

Activity Calendar

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Parent & Child Activity Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 2016			1 Make up trivia questions about your family. Quiz one another at the dinner table.	2 When your child asks a question you can't answer, write it down. Keep a list of questions to look up later.	3 Help your child collect items from nature such as leaves and grass. Brush glue on paper. Let her arrange to make a "forest."	4 Turn chores into a game. Assign each chore a number and have your child roll a die to see which chore he gets.
5 Make a habit of using Sunday nights as a time to talk with your child about the week ahead.	6 Make a photo puzzle. Glue paper to the back of a photo. Cut the photo into several pieces. Ask your child to put it together.	7 Use a ball to teach counting. Have your child bounce a ball and say "one." Have her bounce it twice and say "one, two."	8 Hide a small toy in a shoebox and tape the lid on. Ask your child to shake the box and try to guess what's inside as you give clues.	9 Imitate an animal and ask your child to guess what you are pretending to be. Give hints if necessary.	10 Celebrate your child's accomplishments with a "can-do" list. "Austin can: run, count to 10, zip his pants." Post the list!	11 Keep the TV turned off today. Let your child choose alternate activities.
12 Have your child look outside three times today and describe the weather with words like <i>sunny</i> , <i>cloudy</i> or <i>rainy</i> .	13 Give your child play dough, a rolling pin and cookie cutters. Let her roll out the dough and cut out "cookies."	14 Make a traffic light with your child. Color one paper plate red, one yellow and one green. Glue them to a cardboard tube.	15 Set out different sizes of pots, along with their lids. Ask your child to put the matching lid on each pot.	16 Ask your child questions that require more than a <i>yes</i> or <i>no</i> answer: "What was your favorite part of the story?"	17 Emphasize the concepts of <i>now</i> and <i>later</i> . Say, "Now we'll clean up. <i>Later</i> we'll eat lunch."	18 Visit the library today. Sit in a cozy chair in the children's section and read a few books with your child.
19 Join your child for some pretend play today. If he wants to be the doctor, you pretend to be the patient.	20 Wrap masking tape sticky-side out around your child's fingers. Let her use her "sticky hand" to pick up small light objects.	21 Play "Silly Simon Says." Ask your child to pick up a block without his hands, or to talk without opening his mouth.	22 Place four measuring spoons on the table and ask your child to line them up <i>biggest</i> to <i>smallest</i> .	23 Show your child some photos of herself at different stages of life. See if she can tell in which photo she was youngest.	24 Transportation is getting from place to place. Talk about the ways to do this. Walking, riding in a car, etc.	25 Is your child turning into a summer couch potato? Limit TV time and encourage outdoor play.
26 Create a costume box for your child. Add yard sale treasures such as gloves, hats and shoes.	27 Play with puppets. Have the puppet ask your child his name, age, and other facts he should know.	28 Does your child need some new books to read? Try organizing a book swap in your neighborhood.	29 Read a poem aloud. Stop to let your child guess what the next rhyming word will be.	30 At dinner, have each family member say something nice about every person at the table.		

