

Parent & Child Activity Calendar

Elementary School

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 2010			1 Help your child fill out a calendar with homework due dates and school events.	2 Do you have a computer in your home? Make sure it's in a spot where you can monitor your child's activities.	3 The first "penny newspaper" was published in 1833. Read one story from the newspaper with your child today.	4 Take a walk and look for signs of fall. See if your child can identify the trees you pass.
5 Does your child have a library card? Get one and use it.	6 Make sure you and your child know school rules. Ask for a list of rules and post them on your refrigerator.	7 Set a regular time for homework this school year. Plan the time with your child.	8 It's International Literacy Day. Talk about why reading is important and schedule time for reading aloud.	9 Turn off the TV this evening! Plan on reading or playing games instead.	10 Provide a regular place to display your child's best school work. Change the display often.	11 It's the birthday of O. Henry, famous short-story author. Read one of his stories with your child today.
12 Review the school dress code with your child. Which clothes and shoes are not allowed?	13 Schedule regular trips to the library. Have a box or basket where you keep library books so fines don't accumulate.	14 Label one special place to keep important school papers—a box, basket or folder.	15 Sponsor a "guess that number" contest: "How many cookies are in that package?"	16 Ask your child to tell you one thing he learned in school today. Share one thing you learned today.	17 Today is Citizenship Day. What does being a "good citizen" mean in your family? In school? Community?	18 Find something small enough to fit in your pocket. Have your child write (or tell you) a story about it.
19 Help your child plan ahead. Tonight, talk about the coming week. What needs to be done?	20 Teach your child how to handle stress—exercise, get enough sleep, talk about problems.	21 If you haven't yet met your child's teacher, plan to do so. Talk about your visit with your child.	22 Today's news is history in the making. Watch the news together. Talk about current events at the dinner table.	23 Make sure your child has access to basic references when she studies: atlas, dictionary, thesaurus.	24 Look in the weather section of the newspaper with your child today. What are the highs and lows today?	25 Set aside some time to spend one-on-one with your child today.
26 Johnny Appleseed was born in 1774. Visit a grocery store. Count the different types of apples you see.	27 Help your child look up facts about a favorite animal at the library. Use the Internet or an encyclopedia.	28 Talk about the "best" and "worst" of your day. Give everyone a chance to share.	29 Talk to your child about the importance of school attendance. He should only miss school for illness or emergencies.	30 Talk with your child about the importance of doing her best. Look for examples of people who do their best.		