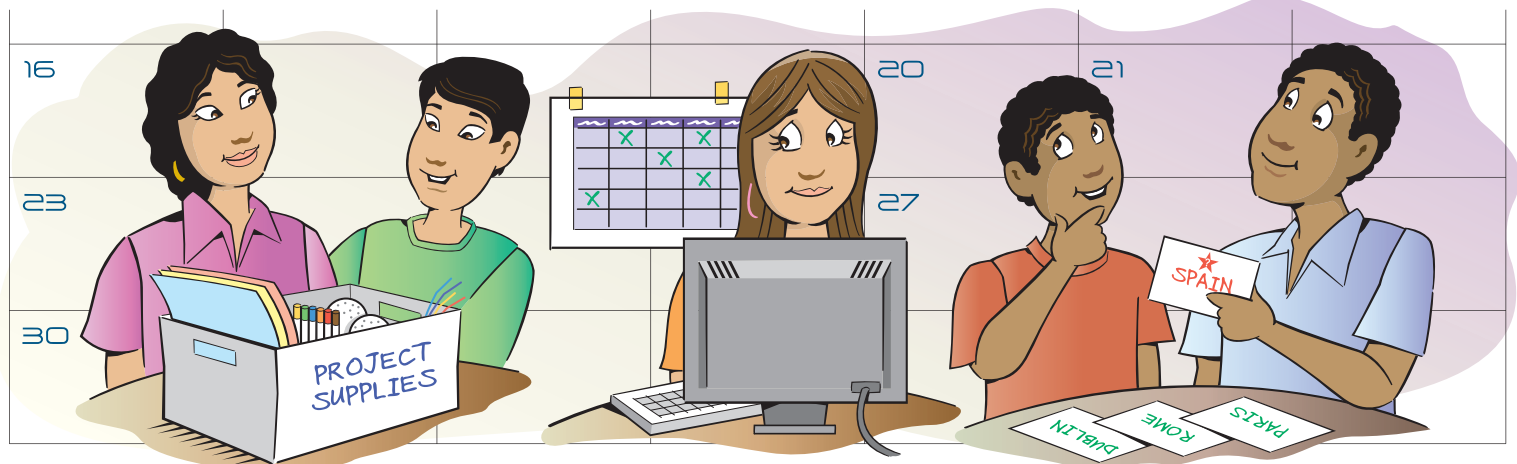


# Parent Pointers

## Calendar

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Middle School Parents *still make the difference!*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> It's International Friendship Month. Have your child send a card or letter to a friend.	<b>2</b> Point out an example of prejudice to your child. Talk about ways to deal with intolerance.	<b>3</b> Ask your child to tell you what the word <i>success</i> means to him.	<b>4</b> Today is the birthday of Rosa Parks. With your child, learn more about this woman who changed history.	<b>5</b> Avoid giving in to your child's demands once you have made a decision about something.	<b>6</b> Encourage your child to write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper on a topic that concerns her.
<b>7</b> Don't pay your child for regular chores. Helping out is every family member's responsibility.	<b>8</b> Helping kids with homework can be challenging. Ask your child's teacher for advice.	<b>9</b> Does your child need more responsibility? More time to talk? More privacy? Ask what he thinks.	<b>10</b> Some middle schoolers are embarrassed by affection in public. But they still like hugs at home!	<b>11</b> Adolescents can be moody. Pick your battles, but don't tolerate disrespect.	<b>12</b> Remind your child that there are no stupid questions. If she wants to learn, she should ask questions in class.	<b>13</b> After your child goes to bed, leave a valentine where he'll see it when he wakes up tomorrow morning.
<b>14</b> Serve your child's favorite breakfast today just to say, "I love you."	<b>15</b> Write your child a note of thanks. "It's such a help to me when you do the dishes."	<b>16</b> Ask your child to add two four-digit numbers. Can she figure it out on paper before you can with a calculator?	<b>17</b> Encourage your child to read during quiet times at home. Before bed is a perfect time to read.	<b>18</b> When your child is studying for a test, set a timer for 30 minutes. Many short reviews are better than one long one.	<b>19</b> Remember that the key to getting your child's respect is showing your child respect.	<b>20</b> Try a new recipe with your child. This helps him practice following directions.
<b>21</b> Ask your child to teach you something, such as a computer skill.	<b>22</b> Learn one new word at breakfast. Challenge family members to use it three times during the day.	<b>23</b> When you watch TV, talk about the choices the characters make. What are the consequences?	<b>24</b> Talk with your child about a mistake you once made and what you did about it.	<b>25</b> Explain to your child that banks charge interest for loans. Challenge her to find out your bank's mortgage rate.	<b>26</b> Watch a movie with your child that is based on a classic book or play.	<b>27</b> Have your child draw a window picture. He can look out the window and draw what he sees!
<b>28</b> Learn a strategy game like chess with your child. Play it often.	<b>29</b> Today is "Leap Year Day." Have your child research what that means.	<h1>February 2016</h1>				