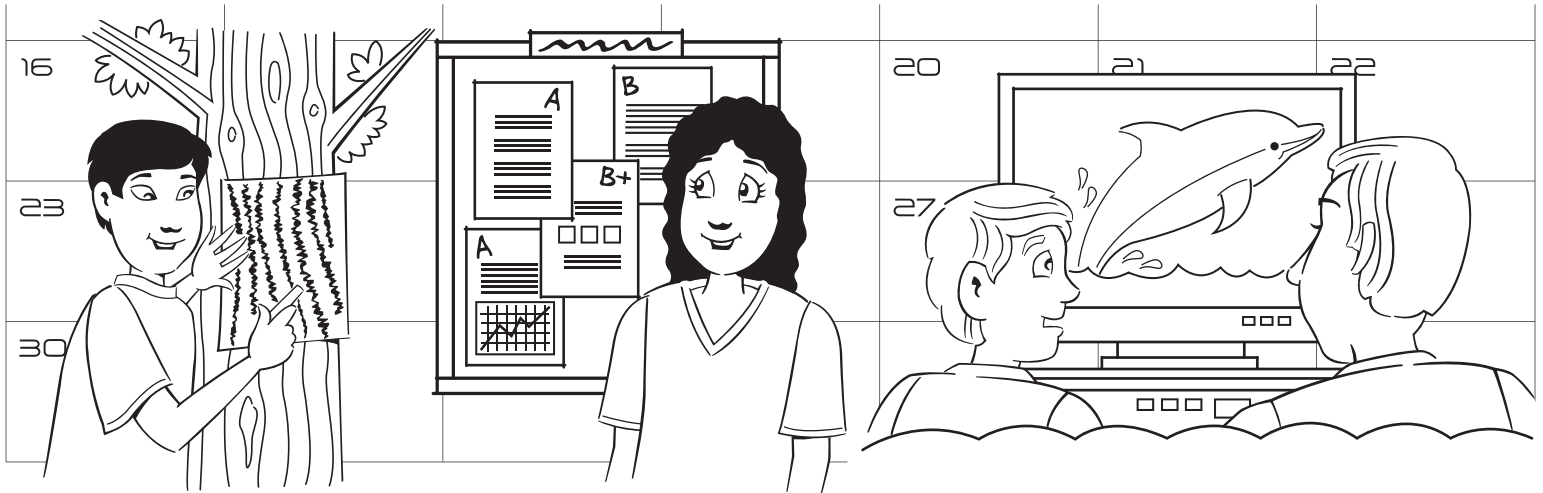


# Activity Calendar

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## Parent & Child Activity Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>March 2017</b>			<b>1</b> With your child, fold paper to make different types of airplanes. See which ones fly the best.	<b>2</b> Together, write a poem about your family. Start each line with a letter from the word FAMILY.	<b>3</b> Learn a new word at breakfast. Challenge family members to use it three times during the day.	<b>4</b> Does your child need some new books? Organize a neighborhood book swap.
<b>5</b> Have a 20-minute DEAR time today (Drop Everything And Read).	<b>6</b> Write an encouraging note and tuck it in your child's lunch box or in a school book.	<b>7</b> Write fractions on cards. Mix them up. Have your child put them in order from smallest to greatest.	<b>8</b> Ask your child questions that require more than a yes or no answer: "What was your favorite part of the story?"	<b>9</b> Encourage your child to read the newspaper and report on a news story at dinner tonight.	<b>10</b> Tonight at dinner, put a price on each item you serve. Have your child figure out the total cost of the meal.	<b>11</b> Have your child write a short story from the point of view of an animal.
<b>12</b> Go for a walk or bike ride today. Challenge each other to spot something you haven't seen before.	<b>13</b> Have each family member write a funny sentence. Put them together to create a story.	<b>14</b> Does your child have a special reading and study spot? Keep it stocked with paper, pencils and other school supplies.	<b>15</b> Read a poem aloud. Stop to let your child guess what the next rhyming word will be.	<b>16</b> Teach your child how to take his pulse. Then have him jump up and down 50 times and take it again.	<b>17</b> Watch a TV show with your child. Ask your child to track the time spent on commercials vs. the program.	<b>18</b> Take a walk with your child and use your senses to observe the world around you.
<b>19</b> Play a game of hide and seek with your child.	<b>20</b> Play math Jeopardy. Give a number. Who can come up with a problem for which it is the answer?	<b>21</b> Place a long piece of string in a clear bag. Ask your child if it is longer or shorter than her height. Take it out to check.	<b>22</b> Ask your child to complete this sentence: "If I had one wish, it would be ..."	<b>23</b> At the grocery store, have your child compare the prices of two sizes of the same product. Which is the better buy?	<b>24</b> Have your child predict the results of flipping a coin 10 times. Try it and see if he's right.	<b>25</b> Look for ways to involve your child in your hobbies. For example, if you are a runner, take your child for a short jog.
<b>26</b> Find a kid-friendly recipe. Help your child make that dish today.	<b>27</b> Figure out the average of something with your child, such as family members' ages.	<b>28</b> Ask your child to describe the most beautiful place she has ever seen.	<b>29</b> Find a new way to say "I love you"—in sign language or in a secret code.	<b>30</b> Ask your child to give you a "six o'clock report" about what happened at school today. What's the lead story?	<b>31</b> Talk to your child about people he admires. Ask him why he admires them.	

