

Parent & Child Activity Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 2016			1 Does your child have a special reading and study spot? Stock it with paper, pencils and a dictionary.	2 Look at a photo in the newspaper with your child. Talk about it. Then read the article together.	3 Give your child a notebook to use as a journal. Ask her to write in it for 10 minutes each day.	4 Most libraries have summer reading programs for kids. Sign your child up today.
5 Does your child have a summer reading list? Post it in a special place. Check off books as he reads them.	6 Encourage your child to write a letter today to a distant relative or friend.	7 Celebrate National Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Month by trying a new fruit and a new vegetable with your child.	8 Think of some <i>what if</i> questions to ask your child: What if we walked on our hands? What if cats could talk?	9 Ask your child to tell you about something she loves.	10 Ask family members, "If you were an animal, which animal would you be and why?"	11 Visit the library today. Sit in a cozy chair in the children's section and read a few books together.
12 Have your child pick some flowers (with permission) or pretty weeds to make a bouquet for someone special.	13 When your child has a problem, give him two possible solutions and let him decide which one to choose.	14 Fill glasses with different amounts of water. Have your child tap them and listen to the different tones.	15 Have your child give you examples of a <i>complete</i> sentence, an <i>incomplete</i> sentence and a <i>run-on</i> sentence.	16 Praise your child for something she did today. Make your praise as specific as possible.	17 Read three poems with your child today.	18 Make an "I'm Bored" box with your child. Fill it with craft activities and things to read.
19 Have your child decorate a box for keepsakes this summer. In August, use them to make a scrapbook.	20 Talk about a familiar place with your child. Is it <i>north, south, east or west</i> of your home?	21 Make a list of 10 things your child learned in school this year. Post it on the refrigerator.	22 Sponsor a summer-long contest. Who can read the most books?	23 Build your child's sense of responsibility. Give him a small plant to take care of.	24 Eat outside tonight! Let your child choose at least one menu item.	25 Have your child put an ice cube outside in the sun. What happens after five minutes? After 10?
26 Play a game with your child today. It can be an active outdoor game or a quiet board game.	27 Call your local fire station and ask if there is a time you can schedule a visit with your child.	28 Look in the newspaper for interesting words. Help your child look up their meanings in the dictionary or online.	29 Wash hands with your child before each meal. Talk about the importance of frequent hand washing.	30 Does your child know your state bird? If not, help her look it up.		

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<h2>July 2016</h2>					1 Look online or in the paper for information about Fourth of July activities. Plan to attend one with your child.	2 Can your child swim? If not, find out where lessons are offered and enroll your child in a class.
3 Make unusual prints with your child by dipping flowers into paint and then pressing them onto paper.	4 Talk about the word <i>independence</i> with your child today. What does it mean?	5 Pick a new word out of the dictionary. Everyone try to use that word at least three times today!	6 Have a "pattern" day. Ask your child to notice patterns around him, such as a striped shirt or a flowered sheet.	7 Make a "touch box." Fill it with cotton balls, rocks and pieces of tree bark. Can your child guess what she's touching?	8 Ask your child <i>how</i> and <i>why</i> questions to help him practice reasoning.	9 Help your child check out a book on insects. Together find and identify some in your backyard.
10 Have your child draw a picture for the author of a book. Send it to the author in care of the book's publisher.	11 Ask your child to tell you about the nicest thing a friend has ever done for her.	12 Talk with your child about the different food groups and how many servings of each you should eat daily.	13 On a map, have your child find the country from which his ancestors came.	14 Ask your child if she ever had a dream that really scared her. What was it about?	15 Going out to dinner? Let your child help estimate the tip.	16 On a sunny day, stand on the driveway or sidewalk with your child. Trace each other's shadows with chalk.
17 Set aside time today to work on a hobby with your child.	18 Learn how to say "I love you" in at least three other languages. Share this with your child.	19 Bake "fortune cookies"—write short messages on small pieces of paper and bake them into a batch of favorite cookies.	20 Review math facts tonight. Make flash cards so your child's math skills don't slip over the summer.	21 Resist the urge to overschedule your child. Kids need downtime to think, imagine and play.	22 Allow a few minutes after the light is off at bedtime for quiet conversation with your child.	23 Find a kid-friendly recipe. Help your child make that dish today.
24 Do a puzzle with your child tonight.	25 Put various objects on a tray. Have your child close her eyes and name as many as she can remember.	26 Is your child turning into a summer couch potato? Limit TV time and encourage outdoor play.	27 Have your child write and mail a letter to a friend.	28 Have your child use a paper cup to plant the seeds from a fruit he has eaten. Water them and see if they grow.	29 Watch TV together. Encourage your child to be a critical viewer by asking her questions.	30 Have a family sing-along. Ask family members to share their favorite songs.
31 Encourage your child to draw a self-portrait.						

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	1 Get back into a school sleeping routine. Get your child to bed earlier and up earlier in the morning.	2 Have your child put a leafy stalk of celery into colored water. Watch the color rise into the stalk over the next week.	3 Make your child laugh! Tell a joke, read a funny story or poem, sing a silly song or draw a cartoon.	4 Watch or read the weather forecast with your child today. Locate the hottest and the coolest locations on a map.	5 Help your child check out back-to-school sales in the paper. Help her figure out the best buys.	6 Enjoy some outdoor physical activity as a family today.
7 Today is National Kids Day! Plan to do a special activity with your child.	8 Start a made-up story. "A man went down the road and he met a" Let your child finish the story.	9 Let your child draw on paper with a white candle. His picture will magically appear when he paints over it with watercolors.	10 Have your child close her eyes. Make a sound, such as jingling keys. Ask her to guess what you are doing.	11 Let your child use medicine droppers and water colored with food coloring to experiment with mixing colors.	12 Watch a television show with the sound muted. Ask family members to make up the dialogue.	13 Visit the library with your child. Check out a book about science.
14 Create an art gallery. Frame your child's artwork. Rotate the work on display frequently.	15 Put on music and spend 15 minutes drawing or writing with your child. Let the music be your inspiration.	16 Ask your child to add up all the change in your pocket or purse. Help him practice making change.	17 Set aside time every day for reading aloud. Sometimes, let your child read to you.	18 Together, find out what's inside a seed. Soak a dry bean overnight, remove the coat and pull the halves apart.	19 Make sure you and your child know where and when the school bus will stop.	20 Play a game of hide and seek with your child.
21 Take your child out to breakfast today. Talk about goals for the new school year.	22 Have your child use the telephone number pad to make words. For example, 5-6-8-3 = "Love."	23 Help your child figure out the perimeter and area of her bedroom.	24 Talk with your child about the importance of telling an adult when a person is being bullied.	25 Start a good habit for school. Help your child put out clothes for the next day the night before.	26 Turn off the TV tonight! Plan on reading or playing games instead.	27 Have a 20-minute D.E.A.R. time (Drop Everything And Read).
28 Visit a local museum or historic site with your child today.	29 Give letters a monetary value. A = 1¢, B = 2¢, etc. Have your child figure out the values of family members' names.	30 Help your child make a list of his goals for the new school year. Did he accomplish what he wanted to last year?	31 Fall activities will be starting soon. Don't let your child get overscheduled. Schoolwork comes first.	<h2>August 2016</h2>		

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