

Parent & Child Activity Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March		1 Ask your child to describe the most beautiful place she has ever seen.	2 Today is Read Across America Day. To celebrate, spend some extra time reading with your child.	3 Talk about three ways you used math today. Ask everyone in the family how they used math.	4 March is National Nutrition Month. Include your child in planning and preparing a healthy meal.	5 Books that win the Caldecott Medal have great illustrations. Help your child find one at the library.
6 With your child, fold paper to make different types of airplanes. See which ones fly the best.	7 Have each family member make a list of his or her strengths. Read them aloud. Add to one another's lists.	8 Get a deck of cards and try to build a house of cards with your child. Ask questions about school and life as you work.	9 Learn a new word at breakfast. Challenge family members to use it three times during the day.	10 Ask your child to look through the newspaper and report on an interesting story at dinner tonight.	11 A rebus is a story in which some words are replaced with pictures. Make a rebus with your child.	12 For five minutes, you and your child each start writing a story. Then swap papers and finish each other's story.
13 Let your child help you make a family chore chart. Everyone can check off jobs as they are finished.	14 At the grocery store, have your child estimate how many apples are in two pounds. Use the scales to check.	15 Does your child use the Internet? Monitor the sites he visits. Talk about online safety.	16 Ask your child questions that require more than a <i>yes</i> or <i>no</i> answer: "What was your favorite part of the story?"	17 Can your child think of a different ending to her favorite story? What would she do if she met the characters?	18 Play board or card games as a family tonight.	19 Let your child clean some dirty pennies with ketchup. Explain that they get shiny due to a chemical reaction.
20 Create a word search for your child. Hide words in a grid and surround them with random letters.	21 Talk about the five food groups with your child. Together, classify the foods in your cupboard.	22 Ask your child to calculate the average age of family members. Add up ages and divide by number of family members.	23 Have your child rank homework assignments from easiest to hardest. Have him do the hardest one first.	24 Write a note to tell her you love her. Put it in a place where only she will find it.	25 At dinner, have each family member say something nice about every person at the table.	26 Take an early morning walk with your child. Look for signs of spring.
27 Collect bright yarn and fabric scraps. Put in a mesh bag and hang on a tree. See if birds take some to build a nest.	28 Trace your child's hand on paper. Think of ways to be a helping hand. Have him write his ideas on the drawing.	29 Have your child teach you something she needs to learn for homework. It's a great way to reinforce learning.	30 Decide on a location anywhere in the world. Take turns telling one thing you would like to see there.	31 Help your child make his own dictionary with spelling or vocabulary words.	2016	