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<b>April 2017</b>						<b>1</b> Plan to get some exercise with your child every day this month.
<b>2</b> Use a permanent marker to mark off inches on the side of a jar. Set the jar outside. See how many inches of rain fall this week.	<b>3</b> Make a crossword puzzle with your child to review spelling words.	<b>4</b> Have your child rank homework assignments from easiest to hardest. Encourage her to do the hardest one first.	<b>5</b> Have your child draw a picture of something that happened in school today. Then talk about it.	<b>6</b> Write a note to your child to tell him you love him. Put it in a place where only he will find it.	<b>7</b> Read three poems with your child today.	<b>8</b> Have everyone in the family spend a half hour picking up the house. Many hands make light work.
<b>9</b> Cook breakfast with your child for the rest of the family. Or invite friends over!	<b>10</b> Watch the news with your child. Choose a person of the week and read more about that person.	<b>11</b> Ask your child to name something she has done in her life that she is proud of.	<b>12</b> With your child, learn how to count to 10 in at least three different languages.	<b>13</b> Create a word search. Hide words in a grid and surround them with random letters. Let your child find the words.	<b>14</b> Set aside time every day for reading aloud. Sometimes, let your child read to you.	<b>15</b> Ask your child to help you organize something, such as a closet.
<b>16</b> Have your child set a weekly goal. Write it down. Could you do this, too?	<b>17</b> Watch the news with your child. Choose one story and compare it with an article on the same topic.	<b>18</b> Give your child a small plant to take care of. Put him in charge of the watering schedule.	<b>19</b> Ask your child to teach you something she needs to learn for homework. It's a great way to reinforce learning.	<b>20</b> Have a Geography Challenge. Name a state, province or country. Who can call out the capital first?	<b>21</b> Let your child stay up 30 minutes past his regular bedtime. The catch? He must use that time to read in bed!	<b>22</b> Take the whole family to the library and be sure everyone checks out some books.
<b>23</b> Sing your child's favorite song together.	<b>24</b> Talk about the best and the worst parts of your day. Everyone gets a turn to talk.	<b>25</b> Look over your child's homework. Give specific compliments and offer constructive criticism.	<b>26</b> Play a game of charades with your child. Use hand gestures and motions to describe your word.	<b>27</b> Read a story to your child and use a different voice for each character.	<b>28</b> Tonight, take a walk with your child. See how many stars you can see.	<b>29</b> Set aside some time to spend one-on-one with your child today.
<b>30</b> Play board or card games as a family tonight.						
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	<b>1</b> It's Physical Fitness and Sports Month. Look for a new physical activity you can enjoy together as a family.	<b>2</b> Decide on a location anywhere in the world. Take turns telling one thing you would like to see there.	<b>3</b> Let your child see you keep your temper when you are angry. Instead of yelling, calmly talk about how you feel.	<b>4</b> Choose a number, then have your child list all the things she can think of that come in that number.	<b>5</b> It's Cinco de Mayo. With your child, learn about why this holiday is celebrated in Mexico.	<b>6</b> Give your child some sidewalk chalk. Do math problems outside together.
<b>7</b> Ask your child to keep a to-do list. Writing things down makes them easier to remember.	<b>8</b> Ask your child what he would do if he were invisible for a day.	<b>9</b> Praise your child for something she did today. Make your praise as specific as possible.	<b>10</b> Pick a category and a letter. How many items from the category can your child name that begin with that letter?	<b>11</b> Make a "touch box." Fill it with cotton balls, rocks and bark. Can your child guess what he's touching without looking?	<b>12</b> Create an art gallery. Frame your child's artwork. Rotate the work on display frequently.	<b>13</b> Go to the library and check out two books with your child. Check out some books for yourself, too!
<b>14</b> Challenge your child to do a secret good deed for a friend or neighbor.	<b>15</b> Talk about three ways you used math today. Ask everyone in the family how they used math.	<b>16</b> Watch the news with your child. Locate one place mentioned on a world map.	<b>17</b> On a map, have your child find the country from which your ancestors came.	<b>18</b> Ask your child to tell you about the nicest thing a friend has ever done for her.	<b>19</b> Teach your child to use a magnifying glass. Investigate things together.	<b>20</b> Go on a picnic with your child today. After eating, stretch out on a blanket and read together.
<b>21</b> Remind your child that you enjoy his company and let him know you love him.	<b>22</b> Pick a new word out of the dictionary. Everyone try to use that word at least three times today!	<b>23</b> Play Alphabet Mixup. Choose a word and put the letters in alphabetical order. Can your child figure out the word?	<b>24</b> Have a pattern day. Ask your child to notice patterns around her, such as a striped shirt or a flowered sheet.	<b>25</b> Learn a tongue twister. At dinner, challenge everyone to repeat it three times fast.	<b>26</b> Allow a few minutes after the light is off at bedtime for quiet conversation with your child.	<b>27</b> Have each family member make a list of his or her strengths. Read them aloud. Add to one another's lists.
<b>28</b> Have your child draw an upside-down picture today.	<b>29</b> Cover the illustration on a page of a book. Read the page to your child. Can she guess what's in the picture?	<b>30</b> Ask the school about dates for year-end tests. Make sure your child gets enough sleep the nights before.	<b>31</b> Think of some "what if" questions to ask your child: What if we walked on our hands? What if cats could talk?	<b>May 2017</b>		
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