

Parent & Child Activity Calendar

Elementary School

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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 It's Groundhog Day. How many words can your child make from the letters in GROUNDHOG?	3 It's the birthday of artist Norman Rockwell. Have your child draw a picture of an everyday activity.	4 Start a "chain of hearts." Cut out small hearts. Each day, write a reason you love your child on one.
5 At the supermarket, let your child pick out an unfamiliar vegetable. Find a recipe and give it a try!	6 Watch TV together. Encourage your child to be a critical viewer by asking his questions.	7 Have your child write a Valentine's message to someone who is sick or lonely. Mail it to them.	8 Choose a recipe from another country or culture. Prepare it with your child.	9 Talk with your child about a choice you've made. Talk about the consequences.	10 Tuck a Valentine in your child's lunch every day next week. Write a special "I love you" message on each.	11 It's the birthday of Thomas Edison. Teach your child his saying, "There's no substitute for hard work."
12 Look through the house. Make a list of everything that comes from plants.	13 After your child goes to bed, leave a valentine where she'll see it first thing tomorrow morning.	14 Learn how to say "I love you" in at least three other languages. Share this with your child.	15 It's National Cherry Month and Great American Pie Month. Celebrate by baking a cherry pie with your child.	16 Play a game that uses math skills. You might try Monopoly®, Go Fish or Gin Rummy.	17 Does your child have homework to do over the weekend? Make sure she schedules time to complete it.	18 When your child comes home, have him draw what happened in school. Then talk about it.
19 In 1473, Polish astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus was born. Draw a picture of the solar system.	20 Go "ice skating" in the kitchen with your child. Wearing only socks, pretend you're on the ice. Be careful!	21 Choose some flowering bulbs. Learn how to "force" them so they'll bloom indoors.	22 It's the birthday of George Washington. How many facts can your child list about this famous president?	23 Do "body arithmetic." Ask your child how much his fingers, knees, toes and nose add up to.	24 Set aside time today to work on a hobby with your child.	25 Save old socks to make puppets with your child. Encourage her to put on a puppet show.
26 On a map, have your child find the country from which your ancestors came.	27 Have your child write directions for making a sandwich. Then follow them exactly.	28 Allow a few minutes after the light is off at bedtime for quiet conversation with your child.	29 Talk to your child about the definition of a leap year—a year with one extra day inserted into February.	<h1>February 2012</h1>		