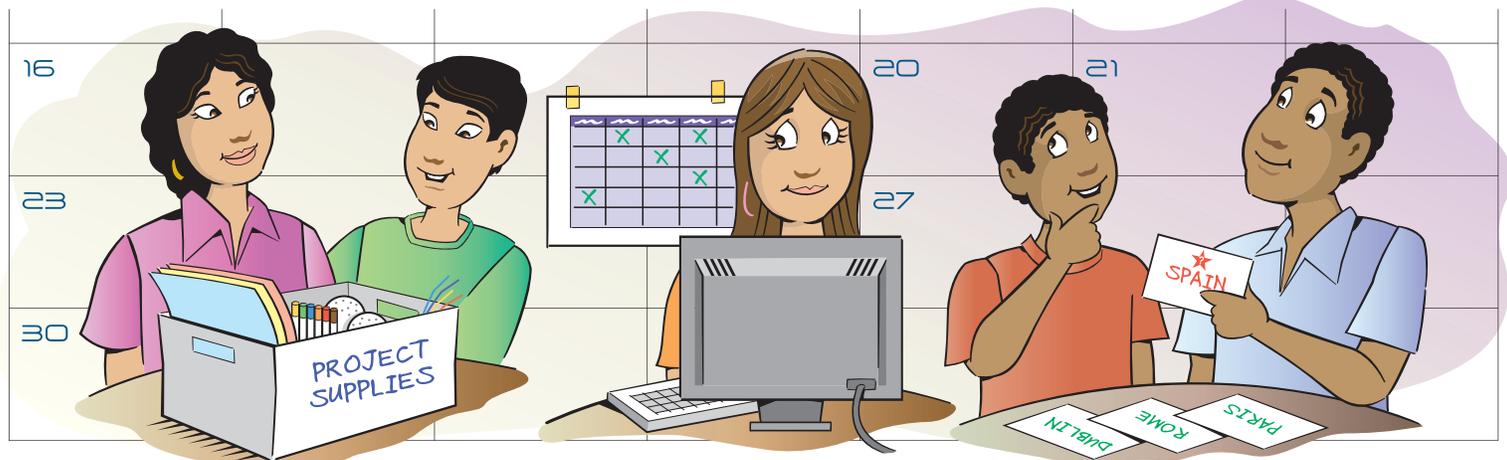


# Parent Pointers

## Calendar

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## April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>April 2016</b>					<b>1</b> April is Math Awareness Month. Take time to review math with your child each day this month.	<b>2</b> Encourage your child to daydream. This builds creativity and problem-solving skills.
<b>3</b> Turn off the TV for the day. Spend time reading, playing games, talking and exercising with your child instead.	<b>4</b> Set a technology curfew. TVs, computers, tablets and phones must be turned off for the night at a certain time.	<b>5</b> Have your child start a list of places he'd like to visit. He can research and collect information about these places.	<b>6</b> Have your child solve silly math problems, such as "How many hours until the last day of school?"	<b>7</b> Have your child do her most difficult homework first this week. Next week, have her do the easiest first. Which order works best?	<b>8</b> When your child tells you something important, repeat it to make sure you understand.	<b>9</b> Choose a recipe with your child. Shop for ingredients, cook and enjoy the results together.
<b>10</b> Social media makes it easy to hurt others. Tell your child not to post anything he wouldn't say to someone's face.	<b>11</b> Do everyday things with your child, such as washing dishes, to gain more time together.	<b>12</b> Talk with your child about a choice you have made. Then talk about the consequences of that choice.	<b>13</b> Notice whether your child is completing homework on time. Praise her responsibility.	<b>14</b> Is your child having a problem at school? Have him brainstorm ways he could solve it—without your help.	<b>15</b> Ask everyone to write down two positive things about each member of the family. Don't forget to include yourself.	<b>16</b> Keep your child's math skills sharp. Have her estimate the tax on a purchase or the tip for a meal.
<b>17</b> Play a game that builds math skills, such as Yahtzee, cards or chess.	<b>18</b> Give your child a newspaper article. Have him circle all the adjectives.	<b>19</b> Check on your child's grades. If necessary, help her plan ways to raise them before the year ends.	<b>20</b> Let your child overhear you saying something good about him to someone else.	<b>21</b> Ask your child, "If you could change one thing about the world, what would it be?"	<b>22</b> Celebrate Earth Day by doing something good for the environment, such as recycling.	<b>23</b> Be sure your child knows that your rules apply when she's at a friend's house, not just at home.
<b>24</b> Help your child bake cookies today. Review math skills by doubling the recipe.	<b>25</b> Tell your child about your day in as much detail as you would like to hear about his day.	<b>26</b> Have your child keep paper and pencil handy while reading to jot down unknown words. She can look them up later.	<b>27</b> It's the birthday of Samuel Morse. Send messages to your child in Morse Code.	<b>28</b> Play a game of Concentration with math flash cards. Problems with the same answer (9x2, 15+3) make a pair.	<b>29</b> Give your child a plant. Let her be responsible for its care.	<b>30</b> Take your child to the library. Check out two copies of the same book so you can read together.