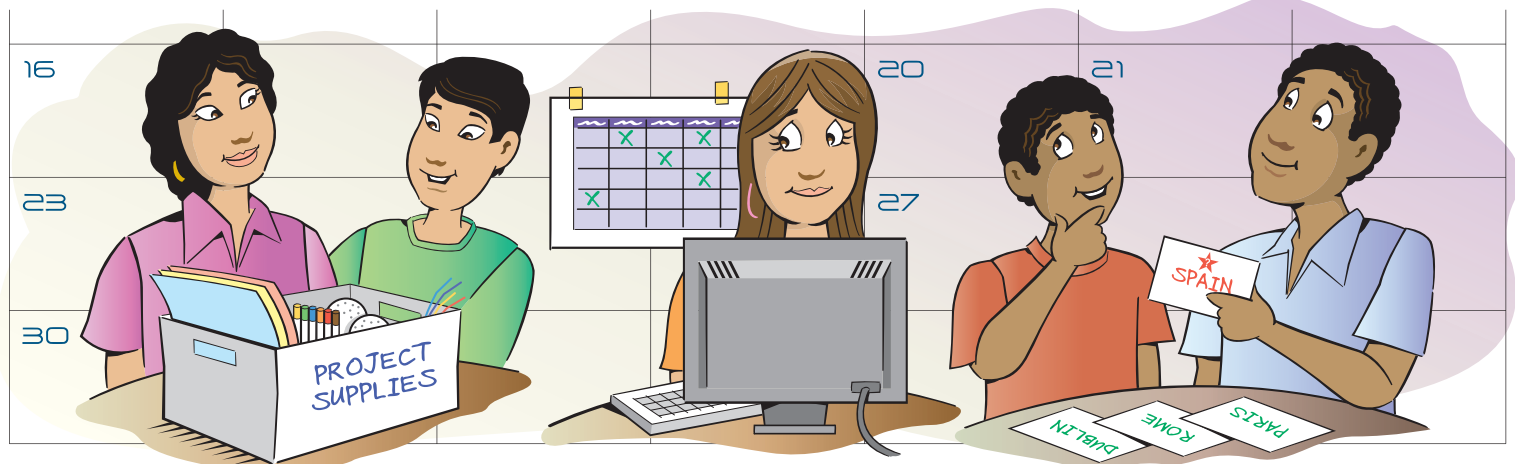


Parent Pointers

Calendar

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Middle School Parents *still make the difference!*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March		1 Talk to your child about her commitments outside of school. Make sure she has time to complete homework every night.	2 Students remember more from two 20-minute study sessions than from one 40-minute session.	3 Talk with your child about stereotypes. Discuss why they're unfair.	4 Take your child to a high school sporting event. Talk about his expectations for high school.	5 It's Women's History Month. Visit the library and check out a book about a woman your child admires.
6 Listen to a piece of music that has no lyrics. Have your child write her own words to the song.	7 Risk-taking can boost confidence. Applaud your child when he tackles a new challenge.	8 Have your child use a toothpick dipped in lemon juice to write a message. Hold the paper up to a lightbulb to decipher.	9 Ask your child to select and read a news article to you. Share opinions about it with each other.	10 Look at the class schedule of a local college. Which courses interest your child?	11 Look at your child's old school photos. Tell her how proud you are of her progress in school.	12 If your child is an athlete, leave coaching to the coach. Sideline coaching distracts players and will embarrass your child.
13 Help your child improve his vocabulary. Do a crossword puzzle together today.	14 Ask your child questions about school to get an idea about what she is learning.	15 Suggest a book to your child in which the main character is a good role model.	16 Does your child know the names of the senators from your state or province? If not, help him learn them.	17 Stay in touch with your child's teachers and counselor to find out how she is doing in school.	18 Encourage your child to invite friends over for pizza and a movie. Make sure you learn his friends' names.	19 Let your child help you make a chore chart. Everyone can check off jobs as they are finished.
20 Give family members marshmallows and toothpicks. See who can build the tallest tower.	21 Ask your child to tell you about the similarities and the differences between her classes.	22 Talk to your child about how immigrants have contributed to your community.	23 Bring up a sticky situation before it occurs. Ask what your child might do. Listen and ask questions.	24 At the grocery store, have your child estimate how many apples are in two pounds. Use the scales to check.	25 Look for an educational show on television to watch with your child tonight.	26 Be tourists in your own hometown today. Visit a local historical site with your child.
27 Take a walk with your child and use all five senses to observe the world around you.	28 Be on the lookout for things your child does right. Compliment him on his effort and successes.	29 Play a family game of math "Jeopardy." Say a number. Who can come up with an equation for which it is the answer?	30 Support school policies and rules. Expect your child to follow them.	31 Ask your child to name five things she learned in school this month. Post the list on the refrigerator.	2016	