

Parent Pointers

Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 2010			1 Sit down with your child. List goals for the school year—a few for your child and a few for you.	2 It's Library Card Sign-Up Month. Does your child have a library card? If not, make sure she gets one.	3 Talk about your child's summer. Can he name three things he learned?	4 Suggest that your child clean out her backpack on the weekends. She'll start the week organized.
5 Help your child decide how to organize his school notebooks and folders.	6 Help your child start a homework routine. She should pick a regular time and place to study.	7 Give your child a journal or diary. Remember that it's for his eyes only.	8 It's International Literacy Day. Check out books at the library with your child.	9 Look over your child's homework. Give compliments and helpful criticism.	10 As a family, create a morning routine that will make mornings easier for everyone.	11 Try something new with your child, such as a recipe or sport.
12 Learn about special events at your child's school. Make plans to attend at least one.	13 Mark your child's height on the wall in pencil. Wait a year and measure again.	14 Expect your child to study every day, even if she doesn't have any homework.	15 Put a picture of your child in a prominent place. This says, "You're important to me!"	16 Solve an everyday math problem with your child, such as how to double a recipe.	17 Help your child find items your family no longer uses and donate them to charity.	18 Take advantage of opportunities to talk with your child while doing chores or errands.
19 Surprise your child by making his favorite foods for breakfast.	20 Discuss your child's homework assignments with her. Make this a daily habit.	21 Use a timer to help your child limit telephone conversations.	22 It's the first day of fall. Go for a walk and look for seasonal changes.	23 Consider giving your child an allowance. Discuss which expenses it must cover.	24 Ask your child about something he's reading. What is it about? What are the characters like?	25 Allow your child to rearrange her room. Show respect for her choices.
26 Ask your child who his role models are and why. You may learn something new about him.	27 Write an encouraging note to your child and tuck it in her lunch. For example, "Good luck on your test!"	28 Make a "one-a-day" rule: Family members will eat at least one meal together every day.	29 Find a new word in the dictionary. Can your family use it three times today?	30 Have your child tell you about one of his teachers. Then make a point to meet that teacher.		