (including putting it in	Dig a big hole.
the oven). Bring some of that delicious thing to your neighbors.	Find some insects (do not bring inside).
Learn a new skill, like how to jump rope/skateboard/skate/rollerblade/ride a bike.	Safely cross a busy street.
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ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE SCHOOL
Draw outside with chalk.	Go into the woods (DO NOT bring a basket of
Climb a tree.	food for Grandma).
Camp in the yard.	Go geocaching.
Have a picnic.	Make a shopping list and shop.
Go into the woods (DO NOT bring a basket of food	Take a bus, train, or ferry.
for Grandma).	Go to the park and don't immediately come home.
Build an obstacle course.	Head to the kitchen and make something for yourself (prepare your own breakfast, lunch, or snacks; plan a dinner and make it).
Build an outdoor fort.	
Build a treehouse.	Make breakfast for the family.
Dig a big hole.	Bake something delicious (including putting it in the oven). Bring some of that delicious thing to your neighbors.
Find some insects (do not bring inside).	
Safely cross the street.	Learn and play a game or card game you've never
Make a shopping list and shop.	played before.
Design and sew something.	Get a group of friends together to play a game (tag, soccer, basketball, hide and seek, catch, Frisbee, hockey, baseball, etc.).
Learn how to use a tool (hammer, saw, etc.), and build something	
Walk to a friend's.	Learn how to use a tool (hammer, saw, etc.), and build something.
Visit a relative on your own.	Play night tag.
Learn and play a game or card game you've never	Nerf battle! (Outside, please.)
played before.	Make your own lunch for a week.
Go to the park and don't immediately come home.	Do the lunch thing for your siblings, too.
Get a group of friends together to play a game	Design and sew something.
(tag, soccer, basketball, hide and seek, catch,	Go to the library or a museum on your own or with a friend (if permitted at your library — check age requirements for solo visit).
Frisbee, hockey, baseball, etc.).	
Get a group of friends together to learn a new dance routine. (Spread your wings by performing that routine for an audience!)	Write a letter and mail it (without pushing a button).
Nerf battle! (Outside, please.)	Schedule your own haircut appointment. (Yup - actually talk on the phone!)
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ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE SCHOOL
Try something new at your nearby park or playground (different swings? bigger slide? new trail?, etc.)	Get a group of friends together to learn a new dance routine. (Spread your wings by performing that routine for an audience!)
Run an errand.  Go to the library on your own or with a friend (if permitted at your library - check age requirements for solo visit).  Try a new approach to your studying/homework this year: Make your own homework/study space/corner that works for you. Make your own	Try a new approach to your studying/homework this year. Make your own homework/study space/corner that works for you. Make your own homework schedule for the week.  Schedule your own hair appointment. (Yup - actually talk on the phone!)  Organize a yard sale/tag sale or a sidewalk
homework schedule for the week.  Get yourself ready for school and out the door.	carnival.  Get ice cream with friends.
Write a letter and mail it (without pushing a button).	Do the family's laundry for a week or more (includes folding).
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Walk a mile (or more!).	Walk five miles!
Organize a yard sale/tag sale or a sidewalk carnival.	Mow the lawn.
Get ice cream with friends.	Mow neighbors' lawns for \$\$\$ (because you're an entrepreneur).
Schedule your own hair appointment. (Yup — actually talk on the phone!)	Wash the car.
OCTOBER IDEA:  Plan your trick or treat route. Older kids: Go trick-or-treating without an adult (and with a friend, friends, or siblings) for part of your route or your entire route.	OCTOBER IDEA:  Go trick-or-treating without an adult (and with a friend, friend, or siblings).  Make a haunted house experience for friends and family who want to enjoy some spooky thrills.