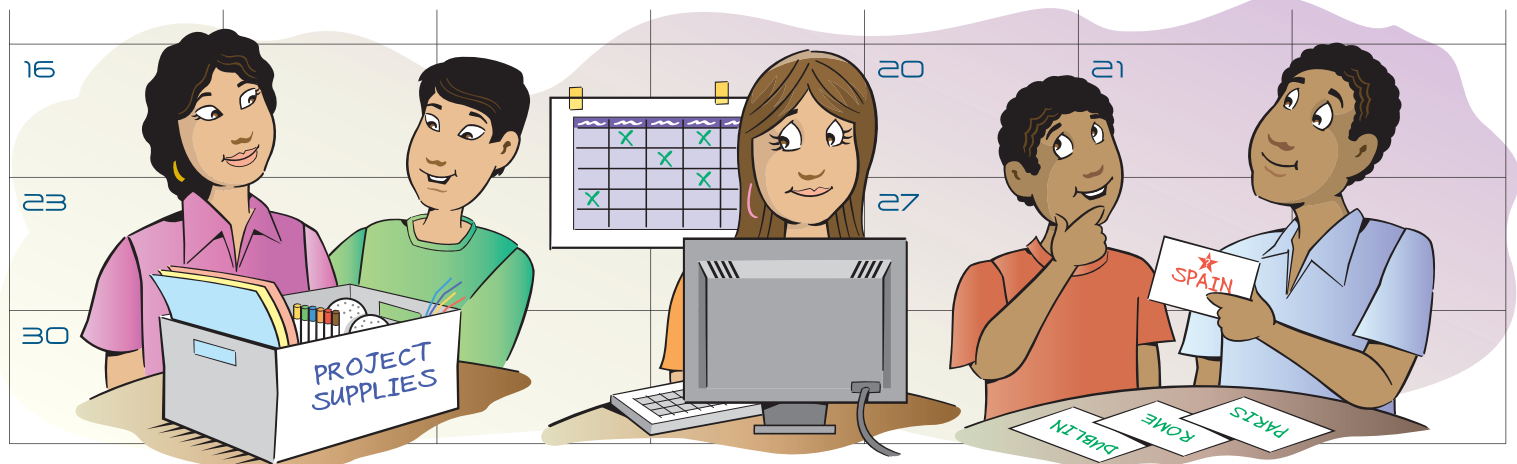


Parent Pointers

Calendar

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Middle School Parents *still make the difference!*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Celebrate National Bike Month by having your child review the "rules of the road."	2 Tell your child that school is his job. It's more important than sports, hobbies and TV.	3 Does your child dawdle during homework time? Have her set a timer while working on each assignment.	4 Your child may be facing important tests this month. Make sure he gets enough sleep the night before.	5 It's Cinco de Mayo. With your child, learn about why this holiday is celebrated in Mexico.	6 Listen to your child's concerns but discourage whining.	7 Is your child getting enough exercise? Take a brisk walk together today.
8 Do you have to drive your child to activities? Use car time to talk.	9 Don't use problems with homework as an excuse to criticize or argue about other issues.	10 Think of a meaningful quotation you love. Post it where your child will see it.	11 Ask your child to guess which ingredients or vitamins are in a food. Then check the label.	12 Tell your child that effort is more important than ability when it comes to success.	13 With your child, brainstorm ways your family can lower the electric or water bill.	14 What are your child's special interests? Help her find books in the library about these topics.
15 Give your child a notebook to use as a journal. Ask him to write in it for 10 minutes a day.	16 Figure out the average of something with your child, such as the average height of family members.	17 Today, talk to your child as you would to a friend or co-worker. How does your child respond?	18 Memorize something with your child today. Try a poem or a quotation.	19 As you do errands with your child, help her talk with people about the jobs they do.	20 Don't criticize or correct your child in front of peers.	21 Do you have a home improvement project to do? Let your child help.
22 Encourage your child to write a letter to a teacher or coach who has had a positive influence on him.	23 Ask your child: "Do you think honesty is always the best policy? Why or why not?"	24 Talk with your child about mistakes. How can people learn from their mistakes?	25 Ask your child which assignments from this past school year she thinks she'll remember five years from today.	26 Have your child estimate how many bowls of cereal he can pour from one box. Keep track until the box is empty.	27 Encourage your child to keep a journal of her accomplishments.	28 Help your child make a to-do list. Organization is a stepping stone to his independence.
29 Volunteer to host your child's team/church/club dinner. You will realize how typical she is for her age!	30 Agree on an adult friend who your child can call if he doesn't feel comfortable asking you for advice.	31 Skim over your child's homework assignment and ask her questions to help her review.	<h1>May 2016</h1>			