

Parent Pointers

Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 It's International Friendship Month. Have your teen send a card or letter to a friend.	2 Help your teen draw up a monthly budget. Be sure to plan for unexpected expenses.	3 It's the birthday of artist Norman Rockwell. Have your teen draw a picture of an everyday activity.	4 Teens need some space of their own, even if it is just a drawer, or the corner of a room.
5 At the supermarket, ask your teen to pick out an unfamiliar vegetable. Find a recipe and give it a try!	6 Have your teen pick three places within driving distance she'd like to visit. Make plans to do so.	7 Have your teen write a Valentine's message to someone who is sick or lonely. Mail it to them.	8 Share stories that convey your values and your family's history with your teen.	9 Talk with your teen about a choice you have made. Then talk about the consequences.	10 Teens learn accountability when they know that somebody is depending on them.	11 It's the birthday of Thomas Edison. Teach your teen his saying, "There's no substitute for hard work."
12 Can your teen sew on a button? It's a basic life skill that everyone should learn.	13 After your teen goes to bed, leave a Valentine where he'll see it first thing tomorrow morning.	14 Serve your teen's favorite breakfast today "Just because I love you."	15 It's National Cherry Month and Great American Pie Month. Celebrate by baking a cherry pie with your teen.	16 Watch a silly movie, pop some popcorn and relax with your teen.	17 Does your teen have homework to do over the weekend? Make sure your teen schedules time to complete it.	18 Make tonight Teen's Night in the Kitchen. Teens learn cooking skills—and you get a break.
19 In 1473, Polish astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus was born. Draw a picture of the solar system.	20 Is your teen using the Internet? Stop by occasionally to monitor.	21 Play Alphabet Mix Up. Choose a word; rearrange the letters in alphabetical order. Can your teen figure out the word?	22 Has it been a hard week at school? Go out together for a snack after school.	23 Teach your teen to alert an adult if she witnesses an episode of bullying.	24 If you're making a major purchase, let your teen do research. List features that are important. Let him investigate.	25 Ask your teen, "If you could change one thing about the world, what would it be?"
26 Is your teen having a problem at school? Have her brainstorm on how she could solve it—without your help.	27 Give your teen tickets worth 30 minutes of TV time. Unused tickets can be cashed in for small treats.	28 Don't use problems with homework as an excuse to criticize or argue about other issues.	29 It's Leap Year. Help your teen take a leap into a new project, activity or hobby.	<h1>February 2012</h1>		