

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 Have your child spend 10 minutes at night getting ready for the next day. Mornings will be calmer.	3 It's the birthday of artist Norman Rockwell. Have your child draw a picture of an everyday activity.	4 Today is the birthday of Rosa Parks. Learn more about this woman who changed history.
5 At the supermarket, let your child pick out an unfamiliar vegetable. Find a recipe and give it a try!	6 Ask your child to tell you what the word <i>success</i> means to him.	7 Have your child write a Valentine's message to someone who is sick or lonely. Mail it to them.	8 Let your child invite friends to stay for a family dinner. It's a great way to learn more about her peer group.	9 Talk with your child about a choice you have made. Then talk about the consequences.	10 Power struggles don't work with middle schoolers. Too much parental control causes rebellion.	11 It's the birthday of Thomas Edison. Teach your child his saying, "There's no substitute for hard work."
12 Does your child use the Internet? Stop by occasionally to monitor—just as you pay attention to the TV he watches.	13 After your child goes to bed, leave a valentine where he'll see it first thing tomorrow morning.	14 Serve your child'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 child.	16 Give your child chances to write. Have her make a grocery list or take a message, for example.	17 Does your child have homework to do over the weekend? Make sure your child schedules time to complete it.	18 Exercise your memory. What did you eat yesterday? Two days ago? Challenge each other.
19 In 1473, Polish astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus was born. Draw a picture of the solar system.	20 When your child loses items, make him responsible for replacing them. He'll learn to be more careful.	21 Play Alphabet Mix up. Choose a word; rearrange the letters in alphabetical order. Can your child figure out the word?	22 Has it been a hard week at school for your child? Go out together for a snack after school.	23 Tell your child a family story. Try to think of one that teaches a lesson.	24 Link your child's responsibilities to freedom. As she becomes more responsible, she'll have more freedom.	25 Discuss a controversial issue with your child. Ask, "What do you think?"
26 Play a game that builds math skills, such as cards, dominoes or chess.	27 Give your child tickets worth 30 minutes of TV time. Unused tickets can be cashed in for small treats.	28 Encourage healthy eating. Allow your child to choose any fruit or vegetable at the grocery store.	29 Today is "Leap Year Day." Have your child research what that means.	February 2012		