

Parent Pointers

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Middle School
Parents
still make the difference!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Celebrate April Fool's Day. Ask your child to help you play a harmless silly prank on family members.	2 April is Math Education Month. Take time to review math with your child each day this month.	3 Explain to your child that banks charge interest for loans. Together, research the current rate at your bank.	4 Look at a map together. Ask your child to show you the shortest route between two particular cities.	5 Ask your child to add two four-digit numbers. Can he figure out the sum on paper before you can with a calculator?	6 Help your child think of tough situations she might face. How would she handle them?	7 Ask your child to help you solve a crossword puzzle. This builds important vocabulary skills.
8 Studies show that students who play sports tend to perform better in school.	9 Make a list of words that come from other languages. Here's a start: <i>taco, vamoose, pasta.</i>	10 Tell your child why you value education. Talk about his long-range goals.	11 Create a family joke book. Have everyone write one or two jokes per page. Staple the pages together.	12 Talk to your child about how immigrants have contributed to your community.	13 Start a project with your child, such as repairing or building something.	14 Sometime today, exchange notes instead of talking. (This also works when things get noisy!)
15 Teach your child to use memory aids, such as HOMES for the Great Lakes.	16 Try to eliminate pessimistic phrases. Replace "It won't work" with "Why not try it?"	17 Choose a letter from an advice column. Read it aloud. Then ask family members to take turns being the advice columnist.	18 When studying history, acting out past events can bring lessons to life.	19 Read a poem aloud. Stop to let your child guess what the next rhyming word will be.	20 Ask your child to turn old snapshots or drawings of family members into a family collage.	21 Keep screens turned off today. Let your child be responsible for thinking of alternative activities.
22 Celebrate Earth Day by doing something good for the environment, such as recycling.	23 Play a game of Concentration with math flash cards. Problems with the same answer (9x2, 15+3) make a pair.	24 Find a new way to say "I love you"—in a foreign language, in sign language or in secret code.	25 Keep talking about school. Every day, ask your child what she's doing and thinking about.	26 Check on your child's grades. If necessary, help him raise them before the year ends.	27 It's the birthday of Samuel Morse. Send messages to each other in Morse Code.	28 Look through your cupboards for foods grown in other countries. Have your child find these countries on a map.
29 Ask your child to tell you about a punishment you gave her that she thought was really unfair.	30 Remember that the key to getting your child's respect is showing your child respect.	<h1>April 2018</h1>				