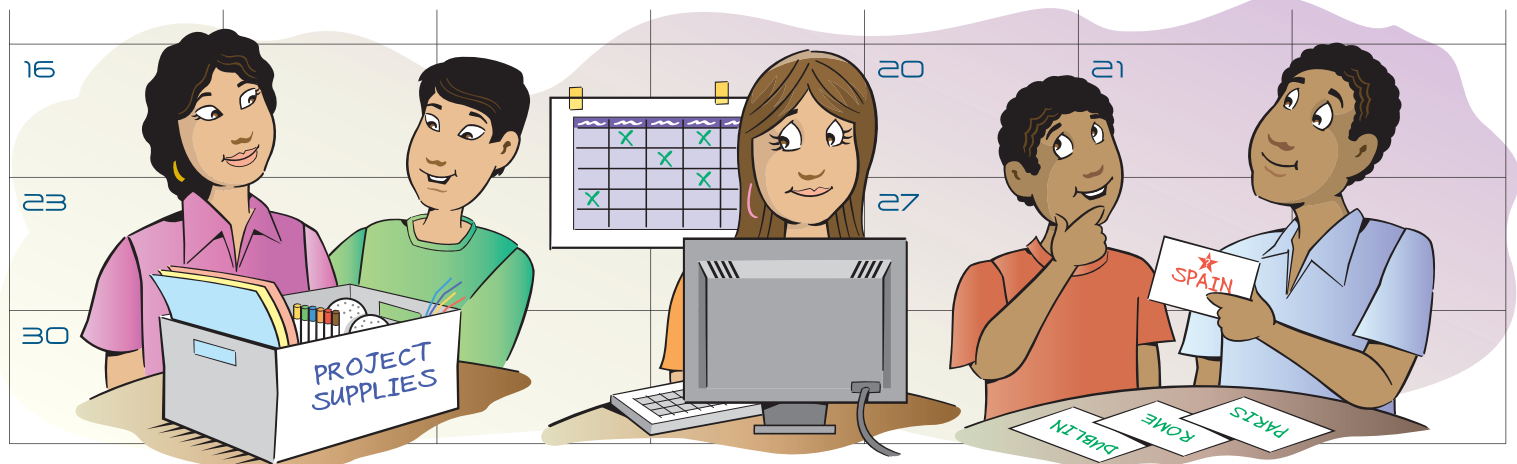


Parent Pointers

Calendar

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Middle School Parents *still make the difference!*

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