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<h2>July 2016</h2>					1 Look at a calendar with your child and discuss how many days are in each month.	2 Play a game with your child today. It can be an active outdoor game or a quiet board game.
3 Make your own rain. Turn on the sprinkler and run through it with your child.	4 Talk about the word <i>independence</i> with your child today. What does it mean?	5 Give your child a bucket of water and a paint brush. Encourage her to "paint" letters on the sidewalk.	6 Have your child hold his nose while he eats. Does it affect the taste of the food?	7 Make an "I'm Bored" box for your child. Fill it with craft activities and books to look at.	8 Help your child make musical instruments from things around your house. Have a concert.	9 Encourage your child to put on a talent show. You provide the popcorn and the applause.
10 Have your child look for "buried treasure." Make a map that leads to a small prize.	11 Have your child lie down on the driveway or sidewalk. Trace her body with chalk and let her decorate the drawing.	12 Help your child measure something with a ruler. Count the inches together.	13 Put shaving cream on a tray and let your child use his finger to "write" in it.	14 Take turns telling a story. Say, "There once was a family who lived" Have your child fill in the blank.	15 Call your local library and find out when the next children's event is. Mark it on the calendar and plan to attend.	16 Have a 20-minute D.E.A.R. time (Drop Everything And Read).
17 Take a walk with your child. Challenge her to use all five senses to observe the world around her.	18 Have your child look at his reflection on the back of a spoon. How does it make him appear?	19 Write your child a message in "secret code." Try drawing an eye, then a heart, then the letter U.	20 Expect your child to pick up toys after playtime. Turn on some "clean-up time" music!	21 Call your local fire station and ask if there is a time you can schedule a visit with your child.	22 Play "catch" with your child. Stand close and toss a light ball back and forth.	23 Visit a zoo or park. Observe some animals. Ask your child to walk like they do.
24 Sing a silly song with your child.	25 Choose a book with lots of pictures. Have your child tell you the story based on the illustrations.	26 Can your child think of a different ending to her favorite story? What would she do if she met the characters?	27 Stand your child against a wall. Use a spoon as a ruler and see how many "spoons" tall he is.	28 With safety scissors, help your child practice cutting. Have her cut in a straight line and then a curve.	29 Sing "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" with your child and take turns making the animal sounds.	30 Go on a picnic with your child today. After eating, stretch out on a blanket and read.
31 Tell your child you love him.						

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	1 Plan to get some exercise with your child every day this month.	2 Have your child roll and bend things.	3 Teach your child a tongue twister like, "She sells seashells on the seashore."	4 Play the "last word" game. Say, "A fire is hot, but ice is ____." Have your child fill in the last word.	5 Eat outside tonight! Let your child choose at least one menu item.	6 At the library, check out an audio book to listen to with your child.
7 Take your child to a playground where she can run, jump and climb safely. These are important motor skills.	8 Help your child name each of the five senses and what people use them for.	9 Make bubble solution with 1/8 cup of dishwashing liquid and one cup water. Use a slotted spoon to blow bubbles!	10 Ask your child to <i>hop</i> like a bunny, <i>crawl</i> like a turtle or <i>slither</i> like a snake.	11 Ask your child questions about his world. "Where do we hang up clothes? Where do we keep the food?"	12 Find a kid-friendly recipe. Help your child make that dish today.	13 As you do errands, help your child talk with people you meet.
14 Go for a bug hunt outside. How many different kinds can your child find? Which is the biggest? The smallest?	15 Talk about the importance of fruits and vegetables for healthy bodies. Let your child help you prepare some.	16 Set an example for your child. Let her see you reading. Then say, "Reading is so much fun!"	17 Tonight, look at the moon. Is it a crescent, full circle or half circle? Draw the shapes and let your child choose.	18 Talk about right and wrong ways to express anger. Right: saying, "I'm angry." Wrong: hitting someone.	19 Ask your child to complete this sentence: "If I had one wish, it would be"	20 Invite a friend to play with your child. Encourage your child to share and take turns.
21 Show your child how his shadow moves. Look at shadows at different times of the day. Do they change?	22 Start a good habit for school. Help your child put out the next day's clothes the night before.	23 Even if your child will not be starting school this year, let her pick out some new supplies, like crayons or paper.	24 Talk with your child about mistakes. How can people learn from their mistakes?	25 Help your child make a summer scrapbook. Staple paper together. Let him glue on ticket stubs, photos, drawings, etc.	26 Make tonight a "No TV" night. Instead, have a family reading night. Read books aloud to your child.	27 Let your child help you wash the car. Or wash toys outside together.
28 Have your child put an ice cube outside in the sun. What happens after five minutes? After 10?	29 Encourage your child to be a gracious winner and a good loser.	30 Remind your child that you enjoy her company and let her know you love her.	31 Tell your child that fall is coming. Talk about things to expect, such as cooler weather and autumn colors.	<h2>August 2016</h2>		

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