

Parent & Child Activity Calendar

Elementary School

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 2015			1 Celebrate April Fool's Day. Ask your child to help you play a silly prank on family members.	2 Ask your child to tell you about the nicest thing a friend has ever done for her.	3 Teach a card game to your child. Play it with the whole family tonight.	4 Using permanent marker, mark off inches on the side of a clear jar. Set outside. In one week, see how many inches of rain you get.
5 Make a paper crown and let your child be King or Queen for a day. What rules would your child set?	6 Check on your child's grades. If necessary, help him raise them before the year ends.	7 Ask your child: "What if trees grew from clouds?"	8 Play the "I Spy" game. Say "I spy something orange." Let your child guess what it is. Then it's her turn to "spy" something.	9 Talk with your child about something he has done well today.	10 Just for fun, serve a backwards dinner. Eat dessert first.	11 Let your child help with a household chore today and remember to say <i>thank you</i> .
12 Spend a half hour reading together today. Let your child pick the book you will read.	13 Have your child teach you something she needs to learn for homework. It's a great way to reinforce learning.	14 Talk about the <i>best</i> and the <i>worst</i> parts of your day. Everyone gets a turn to talk.	15 Talk about three ways you used math today. Ask everyone in the family to talk about the ways they used math.	16 Does your child know your state bird? If not, help him look it up.	17 Plan an indoor campout. Make a tent from a blanket. Eat s'mores and tell scary stories.	18 Take a trip to a local museum. Let your child pick what exhibits she wants to see.
19 Place a sheet of paper in a box. Dip a marble in paint, drop it in the box and have your child roll the marble around.	20 Challenge your child to make shapes or letters with his body. Can he spell his name?	21 Look at the weather forecast today. Compare the temperature where you live to that of the rest of the country.	22 Give your child a small plant to take care of. Put her in charge of the watering schedule.	23 Play math "Jeopardy." Say a number. Who can come up with a problem for which your number is the answer?	24 Brainstorm ways you and your child could help make your neighborhood more beautiful.	25 Have a 20-minute D.E.A.R. time (Drop Everything And Read).
26 Go for a walk or bike ride today with your child. Challenge each other to spot something you haven't seen before.	27 It's the birthday of Samuel Morse. Send messages to each other in Morse Code.	28 Encourage creativity. Ask your child unusual questions: "What would you bring to a picnic in space?"	29 Take your child outside for a "listening minute." Close your eyes and try to name the sounds you hear.	30 Look over your child's homework. Give compliments and helpful criticism.		